

ALASKA AELS BOARD

May 2007

Quarterly Board Meeting

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quarterly board meeting on May 17-18, 2007 in Fairbanks.

Board members in attendance were: Boyd Brownfield, PE, Chair; Craig Fredeen, PE, Vice-Chair, Clifford Baker, PS, Richard Heieren, PS, Harley Hightower, FAIA, Charles Leet, PE, Daniel Walsh, PE, Kenneth Maynard, FAIA, Burdett Lent, LA and Terry Gorlick, public member.

Mark Morris, PE, Secretary, was unable to attend.

There are currently no vacant seats on the AELS Board.

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

- John Savage, Investigator
- Professional Licensing staff in attendance was:
- Ginger Morton, Executive Administrator
 - Vern Jones, Licensing Examiner

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

- Patrick Kalen, representing the ASCM
- Erskin Rhoades, representing Design Alaska
- Martin Gutoski, representing the ASPLS
- Dale Nelson, representing the APDC and ASCE
- Laura Bradbury, representing herself
- Chris Jelenewicz, representing the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE)

- Tom Sprout, representing the ASPLS
- Chris Miller, representing Design Alaska
- Bill Mendenhall, PE, representing himself

Disciplinary Actions Taken

There were no disciplinary actions taken at this meeting.

Regulations Adopted

The board adopted the following regulation:

- Repeal 12 AAC 36.111, Practice of Land Surveying.

The board did not yet adopt the proposed continuing education (CE) regulations for architects, engineers and landscape architects. Based on public comment received there may be revisions to the regulations. The CE committee will finalize the regulations and the board will vote at the August 2007 meeting to adopt.

Regulations Approved for Public Notice

No new regulation projects were initiated. Pending public notice from the February 2007 meeting are the following proposed regulations:

- 12 AAC 36.196 – a new section regarding field adaptation of design documents
- 12 AAC 36.055, .100 – jurisprudence examination requirement

The board elected to not public notice changes to 12 AAC 36.100, .105 regarding registration by comity and examination. The board will revisit this

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The Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors (AELS Board) held a

proposed regulation change at its August 2007 meeting.

Legislative Recommendations

- Stop Work Orders.
- Legislation to provide for expansion of petroleum or chemical engineers for the mining engineer position on the board if a mining engineer is not available.
- A new subsection in AS 08.48.331 exempting NICET certified engineers from registration.

HB 248 regarding the mining engineer seat on the board and the NICET exemption was introduced. It will be continued next session.

A bill regarding the Stop Work Order was not introduced and the board will revisit this next session.

Committees

The board continues work in the following committees:

- Additional Engineering Disciplines
- Incidental Practice
- Architecture, Engineer and Landscape Architect-Mandatory CE
- Disciplinary Action & Process/Enforcement Procedure
- Legislative Changes
- Rewrite of Comity Regulations
- Define "board-approved coursework in surveying curriculum" as referenced in 12 AAC 36.065.
- Board Composition (if engineering disciplines are added)

A new committee was formed to update the Building Officials' Manual.

Special Assignments

The board recognized the following for work on special assignments:

- Craig Fredeen – B+30 resolution presented to WZONE/NCEES

- Technical Review Committee (Brownfield, Hightower, Leet, Baker, Maynard & Fredeen)
- Emeritus Appointments
- Member Recognition Plaque (Gorlick)

Board Policies

No new board policies were adopted.

Other Updates

A new document is being developed for posting to the board's web site to assist architects, engineers and landscape architects with continuing education.

There is currently a document entitled "Continuing Education Guidelines for Surveyors" on the board's web site, in addition to forms for tracking and reporting CE.

Applicant Files Reviewed

The board reviewed 43 applications:

- 22 applications for registration by comity were approved.
- 4 applications for registration by examination were approved.
- 11 applications for registration by comity were conditionally approved.
- 3 applications for registration by examination were conditionally approved.
- 2 applications to sit for the FE examination were approved.
- 1 application for registration by examination was found to be incomplete and will be reviewed at the next meeting pending additional work experience verifications.

Action Items - Motions

- Motion passed to task the Additional Engineering Disciplines committee to develop regulation and statute changes to add the disciplines of structural,

environmental and fire protection to those the board registers.

- Based on a recommendation from the Board Composition committee a motion passed to maintain the AELS Board as is and not pursue a separate board for architects and landscape architects.

AELS Deadlines/Exam Information

The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 9-10, 2007 in Anchorage. The meeting will be held in the Atwood Building, 550 West 7th Avenue, Room 1270. The deadline for comity and examination applications is receipt in the Juneau office 10 days prior to the meeting.

Tentative future meeting dates are:

- November 1-2, 2007 – Anchorage
- February 7-8, 2008 – Juneau
- May 15-16, 2008 - Fairbanks

NCEES exam retake requests:

In order to be approved to retake a failed NCEES exam in October 2007 written requests must be received in the Juneau office no later than August 28, 2007.

The deadline for registering for NCEES exams with ELSES is September 6, 2007. Registration opens July 1, 2007.

For all new exam applicants, applications and supporting documents must be received in the Juneau Office 10 days prior to each board meeting. **There will be no exceptions.**

Regional and National Participation

Ken Maynard, FAIA and Vern Jones, Licensing Examiner, attended the WCARB Region 2 and 6 meeting in Washington, DC on March 23-24, 2007

Cliff Baker, Surveyor, and Craig Fredeen, Mechanical Engineer, attended the NCEES Western Zone meeting in Oregon in April 2007.

Ken Maynard, FAIA, and Harley Hightower, FAIA, will be attending the NCARB Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado June 20-23, 2007.

The board will be requesting approval to send Burdett Lent, Landscape Architect, to CLARB's Annual Meeting in Cleveland, Ohio September 6-8, 2007

The board will also be requesting approval to send Ginger Morton, Executive Administrator, several engineers, and one surveyor to the NCEES 2007 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia August 22-25.

Staff Reports

Investigator's Report

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

Examiner's Report

Richard Jones, Licensing Examiner, prepared a report which lists the number of active registrations in the various professions/disciplines governed by the board. The report also provides results from examinations and the number of exam candidates for each profession/discipline.

These reports can be viewed from the AELS web site at:

<http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/pael.cfm>.

Building Official's Manual

The Building Official's Manual is posted to the AELS Website at <http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/pael.cfm>. The board has appointed a committee to revise the BOM and welcomes comments. The board hopes to have a revised manual on its web site soon.

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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