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DATE: August 8, 2003
TO: Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors
THROUGH: Gary Veres, Chief Investigator
FROM: George Weaver & John Clark, Investigators
SUBJECT: Investigative Report for the August 21 and 22, 2003, meeting.

OPEN CASES

- 0101-02-6 Allegation that an unlicensed person worked as an architect. (Opened 8/22/02)
- 0101-03-3 Allegation that an unlicensed person worked as an architect. (Opened 03/19/03)
- 0101-03-6 Allegation that an unlicensed person worked as an architect. (Opened 04/03/03)
- 0101-03-7 Allegation that an unlicensed person advertised for work as an architect. (Opened 04/04/03)
- 0101-03-9 Allegation that an unlicensed person worked as an architect. (Opened 04/21/03)
- 0101-03-10 Allegation that an unlicensed person worked as an architect. (Opened 04/22/03)
- 0101-03-11 Allegation that a civil engineer worked as an architect. (Opened 04/29/03)
- 0101-03-12 Allegation that an unlicensed individual worked as an architect. (Opened 06/09/03)

- 0102-02-4 Allegation that an engineer was not competent in the design of a structure. (Opened 12/05/02)
- 0102-02-5 Allegation that an engineer was negligent regarding the inspection of a residential structure. (Opened 12/16/02)
- 0102-03-1 Allegation that a civil engineer worked outside the scope of his license. (Opened 04/04/03)
- 0104-01-2 Allegation that a land surveyor is performing work below minimum industry standard. (Opened 09/26/01)
- 0104-02-1 Allegation that a licensed land surveyor is sealing and signing work without supervising the person doing the work and preparing the plats (Opened 03/26/02)
- 0104-02-3 Allegation that a land surveyor prepared an inaccurate as-built. (Opened 07/03/02)
- 0104-02-4 Allegation that a land surveyor's work was below minimum professional standards on a project. (Opened November 19, 2002)
- 0104-02-5 Allegation that a land surveyor's work is below minimum professional standards. (Opened November 21, 2002)
- 0104-02-6 Allegation that a land surveyor's work was below minimum professional standards on a project. (Opened December 24, 2002)
- 0105-02-2 Allegation of land surveying by an unregistered individual. (Opened 10/29/02)
- 0107-03-1 Allegation that a corporation offered engineering services without being registered as an AELS corporation. (Opened 05/06/03)
- 0107-03-3 Allegation that a corporation advertised to provide engineering services without being registered as an AELS corporation. (Opened 07/15/03)
- 0107-03-4 Allegation that a corporation offered engineering services without being registered as an AELS corporation. (Opened 07/29/03)
- 0152-01-1 Applicant was denied and requested a hearing. (Opened 03/29/01)
- 0152-02-1 An individuals application is pending obtaining information from another jurisdiction. (Opened 05/20/02)

The first four numbers of the case number indicate the profession; the professional codes are as follows:

0100	Architect	0106	Corporate Authorization
0101	Unlicensed Architect	0107	Unlicensed Corporate Authorization
0102	Engineer	0150	Architect Applicant
0103	Unlicensed Engineer	0152	Engineering Applicant
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0154-02-1 Applicant was denied and requested a hearing. (Opened 10/11/02)

DRAFT ACCUSATIONS PENDING ATTORNEY GENERAL REVIEW

0100-02-4 Allegation that an architect sealed and signed plans prepared by unlicensed individuals without doing the architectural work on the projects. The architect maintained he was the architect of record for the projects in question. An accusation was submitted to the effect that the architects work was below the minimum professional standards for an architect registered in Alaska. (Referred 07/17/03)

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0104-96-1 Allegation that a registered land surveyor's work was below the minimum professional standards for a land surveyor. (Referred 08/21/98)

0104-98-2 Allegation that a registered land surveyor did not provide services in a timely manner. (Referred 08/21/98)

CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS ISSUED

0101-03-4 Allegation that William Wilcox, a licensed engineer, prepared, sealed and signed plans that contained architecture. Wilcox is not registered in the State of Alaska as an engineer. A cease and desist order was issued on June 25, 2003. As Wilcox did not request a hearing concerning the cease and desist order, it became final 15 days after Wilcox received it. (Closed 6/25/03)

CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS ISSUED – CASE STILL PENDING

0101-02-7 Allegation that an unlicensed person worked as an architect. A cease and desist order was sent to the individual, who has requested a hearing. (Opened 10/31/02)

0101-03-8 Allegation that a civil engineer worked outside the scope of education, training and licensure as an architect. Investigation established that the engineer worked as an architect on a public project. A cease and desist

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order was sent to the engineer, who has 15 days to request a hearing on the matter. (Opened 04/08/03)

- 0102-03-3 Allegation that civil engineer worked outside the scope of his license. Investigation established that the engineer worked as an architect on a public project. A cease and desist order was sent to the engineer, who has 15 days to request a hearing on the matter. (Opened 04/08/03)
- 0103-02-8 Allegation that an unlicensed person worked as an engineer. A cease and desist order was sent to the individual, who has requested a hearing. (Opened 09/13/02)
- 0103-02-9 Allegation that an unlicensed person worked as an engineer. A cease and desist order was sent to the individual, who has requested a hearing. (Opened 09/13/02)

ACCUSATION FILED

0100-02-5 Richard S. Cobb, Professional Architect License 6213, was formerly licensed under the name Frederick E. Lepley. Lepley (Cobb) was convicted of sexual abuse of a minor and was ordered committed to the care and custody of the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections for eight years with credit for time served. While confined Lepley (Cobb) allowed his architectural license to lapse. On December 11, 1992, Lepley completed a renewal application and checked the "No" block for the question reading "Have you been convicted of a violation of a U.S. or state statute, excluding minor traffic violations, since your last renewal. On December 11, 1992, Lepley (Cobb) was still in prison serving time for the above conviction. Subsequent to being released from confinement Lepley legally changed his name to Richard S. Cobb. (Accusation filed 02/28/03)

OTHER CASES CLOSED:

- 0100-03-1 Allegation that an architect sealed and signed plans for two commercial structures that were below minimum professional standards for an architect practicing in Alaska. The architect resubmitted the plans and corrected the previous discrepancies. An advisory letter was sent to the architect in question. This closure was coordinated with AELS Board Member Patricia Peirsol. (Closed 07/03/03)
- 0101-99-6 Allegation that an unlicensed person worked as an architect. This investigation is closed based on instructions from Director Urion that all investigative files over one year old which do not involve serious public safety issues will be closed. (Closed 05/09/03)

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- 0101-03-5 Allegation that a civil engineer worked as an architect. Investigation revealed there was insufficient evidence to support the allegation. This closure was discussed with AELS Board Member Robert Miller. (Closed 08/08/03)
- 0102-01-2 Allegation that an engineer violated professional ethics. Investigation failed to reveal evidence that would substantiate the allegation. A letter was sent to the engineer advising him that an appearance of a conflict could have been avoided. Closure discussed with AELS Board Member Robert Miller. (Opened 03/09/01)
- 0102-03-2 Allegation that civil engineer worked outside the scope of his license. Investigation revealed there was insufficient evidence to support the allegation. This closure was discussed with AELS Board Member Robert Miller. (Closed 08/08/03)
- 0107-03-2 Allegation that a corporation was engaged in the practice of engineering without being registered in the State of Alaska as an AELS Corporation. The Corporation took immediate steps to be come licensed. An advisory letter was written to the corporation. This closure was discussed with AELS Board Member Robert Miller. (Closed 08/08/03)

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