

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
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 ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYORS LICENSING BOARD

MINUTES: Illinois Land Surveyors Licensing Board
 DATE: June 11, 2010
 TIME: 9:38 AM
 LOCATION: IDFPR Springfield Office, Room 258

Board Members Present: G. Thomas Green, Chairman
 Lee R. Koehler, Vice-Chairman
 Donald Bullard, Member
 Benjamin W. Fisher, Member
 Joseph Stutz, Member
 Richard Wavering, Member

Board Members Absent: None

The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

Guests Present: Duane Weiss, past Board Member

Staff Present: M. David Brim, Board Liaison

Topic	Discussion	Action
Opening		Meeting was called to order at 9:38 am.
I.) Announcements/ Correspondence	The following was requested to be added to the Agenda under New Business: NCEES ID and NCEES Zone Meeting	
II.) Approval of Minutes	The Open Minutes of the October 21, 2009 meeting were reviewed and discussed. The Open Minutes of the February 16, 2010 meeting were reviewed and discussed.	Motion was made, seconded (Koehler/Wavering) and passed to approve the October 29, 2009 Minutes as written. Motion was made, seconded (Koehler/Bullard) and passed to approve the February 16, 2010 Minutes as written.
III.) Closed Session: A. Review of Closed Minutes B. Application Review		
Motion to go into Closed Session	Roll Call: Donald Bullard Ken Fisher Joseph Stutz G. Thomas Green Lee Koehler Richard Wavering	Motion was made, seconded (Stutz/Koehler) and passed to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2c of the Open Meetings Act at 10:40 am.

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<p>Motion to go into Open Session</p>	<p>A. Review of Closed Minutes The Board reviewed the Closed Minutes of October 21, 2009 Motion was made, seconded (Bullard/Wavering) and passed to approve the Closed Minutes of the October 21, 2009 meeting as written.</p> <p>The Board reviewed the Closed Minutes of February 16, 2010 Motion was made, seconded (Fisher/Koehler) and passed to approve the Closed Minutes of the February 16, 2010 meeting as written.</p> <p>B. Application Review The Board reviewed 30 applications pursuant to Sections 1270.5, 1270.10 and 1270.30 of the Rules for the Administration of the Illinois Professional Land Surveyor Act of 1989.</p>	<p>Motion was made, seconded (Stutz/Fisher) and passed to go into Open Session at 11:52 am</p> <p>Motion was made, seconded (Stutz/Fisher) and passed to accept the recommendations made in closed session</p>
<p>IV.) Old Business A. Reports from Chairs of Subcommittees</p> <p>1. Education & Continuing Education</p> <p>2. Complaint Review Committee/Subcommittee</p>	<p>A. Reports from Chairs of Subcommittees:</p> <p>1. Education and Continuing Education: No report.</p> <p>2. Complaint Review Committee/Subcommittee:</p> <p>Ben Fisher provided the report for the March 11, 2010 meeting:</p> <p>3 PLS cases – 1 closed, 2 referred to Prosecutions.</p> <p>In Prosecutions: Architect – 15 PLS – 4 PE – 12 SE – 9 PDF – 10 Total of 50 cases in Prosecutions.</p> <p>Lee Kohler provided a report for the April 14 meeting:</p>	<p>Motion was made, seconded (Bullard/Koehler) and passed to take “Education and Continuing Education” off future agendas.</p>

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	<p>The Complaint Review Committee met in Chicago on April 14, 2010. The Land Surveyors were represented by G. Thomas Green and Lee R. Koehler.</p> <p>We reviewed one old case and it was dismissed. We reviewed four new cases, closed two cases and sent for further investigation the two other cases.</p> <p>The cases currently under investigation on April 14, 2010 were as follows:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Architect:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">62</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Professional Engineer</td> <td style="text-align: right;">21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Professional Land Surveyor</td> <td style="text-align: right;">29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Structural Engineer</td> <td style="text-align: right;">09</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Design Professionals</td> <td style="text-align: right;">47</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">168</td> </tr> </table> <p>End of report.</p> <p>Mr. Fisher provided the report for the May 12, 2010 meeting: 3 cases reviewed – all referred to Investigations. In Investigations: Architect – 64 PE – 25 PLS – 28 SE – 10 PDF – 47</p> <p>In Prosecutions: Architect – 20 PE – 12 PLS – 4 SE – 9 PDF – 19 Total – 58</p> <p>There was one informal conference in May – the PE Board asked the LS to sit in.</p> <p>Mr. Wavering reported on the June 10, 2010 meeting: 2 cases reviewed – both referred to Investigations.</p> <p>In Investigations: Architect – 65 PE – 25 PLS – 29 SE – 10 PDF – 47</p> <p>In Prosecutions: Architect – 23 PE – 11 PLS – 4 SE – 5 PDF – 19</p>	Architect:	62	Professional Engineer	21	Professional Land Surveyor	29	Structural Engineer	09	Design Professionals	47	Total	168	
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<p>3. Land Surveyors Act and Rules Committee</p>	<p>G. Thomas Green has an informal conference scheduled for Chicago next week.</p> <p>3. Land Surveyors Act and Rules Committee Richard Wavering – The IPLSA may have seen the light and is moving to go back to the 4 year BS degree requirement for both the LSIT and PLS.</p> <p>G. Thomas Green asked if any more had been heard regarding the Cemetery Act. No additional information had reached the Board. This would be an additional standard if the Board wishes to make the standard.</p> <p>M. David Brim asked if there was any input on the proposed Rules. He suggested that there be a minimum age requirement, and suggested that the Board submit additions or corrections from what he had proposed last year. There was a discussion about making the minimum age 18, but no consensus was reached. Mr. Brim suggested that this be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	
<p>V.) New Business 1. NCEES ID</p> <p>2. NCEES Zone Meeting</p>	<p>1. NCEES ID M. David Brim notified the Board that as of the October exam, NCEES requires that the applicant register with ELSEES in order to receive the NCEES ID before the applicant can register with CTS for the exam. This may cause problems as it appears that many applicants cannot follow instructions, and the instructions will be on the NCEES and CTS websites. This is now required for all applicants who will take the NCEES exams; PE, PLS and SE as well as the respective Interns.</p> <p>2. NCEES Zone Meeting G. Thomas Green reported on the Zone meeting, and provided a two-page write-up.</p>	<p>Motion was made, seconded (Bullard/Stutz) and passed to include G. Thomas Green’s report as attachment #1 to the Board Minutes.</p>
<p>VI.) Signatures A. Action Sheets B. Travel Vouchers</p>		<p>The Board signed Action Sheets: 10-1436 through 10-1465</p>
<p>VII.) Adjournment</p>		<p>Motion was made, seconded (Stutz/Bullard) and passed to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:53 pm.</p>

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Attachment # 1 for June 11, 2010 Professional Land Surveyor Meeting Minutes

2010 NCEES Joint Central/Western Zone Interim Meeting Report

I attended the meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah held May 13, 14 and 15, 2010. The meeting was well attended and this was the first Zone Meeting in recent memory at which all member boards were represented. The following were the major points of discussion at the meeting:

- **Computer Based Testing.** (CBT) This seemed to be the main topic of discussion at this meeting. It will be put to an “up or down” vote at the Annual Meeting in August. CBT will only be used for the FE and FS exams and not for the PS for a number of reasons. If it is voted “up” at the August meeting legislative model laws will be developed and the test would be implemented in 2 to 3 years. There would be one vendor responsible for giving the test and it would be available for taking at a number of sites and could be administered one of two ways, either continuously or during testing “windows” of opportunity. These sites would be professional testing centers that are already giving CBT to a number of licensed professions. The cost to the candidate to take the test would double or triple. No two candidates would take the same test but each test would be “balanced” equally. Vendors would be responsible for security costs (NCEES currently keeps \$6.2 M. in reserve in case the security of a test is compromised). Attached is a graph depicting the FS and PS Exam Usage. Note the drop-off in exam candidates since 2007-08. Perhaps a similar graph can be developed for our Board’s review.
- **Professional Surveyor or Professional Land Surveyor.** There may be a motion at the Annual Meeting to remove the word “Land” from the NCEES by-laws wherever “Professional Land Surveyor” is mentioned and substitute
 - “P.S” for “P.L.S.”. This did not have much, if any, support in the LS Forum.
- **Open Book Testing.** It seems that NCEES will be moving away from open book testing with the limit for the October 2012 test being 5 reference books and the October 2014 test being closed book.
- **Education.** Junior College courses for land surveying are better attended these days than in the past. Most thought that this was because of the current economic conditions. While many states are going to a 4 year degree requirement for licensure 4 year university course offerings are dwindling.
- **Future Zone Meeting Dates.** The tentative dates are Central Zone, Detroit, Michigan, May 5, 6 and 7, 2011; Central/Western Zone, Jackson Hole, Wyoming, May 17, 18, 19 and 20, 2012 and Central/Southern Zone, Biloxi, Mississippi, April 4, 5, 6 and 7 2013.

Respectfully submitted May 18, 2010,

G. Thomas Green

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FS and PS Exam Usage vs. Budget

