

ALASKA AELS BOARD

February 7-8, 2013

Quarterly Board Meeting

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AEELS Quarterly Board Meeting

The Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors (AELS Board) held a quarterly board meeting February 7-8, 2013 in Juneau.

Board members in attendance were: Brian Hanson, PE, Chair, Richard Rearick, Architect, vice-Chair, Eric Eriksen, PE, Secretary, Kathleen Schedler, PE, Dave

Hale PS, Richard Heieren, PS, Colin Maynard PE, Harley Hightower, Architect, Burdett Lent, Landscape Architect, Keith Walters, PE, and Donald Shiesl, Public Member.

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

- Sara Chambers, Operations Manager,
- Misty Frawley, Administrative Officer II
- John Savage, Investigator (Telephone)
- Vern Jones, Executive Administrator, AELS Board
- Alicia Kelly, Licensing Examiner

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

- Dale Nelson, PE representing Alaska Professional Design Council

Disciplinary Actions Taken

None

Regulations Adopted

The Board adopted changes to:

12 AAC 36.040 Simplified Application for Reexamination;

12 AAC 36.050 Application Deadlines;

12 AAC 36.068 Eligibility for Landscape Architect Registration by Examination.

Regulations Approved for Public Notice

Changes to 12 AAC 36.180 and 12 AAC 36.990 for adding Software Engineer licensure.

New regulation: 12 AAC 36.215 Standards of Practice for Land Surveyors.

Legislation

Update.

The following Statute changes will be requested of the Legislature in the upcoming session. The Board and APDC are seeking sponsors:

AS 08.48.055 Executive Secretary; Investigator of the Board. AS 08.48.091 Written examinations and examination fees. (SB16)(HB 5)

The following four changes are in the Bill drafting stage.

AS 08.48.221 Seals.

AS 08.48.281 Prohibited Practice

AS 08.48.341 Definitions

AS 08.48.331 Exemptions

Committees

Following are the current committees of the board:

Special Committees

- Licensure Implementation
- Registration and Practice
- Licensure Mobility
- Engineers/Geologists
- Changes to 12 AAC 36.068 and timing of such changes (LARE)
- TwiST Committee

Standing Committees

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

Board Policies

Policy regarding qualifying for the FS & PS examinations prior to the new education tables taking effect.

Continuing Education Audits

None.

Applicant Files Reviewed

The board reviewed 280 applications for registration by comity, examination or under 12 AAC 36.106 Additional Branches of Engineering:

- 170 applications were approved
- 101 applications were conditionally approved upon receipt of additional documentation
- 9 applications were found to be incomplete and will be reviewed again at the May 2013 meeting upon receipt of additional documentation.

Action Items - Motions

Thursday February 7, 2013

- 10:13a.m. Motion made to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion passed.
- 10:14a.m. Motion made to approve the November minutes as amended. Motion passed.
- 10:25a.m. Motion made to adopt changes to 12 AAC 36.068, 12 AAC 36.040 and 12 AAC 36.050. Motion passed.
- 1:25p.m. Motion made to public notice changes to 12 AAC 36.180 and 12 AAC 36.990. Regarding adding Software Engineer. Motion passed.

- 1:40 p.m. Motion made to public notice a new regulation regarding Standards of Practice for Land Surveyors. Motion passed.
- 1:44 p.m. Motion made to go into Executive Session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(3) to review applicant files. Motion passed.

Friday February 8, 2013

- 8:01 a.m. Motion made to go into Executive Session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(3) to review applicant files. Motion passed.
- 8:55a.m. Motion made to extend the 5 year rolling clock for the ARE candidates for an additional 12 weeks to allow for NCARB's ARE blackout between Jul. and Aug. 2013. Motion passed.
- 9:02a.m. Motion made to start a regulations project to amend the requirements for application the FE/FS exams due to the change to CBT. Motion passed.
- 10:45a.m. Motion made to adopt the attached policy regarding the FS/PS tables and the 6/30/2014 cutoff date. "If a person applies for the FS before 7/1/14 and meets 75% of the reqmts. of one of the classifications listed under 12 AAC 36.064(2)(A) – Table A of Education and Work Experience reqmts. For the FS exam, that person shall be considered to be in the system and shall be allowed to use 12 AAC 36.065(2)(A) – Table A of Education and Work Experience reqmts. for Professional Land Surveyors for a period up to five years

beyond 7/1/14." Motion passed.

- 11:00a.m. Motion to nominate new Board officers for the following positions: Board Chair – Eric Eriksen; Vice-Chair – Richard Rearick; Secretary – Don Shiesl. Motion passed.
- 11:10a.m. Motion to initiate a regulation project to make SE a Post-CE license for review at the May meeting. Motion passed.
- 11:30a.m. Motion to request NCEES grant emeritus status to Richard Heieren for a period of two years. Motion passed.
- 11:35a.m. 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.
- 11:45a.m. 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.

AELS Deadlines/Exam Information

The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 2-3, 2013 in Fairbanks. The deadline for receipt of applications and supporting documents in the Juneau office is 10 days prior to the meeting.

Future tentative meeting dates are:

August 1-2, 2013 in Anchorage.

October 31- November 1, 2013 in Anchorage.

January 30-31, 2014 in Juneau.

NCEES exam retake requests:

To be approved to retake a failed NCEES exam in April 2013 written requests must be received in the Juneau office no later than February 20, 2013.

To be approved to retake a failed NCEES exam in October 2013 written requests must be received in the Juneau office no later than August 30, 2013.

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

Regional and National Participation

Richard Rearick, Architect attended the Member Board Chair/Member Board Executive meeting in Boston, MA on November 3-4, 2012.

Staff Reports

Investigator's Report

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

Examiner's Report

Alicia Kelly provided the Examiners Report.

They can be viewed from the AELS web site at: <http://www.commerce.alaska.gov/occ/pael.cfm>.

Guidance Manual

Revisions are ongoing. The Guidance Manual can be found at the following website: <http://www.commerce.alaska.gov/occ/pael.cfm>. This manual is usually updated after the February meeting however.

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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