

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & ECONOMIC GROWTH
BUREAU OF COMMERCIAL SERVICES – LICENSING DIVISION
2501 Woodlake Circle, Okemos, Michigan 48864-5955**

Professional Surveyors

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2007

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Board of Professional Surveyors met in regular session on September 26, 2007, at the Department of Labor & Economic Growth, Bureau of Commercial Services, 2501 Woodlake Circle, Room 1, Okemos, Michigan. The business meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Carl Shangraw at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:	* Regine Beauboeuf	Member
	Catherine DeDecker	Member
	Karol Grove	Member
	William Karr	Vice Chairperson
	Ronnie Lester	Member
	Carl Shangraw	Chairperson
	Robert Stanford	Member
Absent:	Carolyn Charters	Member
	Daniel Redstone	Member
Staff:	Jean Boven	Licensing Director
	Michael Pillow	Assistant Licensing Administrator
	Jackie Jernigan	Secretary to the Licensing Administrator
	Amy Shell	Policy Specialist
	Foye Longworth	Testing Services
	Archie Millben	Director of Enforcement

*Arrived at 9:18 a.m.

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM AGENDA

Ms. Jernigan asked that Exam Report (Foye Longworth) be added under Staff Report under 6.b.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD JUNE 6, 2007

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Karr and supported by Mr. Lester that the meeting minutes from June 6, 2007 be approved as written. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

NCEES Annual Meeting of August 22-25, 2007 in Philadelphia, PA

Carl Shangraw and Gloria Keene, Licensing Administrator provided a report concerning their attendance at the NCEES Annual Meeting. They advised the meeting was very productive and informative. The following is a synopsis of the topics that were discussed at the meeting.

- W. Gene Corley, Ph.D., P.E., S.E. from Skokie, Illinois and President-Elect from the Central Zone was installed as NCEES President for 2008.
- Jerry Carter was installed as the new NCEES Executive Director.
- The NCEES budget for fiscal year 2006-2207 reflected an increase in the number of candidates taking the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) Examination and a slight decrease in candidates taking the Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) Examination. There was an increase in candidates taking the Land Surveying and Principles of Land Surveying Examination.
- The bachelor's plus 30 requirement, which will go into effect in 2015, was a hot topic of discussion at the Annual Meeting. Delegates voted on a motion that proposed removing the bachelor's plus 30 requirement from the NCEES Model Law. After a lengthy discussion, the motion was rejected. The consensus of the Council was to continue moving forward with the additional education requirement. The criteria for satisfying the requirements will be a future committee charge.

- In an effort to discourage copying and collusion, the Council passed a motion that called for printing three versions (or scrambling) of the morning portions of the Civil, Electrical and Mechanical PE exams. The changes to the Civil PE exam will occur in October 2009. The changes to the FE and PE Electrical and Mechanical exams will be implemented in 2010.
- Due to the decline of engineering coursework required by ABET for an accredited Bachelor of Science degree, the Council passed a resolution to urge ABET to institute a minimum number of credits required to graduate with a B.S. in engineering degree.
- Ms. Keene has been selected by NCEES to serve on the 2007-2008 Computer-Based Testing (CBT) Task Force. The committee will study CBT to determine if issues previously raised have now been addressed such that NCEES should pursue this method of exam administration in the near future. Ms. Keene also advised that she is continuing her second term as Zone Representative for the Central Zone Meeting which will include attending the NCEES Board of Director's meetings in 2008.
- The Joint Meeting with Central/Western Zone will be held May 15-17, 2008 in Bismarck, North Dakota.
- 2008 NCEES Annual Meeting will be held August 13-16, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Rule Changes

The Board discussed a draft of rule changes Bill Karr presented to the Board members.

Amy Shell, Policy Specialist, advised that she will put together a request for rule making. Mr. Karr will work on a comprehensive list for rule changes by the next scheduled board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Continuing Professional Competency

The Board reviewed the Continuing Professional Competency Guidelines manual that was prepared by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES). The manual was prepared as a guideline for the jurisdictions and territories that have or are planning to have continuing

professional competency (CPC) requirements for relicensing. The Board also discussed NCEES Model Rules on continuing professional competency. Upon discussion, the Board agreed to adopt the NCEES Model Rules on continuing professional competency.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Shangraw and supported by Mr. Lester that the Board adopt the NCEES Model Rules on continuing professional competency. A copy of the Model Rules will be submitted to the Engineer's and Architect's Board members for their review and acceptance. Ms. Beauboeuf abstained in order to share the Board's position with Professional Engineer's Board at their meeting the following day. The motion carried.

Ms. Shell advised that Tom Martin, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, is also working on a plan for implementing continuing professional competency for the Design Boards.

**Correspondence from Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors (MSPS)
Re: The Locating Company, Rochester, Minnesota**

Mr. Lester advised that there is a company from Minnesota that is advertising they can locate property boundaries for the public without using a licensed surveyor. Further, the Board members discussed the letter written by the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors expressing their opposition to the Locating Company's service and requesting that the Board take appropriate action.

Board Meeting Schedule for 2008

The Board members were presented with the 2008 meeting schedule.

January 9, 2008	9:00 a.m.	Conference Room 1
April 16, 2008	9:00 a.m.	Conference Room 1
June 4, 2008	9:00 a.m.	Conference Room 1
September 24, 2008	9:00 a.m.	Conference Room 1

It was moved by Mr. Karr and supported by Ms. Grove to approve the 2008 Meeting Schedule as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORT

Legislative Update

Amy Shell, Policy Specialist, provided Board members with a Legislative Summary handout. House Bill 4842, that removes the sunsets on license fees under the Occupational Code, has moved thru the House and is in the Senate. House Bill 4937 amends the Occupational Code and increases penalties for unlicensed activity for the design boards. Ms. Shell reports that this bill has been referred to Committee and has not moved as yet.

Exam Report

Foye Longworth, Testing Services, reports that seventeen people have taken the Michigan Part IIB Examination since the involvement of PSI. He reports that the new examinations are computer based but that they are the same examinations as before.

Ms. Boven was interested in statistics that shows how many times a candidate who fails the test the first time will have to retake the test before they pass. Mr. Longworth will review the historical records from 2002 on, and report to the Board on his findings.

Mr. Longworth reported that the Exam Review Committee has reviewed the 125 job analysis surveys that have been received from licensees in the industry. The next Exam Review Committee Meeting will be held on October 22nd thru 23rd in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Professional Surveyors will be held January 9, 2008.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Carl Shangraw, Chairperson

Date

Jackie Jernigan, Recording Secretary

Date