

**STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND LAND SURVEYORS
Minutes of February 16, 2006
Public Session**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors was called to order by President James Valenti at 9:00 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, 3rd Floor Union Conference Room, Newark New Jersey. All parties were duly notified of the time, date and place, with all pertinent material being provided.

SUNSHINE LAW ANNOUNCEMENT

President Valenti read the statement required by Chapter 231, Laws of 1975 known as the Open Public Meetings Act, and announced that notice of this meeting was prepared in the office of the Board and mailed to the Secretary of State, the Newark Star Ledger, Trenton Times, Camden Courier Post, Bergen Record, and the Atlantic City Press.

Present:

James Valenti
Lawrence Koo
James Kelly
Robert Marshall (left at 1pm)
Michael Angeline
James Purcell
Richard Frantz
Louis Raimondi

Absent: Edward Vernick James Cleary

Others: Arthur Russo, Executive Director, Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General, Anthony Miragliotta, Deputy Director, Joseph Grabowy, Assistant to the Executive Director, and staff members Ernest Gonzalez and Yolanda Winston, along with two members of the public.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Application Review Committee

President Valenti presented the Board with a draft outline for the future review of applications. The discussion on this matter will continue at future Board meetings.

Joint Committee

President Valenti indicated that there was a Joint Committee meeting on February 14, 2006. He also stated that Joint Committee meetings have been scheduled on a monthly basis for the calendar year 2006. It will cancel meetings as needed.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

General Report

Executive Director Russo informed the Board that license renewal notices were mailed to all licensees on or about February 15, 2006 which indicate that renewal is available online. He also indicated that President

Valenti successfully renewed his license online.

He also reported that NCEES has requested to appear before the Board to discuss issues concerning the acceptance of electronic records. President Valenti indicated that there is no need to appear at this time. He has requested that Executive Director Russo discuss these matters with the Director's Office. Also, President Valenti requested that the Executive Director communicate with NCEES and advise them that until this issue is resolved, the Board will require a hard copy of all records.

Executive Director Russo informed the Board that there will only be two examination sites (N.J.I.T. and the West Trenton Fire Department) this year. Rowan University has opted not to participate.

President Valenti indicated that he will work towards obtaining a speaker for the Board's upcoming Certificate Award Ceremony in April 2006.

The Board reviewed a draft of the State Specific Examination for land surveyors and, on a motion by BM Angeline, second by BM Marshall, unanimously approved it with modifications.

REVIEW OF PROPOSED HOME INSPECTION COURSE OF STUDY

Michael Fitzpatrick, Home Inspection Advisory Committee Member, appeared before the Board regarding the development of the home inspection course of study. After discussing this matter, the Board requested input from the public.

Charles Blumeling, PE, PLS stated that he believed that the 7 hours allocated to the professional practice section of the course of study was too short. The Board advised him that the allocation of the number of hours was determined by the Role Delineation Study conducted by the Examination Board of Professional Home Inspectors (EBPHI) from which the course of study is constructed.

The Board, on a motion by BM Angeline, second by BM Frantz, unanimously approved the course of study and requested that Executive Director Russo forward it to the New Jersey Department of Education for implementation.

Incoming Correspondence

Sherrie Holcomb/NCEES

RE: Committee assignments for the 2006 - 2007 administrative year
(January 6, 2006)

Ms. Holcomb reminds the Board of the January 20 2006 deadline for Committee assignment preferences.

The Board will coordinate with BM Raimondi on any potential nominations for these assignments.

Keith M. Ludwig, PLS & Christopher J. Bouffard, PLS/ Taylor, Wiseman & Taylor

RE: Retention of original hand signed documents
(December 7, 2005)

Messrs. Ludwig and Bouffard wrote to the Board for clarification regarding whether the retention of records is for record keeping purposes or is it to help facilitate the professional's ownership of the document. He also asked if the contract is fulfilled, could the document be digitally archived and the original hand signed document be discarded.

The Board will advise Messrs. Ludwig and Bouffard shall inform these individuals to refer to N.J.A.C. 13:40-8.1 which deals with project records.

Joan Svoboda

RE: Licensed Professional Engineers as Licensed Private Investigators
(January 30, 2006)

Ms. Svoboda requests a determination whether a licensed professional engineer may be able, by virtue of their engineering license, to perform investigative/forensic work in matters such as structural failures, building collapses, retaining wall failures, foundation failures, water seepage and water intrusion into foundations and structures, vibration and blasting related damages, etc., or if a license as a private investigator is required.

The Board will advise Ms. Svoboda that any person practicing engineering within the State of New Jersey must have a PE license.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

The Board, on a motion by BM Kelly, second by BM Raimondi, unanimously voted on the following applications:

NAME	APPLICATION #	PE/EIT	DECISION
A. GONZALEZ	1146712	PE\EXAM	A.I.N.
A. JAGIASIU	1148676	COMITY	A.I.N.
B. GREESON	1155741	COMITY	A.I.N.
B. ISABELL	1139994	COMITY	GRANT
C.WESTBROOK	1144640	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
D. ATKINS	1128361	COMITY	GRANT
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D. DICESARE	1138617	COMITY	A.I.N.
D. FUCHS	1144623	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
D. KNICKERBOCKER	1147740	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
D. LABARBERA	1146669	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
D. LISANTI	1144940	PE\EXAM	A.I.N.
D. MIOLA	1147754	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
D. YOON	1156220	EIT\EXAM	A.I.N.
E. PAWLOWSKI	1136755	COMITY	A.I.N.
F. BERMEK	1147215	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
F. SUNDAY	1103454	COMITY	GRANT
G. ADAMS	1146861	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
G. NEIDER	1115970	COMITY	GRANT
G. SLAWSKY	1146418	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
H. SHYU	1147743	PE\EXAM	TAKE P

J.BEHNKE	1148698	PE\EXAM	A.I.N.
J. BUONCORE	1147835	PE\EXAM	A.I.N.
J. BYORICK	1146659	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
J. CURRIER	1108298	COMITY	GRANT
J. DROZDEK	1138641	COMITY	GRANT
J. JOHNSON	1147777	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
J. MCCONELL	1147226	PE\EXAM	A.I.N.
J. PYNE	1138608	COMITY	GRANT
J. SCHUSTER	1131054	COMITY	GRANT
J.CROPPER	1145388	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
J.YOST	1146429	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
K. DURR	1134404	COMITY	A.I.N.
K. KIANKA	1145038	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
K. MORICO	1139867	COMITY	A.I.N.
L.GADBOIS	1120733	COMITY	GRANT
M. GOYAL	1021589	COMITY	A.I.N.
M. RICHARDSON	1147743	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
M. ROBINSON	1146544	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
M. STRICKLER	1154028	COMITY	A.I.N.
M. WILLIAMSON	1155764	COMITY	A.I.N.
O. HORODNICESANU	1085424	COMITY	GRANT
O. KOKOSZKA	1145002	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
P. SHEA	1136179	COMITY	GRANT
R. JACKSON	1146975	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
R. ROBERTS	1123356	COMITY	GRANT
R. TRAVIS	1129407	COMITY	GRANT
R. VALENTINE	1147040	COMITY	A.I.N.
R.PREUSS	1135258	COMITY	GRANT
S. CUTRUFELLO	1144666	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
S. JANUSKO	1134451	COMITY	A.I.N.
S. TORPEY	1146655	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
TOAN LE	1145131	PE\EXAM	A.I.N.

U. AVADHANI	1101265	COMITY	GRANT
UTKU	1144030	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
W.MICHELSEN	1148271	PE\EXAM	TAKE P
S. STAIANO	1170114	PE/HI	GRANT
S. GENZALE	1170115	PE/HI	GRANT

A.I.N. = Additional Information Needed

DISCUSSION & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The following items were noted for the record:

- * "SFPE Revises Position on Fire Protection System Design" - NSPE January/February
- * "Virginia PEs Push for Mandatory Continuing Education" - NSPE January/ February
- * "Differing State Regulations Hamper Engineer Mobility" by: Ellen Klein - Engineering Times / October 2005
- * Lawrence Fisher, PE re: Structural analyses of glazed sunrooms

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charles Blumeling, P.E., P.L.S. asked the Board if there is any option for individuals who are renewing their land surveying license online to indicate that they have completed the required continuing education courses. The Board staff advised Mr. Blumeling that there are questions on the renewal form pertaining to completion of continuing education credits. He also stated that there are various municipalities that are digitally archiving records to make more physical space available.

Richard Olsen advised the Board that the NJSPE task force on topography is meeting on February 21, 2006 and that he will report back to the Board with any updates on this subject.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by BM Kelly, second by BM Angeline, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session to review disciplinary matters.

RETURN TO PUBLIC

On a motion contained within the Executive Session minutes, the Board re-entered into Public Session to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by BM Frantz, second by BM Purcell, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:30pm.

APPROVED BY:

James K. Valenti, PE Arthur Russo
President Executive Director

