

STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS

Minutes of December 18, 2003

Public Session

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors was called to order by President Edward Vernick 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 Vernick 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 Star Ledger, the Camden Press, and the Courier Post.

ROLL CALL

BMs present:

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

BMs absent: Richard Frantz

Others present:

Arthur Russo, Executive Director, Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General, and staff members Joseph Grabowy, Ernest Gonzalez, Martha Richardson, Robert Welsh, Yolanda Winston, and one public member.

APPEARANCE BY DEVON GRAF, REGULATORY ANALYST TO DISCUSS THE CORNER MARKER WAIVER

The Board reviewed the draft corner marker waiver regulation. After discussion, the Board, on a motion by BM Faraldi, second by BM Raimondi, unanimously approved the draft regulation for publication with removal of the notary public line to be replaced by a witness signature line. Further, there are no limitations on who may sign as a witness.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Joint Committee

No report.

Tropicana Garage Collapse World Trade Center Disaster

BM Patel will continue to collect information related to both incidents.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

General Report

The Board discussed the issue of NCEES electronic applications and the difficulties of printing them internally and the brief format of its reference form. After discussion, the Board decided not to change its current practice of accepting and using the NCEES record booklet.

The Board unanimously voted to reschedule its April 22, 2004 meeting to April 15, 2004 since it conflicts with the NCEES's Northeast Zone meeting.

ED Russo informed the Board that the request for printing the statutes and regulations booklet is being processed. However, he also indicated that Print Production will hold the print request in abeyance until the regulation for professional engineers to be licensed as home inspectors is published, which is anticipated to be on January 20, 2004.

BM Patel submitted a revised sample title block providing for a certificate of authorization number. The revision was accepted by the Board. This format will be included in the statute and regulation booklet to serve as a sample title block format.

The Board, on a motion by BM Raimondi, second by BM Bogart, unanimously voted to accept the following PCS reports: (1) PCS Item Analyses for the October 2003 N.J. State Specific Examination; (2) PCS Guide to Understanding Test Statistics; (3) PCS Test Book and PCS test form. ED Russo informed the Board that the October 23, 2003 examination test scores have been received by PCS. The Board, on a motion by BM Bogart, second by BM Faraldi, unanimously approved the release of the scores by PCS.

ED Russo informed the Board that he had spoken with John Schuring, the Civil Engineering Department Head at NJIT, on the subject of hydro-geology. Mr. Schuring informed ED Russo that the study of hydro-geology is offered at NJIT. The Board believes that hydro-geology is a form of engineering. BM Bogart will draft a letter for Board review to be mailed to the state municipalities. Further, the Board shall request information from the Pennsylvania State Board as to how it regulates the practice of hydro-geologists.

ED Russo suggested that a new sub-committee be formed to review examination statistics and corresponding analyses. After discussing this topic, the Board concluded that the Education Committee consisting of BMs Raimondi and Marshall serve that function.

Incoming Correspondence

Richard W. Stone, PE
RE: Engineering Services
(November 21, 2003)

Mr. Stone requests an interpretation of the use of a professional engineer's seal in connection with reinforcing steel placing drawings.

The Board will advise Mr. Stone that preparing reinforcing steel placing drawings and bending lists does involve

the practice of engineering and, therefore, must be reviewed and/or signed by the design engineer or engineer of record.

Jeffrey Hartke, PE, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer, Township of Morristown
RE: Preparation of roadway reconstruction plans
(November 21, 2003)

Mr. Hartke requested the Board's interpretation of the rules relating to roadway reconstruction plans for public bidding and construction purposes.

The Board will advise Mr. Hartke that this matter is currently under review and an answer shall be provided in the near future.

CORRESPONDENCE TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING:

Incoming Correspondence:

Richard A. Moralle, PE, PLS, Senior Vice President/ T&M Associates
RE: Asbury Park Redevelopment Project - Outbound corner monumentation
(October 7, 2003)

Martin F. Tirella, PLS, Vice-President/ Schoor DePalma
RE: Asbury Park Redevelopment Project - Outbound corner monumentation
(December 3, 2003)

Outgoing Correspondence:

Correspondence carried over until the next Board meeting:

Augustus LaDue
RE: Application #901866

Information

Informational items carried over until the next Board meeting:

- i. Nominations for the 2004 NCEES National Awards
- ii. Lesley L. Rosier, PE, Executive Director of the West Virginia State Board of Registration

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Board unanimously approved the following continuing education courses:

Sponsor Name	Course Title	Credit Hours
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Technology for Surveying	16
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Site Design from PLS Perspective	8
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Basic Geodimeter Training	8

New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Tidelands	4
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Situational Ethics for Surveyorsv	4
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Real-World Experience with GIS	4
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Fundamentals of NSRS	4
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Rainmakers of Survey Profession	4
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Early Surveying Techniques	4
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Planning & Zoning	4
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Wetlands Regulatory Process	4
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Cooperative & National CORS Network	4
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Administrative Code	4
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Jeopardy	4
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	To Accept or Not to Accept	8
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Intro to Least Squares	8
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Advanced Survey 2004	8
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Surveyor as a Witness	8
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	TOPCON-Modern Technology	8
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Map Filing Law Revisions	2
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	GEOMOS	4
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	How to Prepare a Winning Proposal	2
New Jersey Society of Professional		

Land Surveyors	Marketing Plans for Surveyors	4
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	NFIP Actions	4
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Boundary Control & Legal Principles	8
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Trimble Geomatics Office Software	8
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Autodesk Map 2004 & ESRI ArcView	8
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Robotic/ Reflector-less	8
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Question Writing Workshop	6
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Charm School for Surveyors	4
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Live from NJ, it's GPS Control	4
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Safety in the Surveyor's Work Place	4
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Dendrology for Dummies	4
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Boundary Survey Responsibilities	4
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Forming a Solid Foundation	4
New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors	Forensic Surveying	4
Garden State Land Surveyors Alliance, Inc.	Land Surveys & Improvements to Real Property	2
Garden State Land Surveyors Alliance, Inc.	Underground Utilities and the New Jersey Professional Land Surveyor	2
Lorman Business Center, Inc.	Boundary Law Issues	7
Lorman Business Center, Inc.	Law of Easements	7
Lorman Business Center, Inc.	Zoning & Land Use	7
Tripod Data Systems: A Trimble Company	TDS-Recon-Survey Pro	16

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

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

NAME	APP #	APPROVED FOR	NAME	APP #	APPROVED FOR
S. BUDZYN	954370	GRANT	G. MERCER	920249	GRANT
D. JONES	960517	GRANT	B. SIVAKUMAR	951043	GRANT
G. NOVOTNY	980872	GRANT	E. CHUANG	953161	GRANT
D. SMITHMAN	970466	GRANT	J. CHANDLER	971724	GRANT
R. KLUZAK	963447	GRANT	J. CALDWELL	961739	GRANT
R. BONAPARTE	953042	GRANT	L. PADGETT	933229	GRANT
B. CONLON	967954	GRANT	W. BECKER	976744	TAKE F
R. SHENOY	951380	GRANT	K. ABT	972587	TAKE F
Y. LI	970470	GRANT	E. DIOMIS	979347	TAKE F
T. DANCSECS	953057	GRANT	S. ILEA	954423	TAKE F
M. SIDDIQUI	963344	GRANT	C. TETER	979385	TAKE F
C. TRICE	959431	GRANT	B. OLABISI	977606	TAKE F
P. OTTAVIO	923992	GRANT	J. VARELA	945468	TAKE F
M. INNOCENZI	976580	GRANT	W. KLICH	945632	TAKE F
W. DELOACHE	972503	GRANT	N. SOUSA	970491	TAKE F
D. CUNNINGHAM	969381	GRANT	S. UMHOLTZ	945745	TAKE F
J. WATSON	925373	GRANT	A. AHMED	970817	TAKE F
J. WILLIAMS	974404	GRANT	K. BANIC	964236	TAKE F
T. SASS	949344	GRANT	M. PAPPALARDO	953799	TAKE F
A. YATES	964135	GRANT	A. LYSIAK	947479	TAKE F&P
M. HEMINGWAY	959426	GRANT	R. CHIRUMBOLO	947400	TAKE F&P
R. GRILLEY	964151	GRANT	M. BORRERO	960861	TAKE P

The Board, on a motion by BM Valenti, second by BM Bogart, unanimously voted to deny the following applications:

NAME	APP #	REASON	NAME	APP #	REASON

S. CHOKHAVATIA	934256	Reference	G. LANGER	949644	Experience
S. VALERO	961942	Reference	J. STADNICAR	970818	Experience
B. COLBURN	970364	Experience	T. YEUN	976137	Experience
M. GHANNADI	52344	Reference	C. JIJINA	980490	Reference
L. PHILLIPS	933295	Reference	J. JUR	951396	Experience
S. WILSON	965626	Experience	G. BAKER	962073	Reference
S. BLICK	50197	Experience	R. DOMEY	953580	Reference
M. MARCHESE	964137	Experience	R. LUTZ	970451	Experience
J. HELWIG	956742	Experience	R. MENDT	960519	Experience
M. GALLAGHER	970304	Experience	-	-	-

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by BM Raimondi, second by BM Patel, the Board voted unanimously to move to Executive Session to complete the agenda.

RETURN TO PUBLIC

On a motion contained in the Executive Session minutes, the Board unanimously voted to return to Public Session.

PROVISIONAL ORDERS OF DISCIPLINE TO BE FINALIZED WITHOUT AMENDMENT:

The Board unanimously voted to issue Final Orders of Discipline to the following:

- * Laurie E. Becht, PE
- * Joseph Mercadante, PE

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by BM Bogart, second by BM Faraldi, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 12:00 p.m.

Approved by:

Edward Vernick, PE
President

Arthur Russo
Executive Director

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