

# AELS Administrator's Report

By Nancy Hemenway

November 2004

## Administrator's narrative

AELS staff has administered the NCEES exams in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau on April 16-17, 2004.

The Sunset Audit is in process and the Board Chair received a "management letter" to respond to some initial recommendations by the Legislative Budget and Audit (LBA). The process is for LBA to submit to the Board a confidential report for review, and then to finalize the report. A bill will be introduced to extend the Board from 6/30/04 to 6/30/08.

## AELS Staff

Julie Adamson has been with the Division since September 2002, has alpha ( A -K), and Eleanor Vinson has been with the Board since October 2003 and has alpha (L- Z). I'm pleased to have great staff.

No changes were made to AELS staff, but the division regulations specialist, Kurt West, has moved to another agency and Jun Maiquis transferred from the Board of Nursing Licensing Examiner to assume this job. He has a reputation for strong attention to detail.

## NCARB MBE

I attended the NCARB MBE meeting held in Washington DC November 5-6, and assisted in the Quality Assurance Audits. It was really good to network with NCARB staff and other administrators. NCARB gave briefings on many things, including the ARE rolling clock, of particular interest to me. We don't have a rolling clock, which requires all sections to be passed in 5 years, being phased in beginning in 2006.

## **INSIDE THIS ISSUE**

- 1** Administrator's narrative
- 1** AELS Staff; MBE Meeting
- 1** Subgroups/Outreach
- 1** Draft Regulations

Last printed 12/13/04 9:16 AM

## Subgroups:

The Subgroup on Engineering Disciplines met, considered the Canadian Reciprocity issues and proposed agreement, and will submitted draft regulations the Board adopted at its August meeting. Draft regulations have been public noticed to interested parties and the public comment period runs through December 17<sup>th</sup>. A hearing will be held at the AELS meeting November 2004 (see Draft Regulations).

The Board has subgroups to review overlap, Incidental practice; Continuing education, Electronic Signatures, and Host Committee 2005. I have worked to provide research information to the subgroups as they continue work on these issues.

Outreach: Some AELS member participated in a forum in conjunction with the ASHRAE meeting in Anchorage on September 16, 2004.

Additionally, John Zarling, PE, Ph.D., gave a presentation to engineering students in Fairbanks on the importance of licensure.

Craig Fredeen and myself attended the SAME and PEPP meeting October 28, 2004 in Anchorage.

The Board has been working to attend more meetings to keep registrants informed about issues the Board is considered. It has been great to get more requests to have Board members give presentations on behalf of the Board.

## Draft Regulations

Regulations were public noticed and comment period ends on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Proposed changes to Engineer by Comity regulations would add a provision to accept Canadian Engineers by Comity with 5 years of post registration, much in the same way U.S. Engineers by Comity applicant requirements. Currently, Alaska registers Canadian Engineers but they must work under a U.S. registered engineer to acquire work experience.

The Board revised its proposed regulation change for sealing specifications to clarify the process.

The Board annually adopts changes made at the NCARB annual meeting to the Architect Education Standards, and this year, technical changes were made at the annual meeting. The entire publication can be viewed at ncarb.org under Publications.

