

State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

Minutes of May 5, 2000

PUBLIC SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors was called to order by President Faraldi at 10:00 AM at the Lobster House Restaurant, Cape May, New Jersey. All parties were duly notified of the time, date and place and all pertinent material has been provided.

SUNSHINE LAW ANNOUNCEMENT

President Faraldi read the statement required by Chapter 231, Laws of 1975 known as the Open Public Meeting Act, and announced that notice of this meeting was prepared in the office of the Board and mailed to the Secretary of State, the Star-Ledger, the Courier Post and the Bergen Record.

ROLL CALL

BM's present:

Albert Faraldi Robert Bogart
Richard Frantz Robert Marshall
Pravin Patel Louis Raimondi

BM's absent: Theodore Cassera, James Kelly, Rishi Raj and Edward Vernick

Others present: Arthur Russo, Executive Director and several members of the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 2, 2000

On a motion by BM Patel, seconded by BM Bogart, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of March 2, 2000 as amended.

March 16, 2000

On a motion by BM Raimondi, seconded by BM Bogart, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of March 16, 2000 as amended.

REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

President Faraldi thanked Robert Bogart for his leadership as Board President 1999-2000.

He noted the following committee assignments for the 2000-2001 year:

Administration Richard Frantz

Education	Richard Frantz (C), Rishi Raj
Examination	Robert Marshall (Co-C), Louis Raimondi (Co-C)
Finance	James Kelly
Joint Committee	Pravin Patel, Louis Raimondi Albert Faraldi (alternate)
Legislation	Edward Vernick
Regulations	Theodore Cassera (C), James Kelly
Contin. Edu. (LS)	Louis Raimondi (C), Albert Faraldi, James Kelly
Legal Case Monitoring	James Kelly
Newsletter	Louis Raimondi (all BMs to help)
Application Revisions/ Design Experience	Robert Bogart (C), Theodore Cassera Pravin Patel
Shop Drawings	Robert Bogart (C), Theodore Cassera, Robert Marshall
Home Inspectors	Pravin Patel (C), Louis Raimondi, James Kelly
Regulations Review Comm.	
Cert. Of Auth. Requirement	Richard Frantz (Co-C), Rishi Raj (Co-C)
Site Plan Rule	James Kelly (C), Robert Bogart, Robert Marshall
Soil Conservation	Robert Bogart
Engineers & Surveyors on public contracts (45:8-41)	Edward Vernick
Annual Meeting (2001)	Pravin Patel
Nominating Comm. (2001)	Richard Frantz (Co-C), Robert Marshall (Co-C)

ANNUAL MEETING 2001

The Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of several meeting sites, including Cape May, for the 2001 Annual Meeting. Emeritus Member Lewis Conley reminded the Board why Cape May was initially chosen as the meeting site and has continued to be the Annual Meeting location over the years. ED Russo explained the state bidding requirements in choosing a facility at which to meet. BM Patel stated that the matters discussed will be considered in choosing the 2001 site location.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislation

A2229 - Permits certain licensed individuals, when advertising, to use their legal names, maiden names or nicknames under certain circumstances.

President Faraldi led the discussion of A2229. On a motion by BM Raimondi, seconded by BM Frantz, the Board unanimously voted that its position on this matter is that only legal names should be used for licensing purposes.

Administration

No report.

Examinations

ED Russo reported that the Anthony Nardone matter was settled. Mr. Nardone, who was inadvertently allowed to sit for the April 2000 Fundamentals of Engineer exam without having submitted a Scheduling Form or paying the exam fee, did take care of both matters within several days of the exam.

ED Russo reported that the April 2000 Fundamental of Engineering exam attendance data was provided to NJIT and the College of New Jersey, information used to qualify seniors for graduation. He further reported that the Board office was maintaining closer liaison with New Jersey engineering schools to comply with NCEES policy of using the FE exam as an assessment tool.

Education

No report.

Regulations

BM Raimondi summarized the "sunsetting" of regulations process, explaining that because of time pressures current regulations will be "proposed" and "adopted" without revisions. The revision process will occur after the adoption process. ED Russo reported that the "proposed" regulations are about to be published in The New Jersey Register.

Special Committee Reports

Finance

President Faraldi commented on the Centralized Licensing renewal status report, dated April 30, 2000, in which the renewal income as of March 31, 2000 totaled \$1,123,205.00 based on 14,641 renewals.

Newsletter

BM Raimondi reported that edition number 2 of the Newsletter is ready for printing.

Revisions to PE Applications/Design Experience

BM Bogart reported that he will contact BM Cassera about completing the revisions.

Shop Drawings

BM Bogart reported that BM Kelly has information to contribute to the complete the study of this subject.

Home Inspection Advisory Committee Regulations

BM Patel had nothing to report on this subject inasmuch as there have been no new developments since the Board's last meeting. The Board is still waiting for the HIAC to complete its rules/regulations. He commented that it was his understanding that the Board of Architects was currently in concurrence with this Board regarding the practice of home inspections by engineers & architects.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Incoming Correspondence

Joe A. Rhoads, PE, NSPE,(3/6/000)

Re: Is Your Construction Experience Creditable for Licensure as a Professional Engineer?

The Board considered NSPE invitation to State Boards to assist in a program to mentor young construction engineers

regarding licensure as professional engineer profession. BM Patel volunteered to attend the Mentoring Group/Licensure Board workshop on July 27, 2000 at the Annual Convention in Norfolk, Va.

Sal Fateen (3/29/00)

Re: Inquiring as to how to obtain a printed seal.

Mr. Fateen raises questions about how to transpose his PE seal onto computerized plans. Uncertain of Mr. Fateen's licensure status, the Board carried this correspondence over to the next Public Session.

Thomas A. Mattioli, PE (4/21/00)

Re: Certificate Award Ceremony April 20, 2000

A letter from newly licensed Thomas A. Mattioli applauding the Certificate Award Ceremony which he attended with his family on April 20, 2000 was noted for the record. All BMs who attended agreed that the affair was very successful. It was suggested that a copy of the letter be included in the next newsletter. Mr. Mattioli's letter was appreciated.

Ira N. Pierce, PE (4/26/00)

Re: Renewal of License - #16872

Mr. Pierce, a New Jersey Professional Engineer, seeking reinstatement of his license after a lapse of more than five years, made a case that he applied for reinstatement in 1999, before the amended Uniform Enforcement Act became effective in January 2000, and, therefore, should be exempt from the requirements of this statute which would require him to retake the Principles and Practices exam.

The Board unanimously voted to approve the application, subject to the approval of Deputy Director Anthony Miragliotta. Mr. Miragliotta had ordered that reinstatement requests for lapses of five or more years be held in abeyance until the matter of implementation of the revised statute to all Board is considered.

General Report

A tribute was paid to Emeritus Board Member Fred Rohn, who recently stepped down from the Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors after 15 years of service as a public member.

After a brief review of Fred Rohn's years of Board service, the ED read to the Board letters addressed to Mr. Rohn commending him not only for his service to this Board, but also for his 8 years of service to the Board of Accountancy where he served twice as Board President. Letters of accommodation were received from Mark Herr, Director Division of Consumer Affairs, Jan Gavzy, former Deputy Director, Division of Consumer Affairs, Alphonso Pisano, President, Board of Accountancy, Theodore Cassera, Board Member, Olga E. Bradford, Deputy Attorney General and the Board office staff.

ED Russo announced that Fred Rohn would be honored that evenings at a dinner which is to be attended by present and past BMs.

ED Russo reported that he had heard from Sam Race, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, from whom the Board had previously received a letter concerning the unlicensed practice of engineering. Mr. Race has been asking for an informal meeting with ED Russo and a Board Member before his inquiry is discussed by the Board.

On a motion by BM Raimondi, seconded by BM Patel, the Board unanimously voted that ED Russo and BM Bogart meet with Mr. Race.

ED Russo reported that he and BM Raimondi would be attending the NCEES Northeast Zone Meeting in North Conway, NH from May 11, 2000 to May 13, 2000. BM Raimondi would also attend the Colonial States Board Meeting which will be held at the same site on May 13, 2000.

Certificate of Authorization Report - March 2000

The Board noted the March 2000 Certificate of Authorization Report for the record.

Applications/Verifications Processed Report - March 2000

The Board noted the March 2000 Applications/Verifications Processed Report for the record.

REPORT OF DAG

Continuing Competency Requirement Violations

Alex Diaschisin, PE, PLS - #8767

Joseph G. Hodak, PE, PLS - #11667

The above matters were tabled until the May 18, 2000 Executive Session meeting.

APPROVAL / DENIAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

The Board reviewed the April 20, 2000 Examination/Comity Applications Report and unanimously voted to approve the 12 exam and 29 comity applications reported and voted to deny the 1 exam and 5 comity applications reported. (List attached)

On a motion by BM Raj, seconded by BM Raimondi, the Board unanimously voted to accept the April 20, 2000 list of approved/denied applications for licensure.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by BM Frantz, seconded by BM Raimondi, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 3:00 pm.

Approved by:

Robert C. Bogart, PE, PLS
President

Arthur Russo
Executive Director

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