

AELS Administrator's Report

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Administrator's narrative

Since our last meeting, our primary focus has been on completing the renewal process, tracking legislation, sending score reports, preparing individual applicant files, and the Annual Report.

An Auditor spent several days reviewing files, asking questions, and for additional information. The result will be a report with recommendations for inclusion in the Sunset Review next year. The Board sunsets June 30, 2004, and a bill will be introduced next year.

5,154 individual licensees were renewed between 11/03 until now, and of those 2,139 (42%) renewed online, compared to about 23% who renewed the first online renewal cycle in 2003. Courtesy reminder letters were sent in March 2004 and renewal applications trickle in. 345 firm licenses have been issued, and of those, 115 renewed online, about 34%, for a combined total of 5,501 individual and firm licensees.

AELS Staff

No changes were made to AELS staff, but the division regulations specialist, Kurt West, has moved to another agency and the Division is in the process of hiring within the Department, likely by the August Bd. Mtg.

Julie Adamson has been with the Division since September 2002, has alpha (A -K), and Eleanor Vinson has been with the Board since October 2003 and has alpha (L- Z).

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Legislative Report

The 23rd Legislature passed HB 252, by Rep. McGuire. The bill contains statutory language for authority for continuing education, term limit changes, and puts in statute specific language for the executive administrator (added in the budget process in 1998) to ensure the position is exempt and add administrative duties as assigned by the Board. HB 252 was signed by the Governor and becomes effective 9/14/04.

HB 268/SB 206, Specialty Contractors had no action this legislative session. HB 268 died in the House Rules Committee. It was included in the Annual Report.

HB 148, Land Surveyor standards died in the House Labor & Commerce Committee after several hearings.

Temporary Stop-Work Order

The Board had requested statutory authority for its investigator to issue temporary stop work orders in order to halt commercial or public projects being built without design professionals' involvement. No action was taken.

Issues the Board and administrator are currently working on: Preparation of a draft Annual Report.

Revising regulations (ongoing): technical edits and one engineering table change are at SOA Law and were sent to the Lt. Gov. Technical changes to delete phased out language and one landscape architect table change to add advanced degree were also sent to the Dept. of Law and are likely to be forwarded to the Lt. Gov. by the August Board meeting.

Subgroups:

The Subgroup on Engineering Disciplines met, considered the Canadian Reciprocity issues and proposed agreement, and will submit draft regulations for the entire Board to consider (in packet for Aug.). I compiled a list of jurisdictions that license Control Systems Engineers.

The Subgroup on Incidental Practice will discuss the issues previously identified by emails to the Board to Help define the functions to be performed by each design professional to ensure public safety.

Outreach: Some AELS members will participate in a forum in conjunction with the ASHRAE meeting in Anchorage on September 16, 2004.

AELS Board Statistics June 30, 2000 through August 1, 2004

						Current breakout of Resident and non-resident	
As of----	6/30/00	6/30/01	6/30/02	6/30/03	8/1/04	In-State 6/1/04	Out of state 6/1/04
Architects	495	526	496	526	505	219	286
Civil	2,434	2,557	2,513	2,679	2,621	1341	1,280
Chemical	78	85	87	93	98	42	56
Electrical	505	535	530	561	550	254	296
Mechanical	574	616	572	623	625	283	342
Mining	35	35	29	30	32	24	8
Petroleum	92	97	95	106	105	59	46
Total Engineers:	3,718	3,927	3,826	4,092	4,031	2003	2,028
Land Surveyors	587	608	596	621	588	442	146
Landscape Architects	6	12	17	25	30	23	7
Total Registered Individual Licensees	4,806	5,073	4,935	5,264	5,154	2687	2,467

Firm Licensure: Corporate Authorizations for Corporations, LLC and LLP.

	6/30/00	6/30/01	6/30/02	6/30/03	8/2/04	<i>In State</i>	<i>Out of State</i>
Corporate	298	325	296	329	312	146	166
LLC	1	8	13	20	35	35	0
Firm Licensure Total	299	333	309	349	347	181	166
Total individual And firms	5,105	5,406	5,244	5,613	5,501	2,868	2,633