

AELS Administrator's Report

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Administrator's narrative:

Since our last meeting, the focus has been on licensing examiner training, and processing approximately 150 applications. Julie Adamson and I each took vacations, and upon her return about 70 new applications arrived.

Julie Adamson is now fully trained and the upcoming renewal cycle is the only activity that she has not yet experienced.

Our other AELS Licensing Examiner has resigned and we currently have a vacancy effective July 24, 2003. The position is currently posted to Workplace Alaska and will likely be filled in early September, if not before.

The salary range has been increased by one for Licensing Examiners, which should help to reduce turnover.

Registered Professional License Statistics:

As of 8/15/03

Professional Engineers	CODE	AK	Out of State	TOTAL
CHEMICAL	H	38	55	93
CIVIL	C	1333	1348	2681
ELECTRICAL	E	249	313	562
MECHANICAL	M	283	345	628
MINING	N	24	6	30
PETROLEUM	P	57	49	106
Total		1984	2116	4100
ARCHITECTS	A	225	302	527
LAND SURVEYORS	L	465	156	621
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS	S	20	5	25
SUBTOTAL		2694	2579	5170
Corporations, LLC & LLP	Type	AK	Out of State	Total
CORPORATIONS	C	153	158	317
LLC	L	32	1	33
LLP	P	0	1	1
SUBTOTAL		185	160	351
COMBINED TOTALS Individual & Corporate		2879	2739	5624

Design Competitions

The Board is interested in developing specific allowance for design competition and I've drafted language, with assistance from some board members, for discussion at the upcoming meeting. The Investigator wants to ensure we don't open the floodgates to condone unlicensed practice.

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Board Travel:

Board Chair, Miller, and Board members Peirsol, Mills and Brown attended the NCARB annual meeting. Board Chair, Miller, and Board members Gilfilian, Iverson, and Kalen participated at the NCEES annual meeting

As you know, the new administration has been scrutinizing travel and four of my trips have been denied: travel to the Western Zone Meeting in May, and travel to the NCARB annual conference in June for FY03 travel; and the NCEES annual conference and the CLARB annual conference in FY04.

Exam Security

NCEES has had numerous issues with exam security issues ranging from missing exam booklets or answer sheets and shipping irregularities that have resulted in redoing some examinations at costs in excess of \$500,000. Issues discussed at the recent NCEES meeting highlight the responsibilities and the potential financial liability for jurisdictions. As a result, NCEES has looked at exam administration and currently administers 18 jurisdictions with more added in October. These issues were discussed at the recent annual meeting.

Building Officials' Handbook

The draft BOM is posted to the website and has been mailed to the Building Officials. The Fairbanks Building Official, Chris Roust will be on the agenda with any concerns he may have.

Client Communications:

As always, I will continue to strive for AELS staff to provide good service to our clients and the O.L. by providing timely, accurate information to design professionals, and the public, and welcome any and all suggestions how we may better assist them. Feedback is important to me.