

SOUTH CAROLINA  
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS  
AND SURVEYORS  
Board Meeting  
March 17, 2009  
110 Centerview Drive, Room 202-02, Columbia, SC

**Call to Order** – Chairman Gene L. Dinkins, P.E. and L.S, called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. Board Members present were M. L. Love, Jr., P.E.; Thurl Amick, Sr., L.S.; Anderson Kinghorn, Jr., P.E.; Nancy Cottingham, Public Member; Theresa Hodge, P.E.; and Cecil O Huey, Ph.D., P.E.. Charles Joye, P.E. was not present for the meeting or hearing. Also present were Jan Simpson, Board Administrator; Melissa Jones, Program Assistant; Todd Bond, Investigator; and Sharon Dantzler, LLR Attorney; Miriam Berry, Administrative Assistant; Joe Jones, Executive Director of SCSPE; Dr. Walter Castro, LLR Education Evaluator; Mitchell Tibshrary; Dr. Ali Eliadorani; and Michael Zavislak.

Administrator Simpson stated the **public notice** of the meeting was properly posted at the Board office and provided to organizations and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the S.C. Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times.

The Board was in Executive Session with attorney Louis Rosen regarding Hearing Procedures from 9:30 a.m. until 10:35 a.m.

The Board held an Application Hearing on Jamie Ramirez from 1:30 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.

**Review Agenda** – In public session, Administrator Simpson reviewed the agenda.

**Articulation Agreement between South Carolina State and Clemson University for engineering degrees** – There was discussion about an agreement by Clemson University to offer engineering courses at Clemson for SCSU students. There is no indication the plan was implemented.

**Joint Degree Program between South Carolina State and USC for engineering degrees** Mitch Tibshrary gave a brief summary of initiatives over the years to create joint programs between South Carolina State University and University of South Carolina. The legislature supported changes to the engineering statutes in 2007 with the understanding the Board would assist in an initiative to create a joint degree program between USC and SCSU. The American Council of Engineering Companies will meet in April and will try to gain support for the joint degree program. Chairman Dinkins will attempt to schedule a meeting with Dean Amiridis at the University of South Carolina. Mr. Tibshrary agreed to continue working with Chairman Dinkins on the matter.

**Dr. Walter Castro – Overview of Education Evaluation** – Dr. Castro gave a brief overview of his procedure for evaluating engineering degrees against ABET criteria to determine if they are substantially equivalent to accredited engineering degrees. The Board thanked Dr. Castro for his diligence and thoroughness in evaluating transcripts.

**Dr. Ali A. Eliadorani – South Carolina State University proposed Surveying**

**Degree** – Dr. Eliadorani presented information on a four-year surveying program anticipated to be implemented in the Fall of 2009. The program does not yet have approval of the Commission on High Education.

**Non-Agenda Item – Statute of Repose** -- Joe Jones reported that he is monitoring legislation regarding the Statute of Repose for work done for government agencies.

**Non-Agenda Item – 2009 Engineers Conference** -- Joe Jones reported that the 2009 Engineers Conference will be held June 18 through 21, 2009. The South Carolina Society of Professional Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the American Council of Engineering Companies will collaborate for the conference, and it will be marketed to all South Carolina licensees. Fourteen hours of continuing education could be available. Chairman Dinkins asked Mr. Jones to come back for the May Board Meeting to give the Board details on speakers and to request funding. This item will be carried over to the May Meeting.

**January and February Board meeting minutes** -- Motion by Hodge, Second by Amick to approve the minutes of the meeting on January 20, 2009 and February 3, 2009 as amended. Motion carried.

**Engineer Technology Portfolio Review Committee Report** - Administrator Simpson reported on recommendations from two Portfolio Committees. The following applicants were recommended for licensure:

- Henry A. Nodzak – electrical engineering background
- Paul T. Iannacone – electrical engineering background

Motion by Hodge, Second by Love: To approve Mr. Nodzak and Mr. Iannacone for licensure as Professional Engineers in South Carolina. Motion carried.

**IRC Recommendations** – Todd Bond, Investigator

Mr. Bond reviewed his case list. Upon motion by Kinghorn/Amick, the Board voted to dismiss Case # 2008-28, 2008-34, and 2008-36. Motion carried.

The list of Consent Agreements, Letter of Caution, and Cease and Desist Orders resulting from applications-related issues was reviewed.

**Administrator's Report** -- As a follow-up to the last meeting, we published the curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Forest Resource Management offered by Clemson University on our web site (4-year degree for surveyors) and included it in the newsletter, we e-mailed the semi-annual newsletter to 9628 individuals and firms, we began working on documentation for nomination of a former Board member for the Distinguished Service Award.

If legislation passes in 2009 to move the registration board for Landscape Architects from the Department of Natural Resources to LLR, Administrator Simpson will be the administrator for that board also.

Renewals for firms will be accomplished online this year, but final details have not yet been worked out. There is a separate LLR Renewals division and Miriam Berry is working with them to set it up. The deadline for renewals is March 31, 2009.

**STATISTICS**

<b>LICENSE TYPE</b>	<b># IN-STATE</b>	<b># ADDED SINCE LAST REPORT</b>	<b># ADDED SINCE 07/01/2008</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>DUALS (ENGINEER &amp; SURVEYOR)</b>	140	1	1	180
<b>ENGINEER</b>	4785	142	403	13,326
<b>ASSOCIATE ENGINEER</b>	11	0	0	15
<b>LAND SURVEYOR – A</b>	546	15	15	851
<b>LAND SURVEYOR – B</b>	26	0	0	34
<b>GEODETTIC SURVEYOR</b>	1	0	0	16
<b>GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM SURVEYOR</b>	20	0	0	52
<b>PHOTOGRAMMETRIC SURVEYOR</b>	3	0	0	125
<b>CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION</b>	958	20	110	2698
<b>EMERITUS – ENGINEER</b>	25	1	17	47
<b>EMERITUS – SURVEYOR</b>	3	1	3	7
<b>RETIRED – ENGINEER</b>	540	0	58	1145
<b>RETIRED – SURVEYOR</b>	64	0	12	112

<b>2008 CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDIT</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>
Notices Mailed On December 8, 2008	120
Cleared/Passed	30

Date of This Report: **December 31, 2008**

Date of Last Report: **November 7, 2008**

**For the Licensing Ceremony held at the State House, January 20, 2009:**

17 New Professional Engineers and 28 guests

4 new Surveyors and 5 guests

1 new PE by portfolio and 2 guests

Board plus staff 11

TOTAL 67.

**Reminder to Volunteer for NCEES Committees:**

The Board was reminded if they have not already sent in an application to be appointed to a committee for next year, please do so. [End of Administrator's Report]

**Creation of digital data or 3D Modeling – Adoption of Policy** -- Motion by Amick, Second by Huey: To adopt as Policy of the Board with language modified by Attorney Dantzler. Attorney Dantzler will draft the revised Policy for adoption at to the May Board Meeting for final review and approval.

**Commissioning Reports – PE Signature required** – Carried over to May Board Meeting. Administrator Simpson will gather additional information.

**Proposed Policy for Posting Disciplinary Actions on LLR web site** – Carried over to May Board Meeting.

**David Christian – Overview of LLR Office of Licensure and Compliance** -- Mr. Christian introduced his staff and gave a brief overview of LLR Office of Licensure and Compliance processes and procedures.

**Energy Standard Act (H.3550)** -- After reviewing a synopsis of the bill, the Board accepted this as information and took no action.

**Exam for adding Tier B Surveyor license** -- After a brief discussion, the Board decided that the exam needed to be updated since it has not been administered for years. Staff will send Mr. Amick a copy of an exam that was found (no corresponding answer key is available) for his review.

**Repeat Applications** -- Carried over to May Board Meeting.

**“Statute of limitations” on misdemeanor or felony offenses reported by licensees** -- Motion by Hodge, Second by Amick: To modify the Policy to say “Licensees with misdemeanors that are five years old or older are not required to appear before the Board for approval of the application. Licensees with felony or misdemeanor convictions within the last five years may be required to come before the Board for a decision on the application. All crimes of moral turpitude are required to come before the Board.” Motion carried.

**Proposed Amendment to NCEES Bylaws** -- The Board reviewed a proposed amendment concerning the Section 4.04 Elections and Terms of Office. This matter will be voted on at the NCEES Annual Meeting in August.

**Update on Board Policies** -- Carried over to May Board Meeting

**Statement of Economic Interests form due April 15, 2009 to Ethics Commission** -- The Board was reminded of the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for filing Statement of Economic Interest forms.

**Revised Application Summary Sheet** -- Carried over to May Board Meeting.

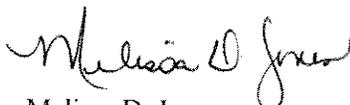
**Consistency of Application Review** -- Carried over to May Board Meeting.

**Non-Agenda Item – Math Counts for Professional Development Hours** -- Secretary Hodge asked about giving Professional Development Hours for engineers who participate as volunteers for Math Counts. After a brief discussion, the Board’s consensus was not to allow Professional Development Hours for Math Counts.

**Non-Agenda Item – Alternate IRC Surveyor member** -- After a brief discussion of candidates, the Board decided to hold a vote during the May Board Meeting.

There being no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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