

AELS Administrator's Report

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Administrator's narrative:

Since our last meeting, we hired a second licensing examiner, Elton Engstrom, and I also assisted the agency in interviewing candidates for a licensing examiner vacancy (we team interview).

1. We have had an administration change and while change can be good it can also be unsettling to us.
2. We held two teleconferences in December to conduct additional post Nov. Board business.
3. Scores were sent out to FE, FLS, PE, PLS, and AKLS candidates within a day of receiving the official scores from NCEES, ACT, or Test Inc.
4. We revised all of the individual forms and the arctic course forms. We updated our website to reflect changes in schedules and What's New.
5. I have continued training our examiners. Julie has been with us for a few months and she is very thorough in her work, which is helpful to applicants and to me.
6. There are always administrative functions you don't see happen: archiving, filing, travel authorizations; routine correspondence, surveys and public noticing are among them.

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Registered Professional License Statistics:

As of 1/24/03

Professional Engineers	CODE	AK	Out of State	TOTAL
CHEMICAL	H	36	52	88
CIVIL	C	1292	1301	2593
ELECTRICAL	E	248	304	552
MECHANICAL	M	276	326	602
MINING	N	25	5	30
PETROLEUM	P	55	47	102
Total		1932	2035	3968
ARCHITECTS	A	219	292	511
LAND SURVEYORS	L	459	148	607
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS	S	18	5	23
SUBTOTAL		2628	2480	5108
Corporations, LLC & LLP	Type	AK	Out of State	Total
CORPORATION S	C	146	154	300
LLC	L	25	1	26
LLP	P	0	1	1
SUBTOTAL		171	156	327
COMBINED TOTALS Individual & Corporation		2799	2636	5435

Issues:

LARE examinations:

Exam Irregularity:

We had 2 candidates scheduled to take the exam Dec. 9-10, 2002. As a result of mistakes made in the Anchorage office, the 2nd day candidate was not able to sit for the exam. The Anchorage staff inadvertently returned the exam by traceable means to the Juneau office. Staff attempted to return the exam to Anchorage but fog intervened.

I've continued to work on ongoing issues:

- Proposed regulations: engineer disciplines, land surveyor model law, Board adopted regulations: technical changes in three areas, engineering table, architect education standard, and architect IDP requirement for those registered after 1/1/1990; and one change, a requirement for signature with stamping.
- Proposed statutes: term limits, continuing education authority, and specialty contractor (not performing architecture or engineering).

The bulk of the examiner's effort has been to work on applicant files and will shift to status letters and issuing licenses during the post board meeting, as well as working on the exam administration for April NCEES exams and the AKLS exams.

Board Travel:

Through legislative funding, and strong Division of Occupational Licensing (O.L.) support, Board members and staff have been able to attend several national and regional meetings. We are showing good presence at the meetings, allowing us opportunities to continue to network with other jurisdictions (Board staff and Board members and to participate in leadership roles). Bob Miller has represented us at the Pacific Pacific NorthWest Economic Region meeting in Seattle on Feb 11 and also the NCEES Presidents' Assembly/MBA meeting in Girdwood on Feb 13-14th. (I also attended the NCEES MBA meeting). Additionally, Board members serve on committees and have continued to show our presence.

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.

Building Officials' Handbook

The draft BOM is posted to the website and has been mailed to the Building Officials.

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.

