

AELS Administrator's Report

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Administrator's narrative:

Since our last meeting, my primary focus has been on processing renewals expeditiously, and the licensing examiners primary tasks have processing applications, and providing timely status reports to applicants.

The application forms have been updated, and information on calculators and upcoming exams and meetings has been posted to the AELS website.

Landscape Architect Exam Changes:

CLARB had great success in August in administering its first portion of the exam by computer, and has moved to provide computer testing for all of the multiple choice sections of the exam, leaving the graphics sections for Alaska to administer. It is certainly good news in terms of cutting down the proctor expenses and application processing, since we not generally see exam applicants until they are ready to take the Graphics sections. CLARB plans to phase in those sections, too.

As we begin the 2nd session of the 23rd Legislature, we anticipate several bills introduced last session to have action taken:

HB 268/SB 206, Specialty Contractors
HB 252/SB 207, Term Limits

New Legislative Requests (requested in the FY 03 Annual Report:

Executive Administrator, partially exempt position: I serve as an exempt employee filling a Supervisory Bargaining Unit position. When the Executive Administrator position was initially created in 1998, the position was added as an increment in Budget process so specific statutory language was not added.

The Board requested and intended for the administrator to be partially exempt, just as the Real Estate Commission and the Board of Nursing administrator's positions were classified. When this oversight was discovered, the Division of Admin. Personnel reclassified the position as a "supervisory personnel" instead of an exempt, or partially exempt position.

The Board requested a statutory remedy in the FY 03 Annual Report as a legislative request to have the AELS Executive Administrator position classified as a partially exempt position, which is how all the other administrators in Alaska are categorized.

Temporary Stop-Work Order

The Board also 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.

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Registered Professional License Statistics:

As of 2/2/04

Professional Engineers	CODE	AK	Out of State	TOTAL
CHEMICAL	H	40	53	93
CIVIL	C	1247	1183	2430
ELECTRICAL	E	235	270	505
MECHANICAL	M	267	311	578
MINING	N	22	6	28
PETROLEUM	P	56	41	97
Total		1867	1864	3731
ARCHITECTS	A	211	261	472
LAND SURVEYORS	L	415	131	546
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS	S	19	7	26
SUBTOTAL		2512	2263	4775
Corporations, LLC & LLP	Type			
CORPORATION S	C	129	133	262
LLC	L	30	0	30
LLP	P	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL		159	133	292
COMBINED TOTALS Individual & Corporate		2,671	2,396	5,067

Client Communications:

As always, we 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 so if you have suggestions, please forward them to me.