

ALASKA AELS BOARD

May 7-8, 2015

Quarterly Board Meeting

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AELS Quarterly Board Meeting

The Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors (AELS Board) held its quarterly board meeting May 7-8, 2015 in Fairbanks, AK

Meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. May 7, 2015. All present except Schedler who was excused by the Chair.

Board members in attendance were: Richard Rearick, Architect, Chair, Colin Maynard, PE, SE vice-Chair, John Kerr, PS, Eric Eriksen, PE, Dave Hale PS, Luanne Urfer, PLA, Keith Walters, PE, John Kerr, PS, Brian Hanson, PE, John Christensen, Public Member.

Participating from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing were:

- Martha Hewlett, Administrative Officer
- John Savage, Investigator (Via Telephone)
- Vernon Jones, Executive Administrator, AELS Board
- Sarena Hackenmiller, Licensing Examiner

Representing the Legislative Regulation Review Committee:

- Rep. Jim Colver, vice Chair

Members of the Public in attendance for portions of the meeting were:

- Chris Miller, PE representing himself
- Joseph Notkin representing AIA Alaska

Disciplinary Actions Taken

None

Regulations Adopted

Changes to 12 AAC 36.040 Simplified Application for Re-examination. 12 AAC 36.990 Definitions – engineering surveys and Changes to the AELS By Laws.

Regulations Approved for Public Notice

None

Regulations Filed by the Lt. Governor.

None

Legislation

None

Committees

Following are the current committees of the board:

Special Committees

- Licensure Implementation
- Registration and Practice
- Licensure Mobility

Standing Committees

- Investigation Advisory Committee
- Guidance Manual
- Legislative Liaison
- Emeritus Status
- Budget and Fees Committee
- Continuing Education Committee
- IDP Liaison

Board Policies

There were no policies adopted at this meeting.

Continuing Education Audits

None

Applicant Files Reviewed

The board reviewed 93 applications for registration by comity, examination or under 12 AAC 36.106 Additional Branches of Engineering:

- 30 applications were approved
- 54 applications were conditionally approved pending receipt of additional documentation
- 9 applications were found to be incomplete and will be reviewed again at the August 2015 meeting upon receipt of additional documentation.

Action Items - Motions

Thursday May 7, 2015

Chair noted that Colin Maynard had asked for a determination of a possible conflict of interest. It was decided by the Chair on advice from the AG that the perception of a conflict warranted that Colin abstain from the discussion and vote on the SE regulations before the board.

- Motion made to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion passed.
- Motion made to approve the February 2015 minutes as amended. Motion passed.

Motion was made to table the changes to 12 AAC 36.063, 12 AAC 36.108, 12 AAC 36.180, 12 AAC 36.185 until next meeting and send it back to Committed to incorporate any amendments or changes. Motion passed, Maynard abstained.

- Motion to adopt the changes to 12 AAC 36.040 Simplified Application for Re-examination, 12 AAC 36.990 Definitions – engineering surveys and changes to the AELS By Laws. As public noticed. Motion passed.
- Motion to adopt 12 AAC 36.062, 12 AAC 36.063, 12 AAC 26.064 as public noticed. Motion failed.
- Motion to bring SE project off the table for reconsideration. Motion passed, Maynard abstained.
- Motion to adopt changes to 12 AAC 36.063 re structural engineering, 12 AAC 36/108 Application for registration as an SE, 12 AAC 36.180

Seals, 12 AAC 36.185 Use of Seals, 12 AAC 36.990 Definitions re significant structures as public noticed. Motion failed. Maynard abstained.

- Motion made to go into Executive Session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(3) to review applicant files. Motion passed.

5:00 p.m. out of executive session, recessed for the night.

Friday May 8, 2015

9:00a.m .called to order roll call all present except Schedler who was excused by the Chair.

- Motion made to start a regulation project to evaluate changes to structural engineering requirements. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- Motion made that it be resolved to approve the following list of applicants for registration by comity, examination and additional branches with the stipulation that the information in the applicant files will take precedence over the information in the minutes. Motion passed.
- Motion made that it be resolved to find the following list of applicants for registration by comity, examination, or additional branches incomplete with the stipulation that the information in the applicant files will take precedence over the information in the minutes. Motion passed.

Board Elections

Board elections were held at the February meeting.

Colin Maynard, PE, SE was elected Chair, Keith Walters, PE was elected Vice Chair, and Kathleen Schedler was elected for a second term as Secretary. Terms will begin July 1, 2015.

AELS Deadlines/Exam Information

The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 6-7, 2015 in Anchorage, AK. The deadline for receipt of applications and supporting documents in the Juneau office is 14 days prior to the meeting.

Future tentative meeting dates are:

November 5-6, 2015 in Anchorage.

NCEES exam applicants:

For the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) and Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) examinations there is no longer a deadline. You may submit applications at any time.

To retake a failed PE/PS exam a written request must be in our Juneau office a minimum of 5 days prior to the deadline set by NCEES to register for the exam.

For all new PE/PS/ARE/LARE exam applicants, applications and supporting documents must be received in the Juneau office 14 days prior to board meetings. **There will be no exceptions.**

Regional and National Participation

Colin Maynard, Brian Hanson, John Kerr, David Hale, Vernon Jones and Sarena Hackenmiller will attend the NCEES Western Zone Meeting in Scottsdale, AZ May 14-16, 2015.

Richard Rearick, Jeff Koonce and Vernon Jones will attend the NCARB Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA June 17-20, 2015.

Staff Reports

Investigator's Report

John Savage, Division Investigator for the AELS Board, reported the status on the investigative cases and actions via telephone.

Examiner's Report

Can be viewed at:

<http://commerce.state.ak.us/dnn/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofArchitectsEngineersandLandSurveyors/ExaminersQuarterlyReport.aspx>

The investigative report can be viewed from the AELS web site at:

<http://commerce.alaska.gov/dnn/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofArchitectsEngineersandLandSurveyors/BoardMeetingSummaries.aspx>

Guidance Manual

Revisions are ongoing. The Guidance Manual can be found at the following website:

http://commerce.state.ak.us/dnn/Portals/5/pub/AELS_Guidance_Manual.pdf This Manual is in the process of being completely reorganized.

11:42 a.m. Meeting adjourned.

Interested Parties List

To sign up to receive proposed regulations affecting architects, engineers, land surveyors and landscape architects that are public noticed by the division, please contact:

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