

AELS Administrator's Report

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Administrator's narrative:

1. Since our last meeting, Julie Adamson, Licensing Examiner and I administered Anchorage exams with our Board Chair, Bob Miller; and Elton Engstrom, Licensing Examiner trained under Doug Belknap in Juneau.
2. Julie was our lead examiner in overseeing the setup of the exams and it went very smoothly. She has provided me with the number of examinees who tested:
3. NCEES and AKLS Exams:

	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau
PE	63	10	8
PLS	7	1	1
AKL	13	3	1
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FE	18	22	2
FLS	3	1	0
Total	104	37	12

Total Examinees Tested: 153;

No shows: Fbx 6; Anch 27; total "no shows" : 33,

Total scheduled for exams: 186.

Registered Professional License Statistics:

As of 4/25/03

Professional Engineers	CODE	AK	Out of State	TOTAL
CHEMICAL	H	35	54	89
CIVIL	C	1299	1325	2624
ELECTRICAL	E	248	309	557
MECHANICAL	M	278	334	612
MINING	N	24	6	30
PETROLEUM	P	56	48	104
Total		1941	2076	4017
ARCHITECTS	A	220	299	519
LAND SURVEYORS	L	458	152	610
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS	S	20	5	25
SUBTOTAL		2638	2532	5170
Corporations, LLC & LLP	Type	AK	Out of State	Total
CORPORATIONS	C	151	158	300
LLC	L	30	1	26
LLP	P	0	1	1
SUBTOTAL		181	160	327
COMBINED TOTALS Individual & Corporate		2819	2691	5512

Activities, Issues and Other Exams:

LARE examinations

The next LARE exam will be held on June 9-11.

CLARB will hold an additional computer based test on August 11 for the administrative portions of the exam, Sections A & B.

Canadian Reciprocity

Alaska continues to work with the Pacific Northwest states to work with our neighbor, Canada, for reciprocity. PNWER has a draft proposal that will be before the Board. For discussion purposes, I have worked to put together a draft for discussion purposes of proposed changes to FE Waiver, work experience, and PE Waiver.

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Activities, Issues and Other Exams (Cont)

The bulk of the examiner's effort since the exams have been to work on archiving files, filing, and meeting preparation.

The salary range has been increased by one for Licensing Examiners, which should help reduce turnover.

Design Competitions

The Board is interested in developing specific allowance for design competition and I've drafted language, with assistance from some board members, for discussion at the upcoming meeting. The Investigator wants to ensure we don't open the floodgates to condone unlicensed practice.

Retired Status Reinstatements

Changes we made to retired status regulations a few years ago have affected reinstatements. The Board wanted to ensure that no one had to retest unless there were disciplinary issues. Without some measure of how inactive retirees have been keeping up on trends and changes, concern has arisen about protecting health, safety, and welfare, and some provision for continuing education on reinstatements may be necessary.

Board Travel:

Through legislative funding, and strong Division of Occupational Licensing (O.L.) support, Board members 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).

Board Chair, Miller, and Board members Gilfilian and McLane participate in the Western Zone meeting; and Board Chair, Miller, and Board members Mills, and Peirsol participate in the June NCARB meeting. We are fortunate to have Brown participating as the WCARB Ex. Committee, as well.

As you know, the new administration has

been scrutinizing travel and two of my trips have been denied: travel to the Western Zone Meeting in May, and travel to the NCARB annual conference in June. That wraps up the FY03 travel.

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. As a result, NCEES has looked at exam administration and currently administers 13 jurisdictions with more added in October. The Board will consider at the May meeting, ELSES proposal for exam administration in April 2004.

Building Officials' Handbook

The draft BOM is posted to the website and has been mailed to the Building Officials. The Fairbanks Building Official, Steve Shuttleworth will be on the agenda with any concerns he may have.

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.