

# ALASKA AELS BOARD

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### Quarterly Board Meeting

The AELS Board held its quarterly Board meeting in Anchorage on August 24-25, 2000. Some highlights of the meeting:

### AELS Technology Update

The AELS applications are NOW available in a fill-out-able format on the website at <http://www.dced.state.ak.us/occ/pael.htm>.

In an effort to provide applicants and registrants more efficient services, the Board discussed with Catherine Reardon, Director of the Division of Occupational Licensing, options for computer technology improvements. The Board decided that Board member Lance Mearig would work with staff as Board liaison for data processing on enhancements to the Oracle system. Initially work will cover improvements that would aid staff in streamlining score reporting, and provide applicants with online checklists they can access to determine missing information needed for examination approval or licensing.

### Applicant Files Reviewed

The Board reviewed 115 applicants' files for examination or comity licensure for architects, engineers and land surveyors; of those 108 were approved for comity licensure or examination, 7 files were found incomplete and none were denied.

### Annual Report

The AELS Board finalized their FY 2000 Annual Report. After deliberating the Board decided to request legislative changes regarding the landscape architect Board

member that would: 1) keep the position a temporary, non-voting member; 2) extend the landscape architect (L.A.) position on the Board to the next Board sunset date (anticipated to be 6/30/2005); and 3) pay for travel to quarterly AELS meetings and the annual conference of the Council for Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB).

### Regulations Project

The Board initiated a regulations project for changes in three areas to be public noticed:

- 1) As a result of passage of HB 130, relating to Limited Liability Companies, the Board initiated a regulations project to establish regulations for limited liability companies and limited liability partnerships that would model the current corporate authorization regulations;
- 2) Delete 12 AAC 36.115 (b)(2) regarding collection of fees from retired status licensees;
- 3) accept the NCEES Council record stamped "model law engineer" to meet the minimum standards for comity licensure, except that applicants will still need to complete the arctic engineering course;

Additionally, previously public noticed regulations were adopted that would:

- 1) clarify items the Board will accept for conditional approval of exam and comity applicants;
- 2) fine tune the corporate authorization regulation regarding responsible charge; and
- 3) make technical edits to last year's regulation project

including the reference to the NCARB publication.

Prior to adopting the new regulations, the Board made some changes suggested by staff, including clarifying the documents necessary for review, and other minor edits.

#### **Public Comment**

There were no public members wishing to comment at the August Board meeting.

#### **Unlicensed Advertising Prohibited**

Ongoing notification: Architects, Engineers, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects licensed by another state may not advertise in Alaska unless registered in Alaska. Alaska Statute 08.48.281 prohibits the unlicensed practice or offer to practice as an Architect, Engineer, Land Surveyor or Landscape Architect. Under Alaska Statute 08.48.321, advertising as an Architect, Engineer, Land Surveyor or Landscape Architect in the telephone yellow pages constitutes an "offer to practice" and is prohibited unless the professional holds a current Alaska registration through comity or examination. Violation of these state laws is a misdemeanor criminal offense and in addition is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$5,000.

#### **Landscape Architect Registration**

The legislature passed HB 110 in 1998 and the Board adopted statutes and regulations that require practicing landscape architects to be registered 60 days after the first administered Landscape Architects Registration Examination is graded.

The first LARE was given on June 12, 13, and 14, 2000 in Anchorage. Scores were reported August 25, 2000 and all Landscape Architects must be registered by October 24, 2000.

The **application deadline** for the Juneau Occupational Licensing Office to receive LARE applications and fees was September 5, 2000 for the examination that will be given December 4 and 5 (Graphic Sections only).

Landscape Architects may also be registered by comity. **Comity application deadline** for the November 16-17<sup>th</sup>, 2000 Board meeting is November 6, 2000.

#### **The application deadline for the June 2001 LARE examination:**

Examination applications must be received by the Juneau Occupational Licensing Office by February 5, 2001 to be considered for the June 11-13, 2001, LARE examination. Application forms are available on the AELS website (<http://www.dced.state.ak.us/occ/pael.htm>), are fill-out-able on line and can be printed and mailed to the Juneau office, or are available by calling the office at 465-2540.

#### **Staff Reports**

The Administrator, Investigator staff reports and Board member and staff Conference reports are attached to this report.