

ALASKA AELS BOARD

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AELS Quarterly Board Meeting

The Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors (AELS) held a quarterly board meeting on May 24-26, 2006, in Fairbanks.

Board members in attendance were: Kenneth Maynard, Chair; Boyd Brownfield, Vice-Chair; Craig Fredeen, Clifford Baker, Richard Heieren, Harley Hightower, Mark Morris, Charles A. Leet, Daniel E. Walsh, Burdett B. Lent and Terry Gorlick.

There are currently no vacant seats on the AELS Board.

Participating for portions of the meeting from Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing were:

- Richard Urion, Director
- Naseer Dhaamin, Investigator
- Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist

Present from the Department of Law was Assistant Attorney Generals David Brower and Gayle Horetski.

Present from the Office of Administrative Hearings was Administrative Law Judge David Stebing.

Professional Licensing staff in attendance was:

- Ginger Morton, Executive Administrator
- Eleanor Vinson, Licensing Examiner
- Vern Jones, Licensing Examiner
- Naseer Dhaamin, Investigator

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Members of the Public in attendance were: Patrick Kalen, representing ACSM and ASPLS, Randy Johnson, representing the Fairbanks North Star Borough, John Squires, representing himself, Paul Whipple, representing himself, Chris Miller, representing Design Alaska, Stephan Brower, Bill Mendenhall and Jason Moore all representing themselves. Some highlights of the meeting:

Disciplinary Actions Taken

Steven R. Pannone, Memorandum of Agreement. Reprimand, suspension, civil fine and attend ethics course for not accurately reporting percolation test information, thereby failing to protect the safety, health and welfare of the public.

Regulations Adopted

The board adopted the following draft regulations:

12 AAC 36.068(a)-regarding landscape architect registration by exam.

12 AAC 36.100(d)(1)-changing the name of the land surveyor exam to Principles and Practice of Surveying.

12 AAC 36.111-practice of land surveying.

12 AAC 36.115(b)-regarding retired status registration.

12 AAC 36.135-repealing the requirement for a certificate from Corporations for firm registrations.

12 AAC 36.400-450-continuing education for surveyors.

12 AAC 36.061(a)(2)-NCARB education standard.

The board will not be adopting regulations for courtesy licensing.

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The complete verbiage of regulations adopted by the board can be viewed within the draft May 2006 minutes.

Regulations Approved for Public Notice

The board approved for public notice changes to 12 AAC 36.040, .050 and .070 to allow for the ELSEES administration of the NCEES FS/PS and FE/PE examinations. ELSEES will begin administering the NCEES exams in October 2006.

Legislative Recommendations

- Stop Work Orders.
- Change name of Board to Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers and Surveyors (deleting "land").
- Legislation to provide for expansion of petroleum or chemical engineers for the mining engineer position on the board.

Subgroups

The board continues work in the following subgroups:

- Additional Engineering Disciplines
- Incidental Practice
- Architecture, Engineer and Landscape Architect-Mandatory CE
- Disciplinary Action & Process/Enforcement Procedure
- Jurisprudence Exam
- Legislative Changes
- Stop Work Orders
- Rewrite of Comity Regulations

What's New

The Board adopted a board policy requiring that the date on stamped plans be within two inches of the stamp.

The Board approved an administration of the Alaska Land Specific (AKLS) exam for October 27, 2006 because of the number of interested persons. The

location of the exam has not yet been determined.

Disciplinary actions from the year 2000 forward are now posted on the board's web site and will be updated continually.

Other Updates

ELSEES Administration of NCEES Examinations.

Because NCEES exam administration has been turned over to ELSEES, exam fees have increased as follows:

FE - \$190
PE - \$270
FS - \$205
PS - \$270

Exam candidates will pay a nonrefundable \$50 application fee to the division, but exam fees will be paid directly to ELSEES. There is no fee to request a retake of a failed exam, but the exam fee must again be paid to ELSEES.

AELS staff will continue to administer the AKLS exam.

Board Position on 30 post graduate credit hours for engineering.

The board does not support the NCEES' recommendation that persons holding an ABET accredited degree be required to earn an additional 30 post graduate credit hours to be eligible for the NCEES exams. The board feels an alternative is to charge ABET with increasing the number of hours required to earn the accredited bachelor's degree in engineering.

Applicant Files Reviewed

At its May 2006 meeting the board reviewed and approved or conditionally approved 52 applicants for registration by examination or comity. The board also approved one applicant for the FE exam and one applicant for the FS exam. Eight applications were found to be incomplete and will be re-reviewed at

the August 2006 meeting upon receipt of additional documentation. One application was denied.

AELS Deadlines/Exam Information

Effective immediately the deadline for "complete" applications for registration by comity and "complete" applications for the FE/PE and FS/PS exams will be receipt in the *Juneau Office* at least 10 days prior to the next board meeting. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS DEADLINE.**

The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 17-18, 2006 in Anchorage. The meeting will be held in the Atwood Building, 550 West 7th Avenue, Room 1270. Application deadline is receipt in the Juneau office 10 days prior to the meeting.

Future meetings are:

November 16-17, 2006-Anchorage
February 22-23, 2007-Juneau
May 17-18, 2007-Fairbanks

NCEES exam retake requests:

In order to be approved to retake a failed NCEES exam in October 2006 written requests must be received in the Juneau office no later than September 1, 2006. In order to be approved to retake a failed NCEES exam in April 2007 written requests must be received in the Juneau office no later than February 20, 2007. The October 2006 FE/PE, FS/PS and AKLS will be held on October 27-28, 2006 in Juneau, Anchorage, and Fairbanks. Locations are not yet known.

Landscape Architect Registration Exam (LARE): October 3, 2006 is the retake request deadline for Sections C and E for the December 4-5, 2006 LARE exam administration.

Regional and National Participation

The NCEES 85th Annual Meeting will be held in Anchorage September 13-16, 2006.

Boyd Brownfield, Civil Engineer, attended the Canada/Alaska Mobility Forum hosted by APEGGA in Edmonton. Alberta April 18-23, 2006.

Harley Hightower and Ken Maynard, Architects, are attending the NCARB Annual Meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio June 21-24, 2006.

Burdett Lent, Landscape Architect, attended the Annual ASLA Licensure Summit Conference in Burlington, Vermont June 2-4, 2006. Mr. Lent will also be attending the CLARB Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas September 7-9, 2006.

Cliff Baker, Surveyor, will be participating in the AKLS Workshop in Anchorage on June 23, 2006.

Staff Reports

Investigator's Report

Naseer Dhaamin, Division Investigator for the AELS Board, reported the status on the investigative cases and actions. The report is located on the AELS website at:

<http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/pael21.htm>

Building Official's Manual

The Building Official's Manual is posted to the AELS Website at <http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/pael.htm>. The board considers it to be a working document, and welcomes your comments.

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: Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist, Division of Occupational Licensing, Dept. of Commerce, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806, or by email:

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