

**South Carolina  
Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors  
Meeting Minutes  
September 27, 2006**

The Board convened for the second day of its regularly scheduled meeting on September 27, 2006, following an Application Hearing for Christopher Shuler from 9:00 a.m. until 10:15 a.m.

Official notification of the meeting was sent to LLR's Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs and the Office of General Counsel; appropriate newspapers; WIS-TV; and the South Carolina Society of Professional Engineers (SCSPE).

Chairman M.L. Love, Jr., P.E., called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.. Board Members present were Gene L. Dinkins, P.L.S and P.E.; Cecil Huey, Jr., P.E.; Andy Kinghorn, P.E.; Gaye Sprague P.E., Mitchell Tibshrary, Jr., P.E. and Thurl Amick, Sr., L.S.. Public Member Preston Young was not present.

Also present were Jan Simpson, Board Administrator; Stacy Johnson, Administrative Assistant; Todd Bond, Investigator; and Sharon Dantzler, Advice Counsel.

**Where action is recorded below, it was taken in each case on motion duly made, seconded and carried.**

**Prototypical Plan Review Policy (agenda item #12)**

The board reviewed current policy. Following a discussion on the level of responsibility indicated by use of the word "inspections," there was consensus to revise.

Motion by Dinkins/Huey to revise item C3 of the policy to substitute the word "observations" for "inspections." Motion carried.

Member Sprague will copy policies she has and send them to the Board staff.

**Financial Report**

There was a discussion regarding "negative revenue" and transfers to the General Fund. A representative from LLR's Finance Division will be invited to the November meeting.

**Use of Reserve Funds**

Board members expressed strong interest in using reserve funds for education purposes, perhaps by using consultants to provide educational programs to schools and professional societies. Administrator Simpson reminded the Board there is proposed statutory language for creation of an Education and Research Fund for the Legislature's consideration in 2007.

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Motion by Dinkins/Amick to approve in concept a plan to develop a program or hire a consultant to develop a program for Board approval to promote surveyor education and licensure in South Carolina. Motion carried.

**Review of Licensure Applications**

Member Sprague stated that contrary to her previous opinion, she now believes the Board should retain former Board members to review applications, utilizing a procedure similar to former Board members serving on IRC. She asked that the topic be carried over to the November Board meeting.

Reorganizing committees and committee assignments will be carried over to the November Board meeting.

**Hail and Farewell**

The traditional event for outgoing and incoming Board members will be held after the Board meeting on November 14, at 6:00 pm, in Gene Dinkins' office. Former Board members and staff will be invited. The cost of the event will be shared by Board members.

**2006 Exam Statistics**

Member Tibshrary asked the Administrator to obtain from NCEES an comparative analysis of 2006 examination scores for the three South Carolina universities offering ABET accredited degree programs.

**3-D Modeling for Grading and Stake-Out**

Member Dinkins noted the need for laws, regulations, and policies to maintain pace with changing technology. This item will be carried over to the November meeting.

**Update on Photogrammetry exam**

Member Dinkins reported the psychometrics are being performed on exam items already written. The committee believes a delivery date of Spring 2007 is feasible.

**2007 Board Meeting Dates**

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**Nominations**

Motion by Tibshrary/Dinkins to nominate Jim McCarter, former Board member, for the NCEES Distinguished Service Award. The nomination will be submitted by January 30, 2007, for NCEES Board member consideration. Motion carried.

Motion by Tibshrary/Dinkins to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter.

Motion by Tibshrary/Dinkins to come out of Executive Session. No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Stacy Johnson  
Administrative Assistant