

State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

Minutes of October 19, 2000

PUBLIC SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors was called to order by the Board President Albert Faraldi at 9:00 am in the Hudson Conference Room, Sixth Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. All parties were duly notified of the time, date and place, with all pertinent material being 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

BMs present:

Albert Faraldi James Kelly
Robert Marshall Pravin Patel
Louis Raimondi Rishi Raj
Edward Vernick

BMs absent: Robert Bogart, Theodore Cassera and Richard Frantz

Others present: William Mandeville, Program Development Assistant, Joseph Grabowy, Management Assistant, Sadiqa Smith, Recording Secretary, Yolanda Winston, Board Staff and Olga E. Bradford, Deputy Attorney General.

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION, (C/A)

William Mandeville reported that at a previous meeting the C/A committee drafted a letter to New Jersey State Treasurer Roland M. Machold, requesting his assistance in identifying corporations that are not in compliance with N.J.S.A. 45:8-56 which requires those companies offering to provide engineering and/or land surveying services in this State to have a current Certificate of Authorization.

The Board reviewed this draft and on a motion by BM Raimondi, seconded by BM Patel, unanimously voted to approve the draft letter. Upon approval by Deputy Director Miragliotta, this letter will be sent.

APPROVAL/DENIAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

The Board reviewed the October 5, 2000 Examination/Comity Applications Report and voted to approve 3 exam and 21 comity applications, and to deny 1 exam and 2 comity applications. (list attached).

On a motion by BM Vernick, seconded by BM Marshall, the Board unanimously voted to accept the October 5, 2000 list of approved/denied applications for licensure.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislation

A2768 - Designated the "Interior Designers Certification Act" - Assembly Bill A2768 was introduced on September 25, 2000 and referred to the Assembly Consumer Affairs and Regulated Professions Committee.

The Board reviewed the provisions of this bill along with comments from the Board of Architects. It generally agrees with the concerns and position that the Board of Architects has expressed in its writing to the Director of Consumer Affairs. BM Vernick and BM Patel will draft a similar response for the Director's Office. This response will mirror the Architects position in support of this Bill.

On a motion by BM Vernick, seconded by BM Patel, the Board unanimously voted to support the concerns raised by the Board of Architects on A2768.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

General Report

William Mandeville circulated a resolution for signature memorializing former Board President and member Joseph Wiseman, P.E.

Incoming Correspondence

Mark L. Husik, NJSPLS (October 17, 2000)
Re: NJSPLS Annual Conference, 2001

Mr. Husik extended an invitation to the Board to conduct its Public Session meeting at the NJSPLS Annual Conference on February 8, 2001 at Bally's Park Place Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The Board discussed the matter and concluded it would decline the invitation this year. Due to the heavy workload of board staff, the Board is unable to schedule its meeting during the Annual Conference.

Northern Exam Site

William Mandeville reported that the Spa at Great Gorge has changed its name to the Crystal Spring Golf & Spa Resort. This is the location used as the northern examination test site. He also stated that ED Russo has been in contact with the examination administrators, Professional Credentials Services, Inc. about the lighting conditions. They indicated that it will be corrected by the October 2000 examination.

October 27-28, 2000 Exam

Mr. Mandeville reported that 605 candidates are scheduled to take the October 27-28, 2000 engineering and/or land surveying examinations.

Visit by the Professional Engineers Board Singapore

Mr. Mandeville reported that a meeting was held on October 13, 2000 with the Professional Engineers Board Singapore. The meeting was attended by Er. Chua Koon Hoe, Singapore, Er. Ong See Ho, Singapore, Dr. Hsu, Bd. of Architects, ED Russo, Pres. Faraldi, BM Raimondi, William Mandeville, Joseph Grabowy and Ernest Gonzalez.

Certificate Award Ceremony - April 2000 examines

Joseph Grabowy reported that the Certificate Award Ceremony for the April 2000 examinees held on October 5, 2000 at the Holiday Inn Jamesburg, NJ, was a resounding success. The guest speaker for the evening was Dean Dianne Dorland, PhD., of Rowan University's School of Engineering. There were ninety three (89 PE's and 4 L/S's) candidates who successfully passed the April, 2000 examinations. Forty-four licensees were scheduled to attend, with forty two new licensees along with their family and friends in attendance. The banquet room was filled to capacity and the ceremony ran flawlessly. In attendance were BP Faraldi, BM Bogart, BM Frantz, BM Marshall, Jr., BM Patel, BM Raimondi, BM Vernick, ED Russo and Joseph Grabowy.

Website

In an ongoing effort, Joseph Grabowy reported that continued development and programming to the Board's Website remains underway by Francine Widrich and her print production staff members. She expects to fully implement the additional menu items previously requested by the Board shortly. Additional functionality will soon be available to access the: 1) Certificate of Authorization report; 2) Public Session board meeting minutes from January thru April, 2000; 3) Directions to the Newark, NJ office; and 4) the addition of a hyper-link to the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Website.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by BM Patel, seconded by BM Marshall, the Board unanimously voted to move into Executive Session for the purpose of completing the Executive Session agenda.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

In accordance with a motion contained in Executive Session minutes, the Board unanimously voted to return to Public Session for the purpose of completing the Public Session agenda.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Board's annual meeting will be held on May 18, 2001. Various Board members are making the necessary scheduling arrangements for the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by BM Patel, seconded by BM Raimondi, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 pm.

Approved by:

Albert N. Faraldi, PLS
President

William Mandeville
Professional Development Assistant

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