

AELS Administrator's Report

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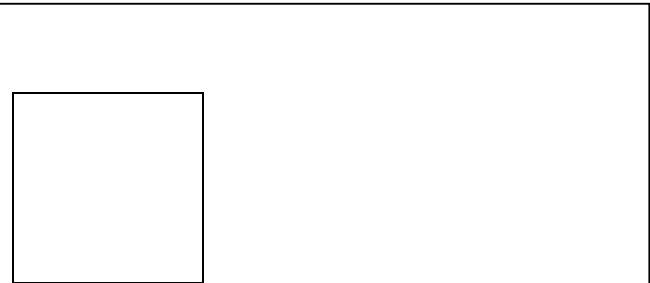
Administrator's narrative:

This quarter we administered NCEES exams in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau. The Licensing examiner report will detail the spring exams so I'm focusing on a comparison to prior years' exams:

4-year Examination Statistics:

	1998	1999	2000	2001 YTD
PE	122	155	144	78
PLS	12	20	19	11
AKLS	14	20	26	26
FLS	15	23	17	9
FE	143	116	114	56
Total	306	334	319	180

We are currently working with the Data Processing programmer, Larry Kemp, to develop the web-based renewal project and anticipate on-line renewals this November. As we gear up for this, Ginger and I have been working to clean up our database (continued on page 2).



Staff Changes and Updates:

The O.L Division has hired a second occupational licensing attorney in the Anchorage office of the Department of Law. Roger Rom began work in early April and we anticipate this will help with our enforcement.

Working together to solve problems.
Our half-time clerk, Olivia Long was promoted within Occupational Licensing to the Licensing Examiner with oversight over Family and Marital Therapists, Professional Counselors, and Social Workers. She was with us a very short time. We wish her well in her new endeavors but we will miss her organizational skills here.

I participate in the interviewing process next week to hire a new half time clerk and we should have someone on the team by the end of May.

Ginger Morton completes her first year at AELS on May 30th and has seen a full year's worth of the exam cycles, and the flow between exams and quarterly board meetings. She is an asset to our AELS staff.

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Ginger has completed her review of all corporate files and ensured the designated responsible charge professional is accurately listed in the Oracle database.

We also sent an address update request to retired architects, engineers and land surveyors, partly due to an inquiry from an Anchorage retired architect (Mr. Wellenstein). His suggestion that we maintain retired status registrants in our roster (since they represent the historical knowledge that might otherwise be lost), triggered us to review our current roster format and “retired status” database. Since we do not require “retired status” registrants to fill out a renewal form, we don’t have current addresses for some. We’ve found the response rate has been high and we have obtained death notices or new addresses (some for active licensees who hold more than one license).

Board Travel:

It has been through legislative funding, and strong Division of Occupational Licensing (O.L.) support that Board members have been able to attend national and regional meetings. This quarter Lance Mearig represented the Board at the Landscape Architects (CLARB) regional meeting in Denver, CO, in early March; Daphne Brown, Patricia Peirsol and I attended the architects region 6 (WCARB) meeting in Boise, ID in late March; and the Western Zone May meeting in Maui, HI, is being well represented by 2 engineers, Don Iverson and Kathy Gardner, and 2 land surveyors, Pat Kalen and Scott McLane.

The Board and its professional registrants are well served by keeping abreast of current trends and emerging issues. Additionally, Robert Miller attended the Canadian engineer’s conference in Calgary held April 26-28th, including a mobility forum. Recently, there has been interest expressed by Canadian engineers for increased access and mobility in Alaska so this conference proved timely.

Legislation:

The legislature is in its final weeks and SB 9, the AELS sunset legislation, passed the House on 5/1/01 in its current form, which includes the extension of the landscape architect temporary, non-voting member, and a letter of intent.

The House and Senate introduced legislation that could mandate land surveyor standards of practice. The House version (HB 227) had a hearing in House Labor and Commerce Committee and was held over. Pat Kalen asked the committee to allow the professional land surveyor societies time over the interim to consider the matter. Daphne Brown, Chair, provided the O.L. Director with information that the AELS Board feels its effort is on ensuring adequate standards for education, experience and examination are met, and that there currently is a process for investigating negligence. Standards of practice are generally determined by the professional societies.

Registered Professional License Statistics:

As of	6/30/98	6/30/99	6/30/00	5/1/01
Professional Architects	495	511	495	519
Professional Engineers:	3,603	3,833	3,718	3,889
Civil	2,360	2,491	2,434	2,533
Chemical	73	84	78	85
Electrical	490	534	505	529
Mechanical	553	594	574	610
Mining	38	39	35	35
Petroleum	89	91	92	97
Land Surveyors	618	635	587	606
Landscape Architects	0	0	6	12
Total Registered	4,716	4,979	4,806	5,026
Total:	1/15/01	5/1/01	In-State	
Corporate	298	305	151	
LLC	1	1	1	
LLP	0	0	0	

In closing, I’ll mention that as staff, we continue to strive to provide a 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.

