

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
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 ILLINOIS STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING BOARD MINUTES

Minutes: Structural Engineering Board
 Date: October 14, 2009
 Time: Start: 12:57 PM
 Location: Chicago Office, Room 9-171C

Board Members Present: John Harms, Chair
 Benjamin R. Baer, Vice-Chair
 W. Gene Corley, Member
 Nancy Gavlin, Member
 David Greifzu, Member

Board Members Absent: None

The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

Guests Present: None

Staff Present: M. David Brim, Design Licensing Manager

Topic	Discussion	Action
I. Announcements, Correspondence	<p>Nancy Gavlin expressed concern about the Professional Engineers not accepting structural experience in Illinois for licensure as a PE.</p> <p>M. David Brim stated that the PE Administrative Rules will be required to be changed in order to meet the new requirements of the Act. He will attempt to have the experience issue addressed at that time.</p> <p>M. David Brim shared the ASCE Task Force white paper with the Board, supporting the BS+30 or Masters or Equivalent (MOE) proposed by the NCEES. W. Gene Corley made the comment that the SE Act could easily be made to require a Master degree. The unofficial review of the Board of applicants in the last few meetings showed almost 70% of those who applied for structural license had a MS degree or higher.</p> <p>W. Gene Corley: Georgia originally had structural licensing until the NCEES exams. With the new 16-hour Structural exam, they are considering requiring a separate structural license.</p> <p>M. David Brim notified the Board that Duane Weiss and David Phillippe of the Land Surveyor's Board had been replaced by Lee Koehler and Ken Fisher.</p>	Meeting called to order at 12:57 pm.

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	<p>Zone Awards: The Board discussed possibilities of nominations for both Zone and national awards. David Schmidt was one candidate.</p> <p>The Board notified M. David Brim that NCEES should be contacted regarding Narbey Khachaturian. His name should be removed from Emeritus status based on having passed away last year.</p> <p>Model Law Structural is out for the second vote as a new ANSI Standard. The definition of Structural is very close to the Illinois definition, thanks to Nancy Gavlin.</p>	
<p>II. Closed Session A. Application Review B. Review of Closed Minutes June 9-10, 2009</p>		
<p>Closed Session</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Roll Call: John Harms Benjamin Baer W. Gene Corley David Greifzu Nancy Gavlin</p>	<p>Motion was made, seconded (Corley/Baer) and passed to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2 (c) of the Open Meetings Act at 2:12 pm.</p>
<p>II. Closed Session A. Application Review</p> <p>B. Review of Closed Minutes</p>	<p>A. Application Review The Board reviewed and made recommendations for 23 applicants for licensure by examination, restoration, and endorsement.</p> <p>B. Review of Closed Minutes.</p> <p>The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the June 9-10, 2009 meeting.</p> <p>Motion was made, seconded (Baer/Gavlin) and passed to accept the closed minutes of the June 9-10, 2009 meeting.</p> <p>The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the August 25, 2009 meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Corley/Gavlin) and passed to not approve the minutes until they had been rewritten.</p> <p>M. David Brim stated that he would submit the corrected minutes at the next meeting.</p>	
<p>Open Session</p>		<p>Motion was made, seconded</p>

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		<p>(Baer/Corley) and passed to go into Open Session at 2:17 pm.</p> <p>Motion was made, seconded (Corley/Baer) and passed to accept the recommendations made in closed Session.</p>
<p>III. Approval of Minutes June 9-10, 2009</p> <p>August 25, 2009</p>	<p>III. Approval of Minutes June 9-10, 2009</p> <p>The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 9-10, 2009 meeting.</p> <p>Motion was made, seconded (Corley/Gavlin) and passed to accept the minutes of the June 9-10, 2009 meeting.</p> <p>August 25, 2009</p> <p>The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the August 25, 2009 meeting.</p> <p>Motion was made, seconded (Corley/Gavlin) and passed to not approve the minutes until they had been rewritten.</p> <p>M. David Brim stated that he would submit the corrected minutes at the next meeting.</p>	
<p>IV. Complaint Review Committee/Subcommittee report.</p>	<p>Complaint Review Committee/Subcommittee report.</p> <p>Benjamin Baer reported on the September 23, 2009 meeting:</p> <p>In Investigations: Architects: 60 Professional Engineers: 21 Land Surveyors: 10 Structural Engineers: 10 Design Firms: 30 Total of 44 cases in Investigations.</p> <p>In Prosecutions there were: Architects: 8 Professional Engineers: 11 Land Surveyors: 4 Structural Engineers: 7 Design Firms: 14 Total of 44. 11 or 12 of the cases were closed on September 23, 2009. Only 2 or 3 of the remaining cases were</p>	

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	<p>older than 2007.</p> <p>The Structural Engineers closed 2 cases through informal conferences, 1 case for lack of information and one with a notice of unlicensed practice.</p> <p>Benjamin Baer had talked to the CRC about the Manual for Code Enforcement Officials and Design Professionals. He suggested that each Board have a representative meet at the next Complaint Review Committee meeting to review the Manual for revisions. The October meeting had been cancelled and the next scheduled meeting of the CRC is November 19, 2009 in Springfield.</p>	
<p>V. Old Business</p> <p>A. Design Code Manual</p> <p>B. Administrative Rules Status</p> <p>C. Structural Act Status</p>	<p>A. Design Code Manual Ben Baer – will meet at the next CRC meeting with members of the other Boards to review. W. Gene Corley stated that Tennessee has a new Code Manual.</p> <p>B. Administrative Rules Status M. David Brim stated that the proposed changes to the Administrative Rules had been published in the September 25, 2009 edition of the Illinois Register, pages 13179 on. This is the first 45 day review period. Should there be any correspondence regarding the proposed changes in the Rules, that correspondence should be submitted to the Board at the December meeting for review and response.</p> <p>C. Structural Act Status Benjamin Baer asked if the sections of the Act that still state that they sunset on January 1, 2010 would disappear. M. David Brim stated that he had asked the Department that question and had been assured that the problem in the wording would be addressed. M. David Brim reminded the Board that the change in the Act now has a minimum quorum of 4 for any meeting. John Harms stated that he was in the process of submitting a letter to Ms. O’Connor of the SEAIOI requesting that she submit more names to the Department to fill the vacancies on the Board.</p>	
<p>VI. New Business A. NCEES Committee</p>	<p>A. NCEES Committee updates</p>	

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<p>updates</p>	<p>Nancy Gavlin reported that there was an EPE meeting in September. There were 8 charges that the EPE committee had been given. She was charged to investigate allowing people from non-accredited schools to take the Fundamentals of Engineering exam – some schools wanted to use it as an assessment tool. The committee recommended not doing that as it would confuse the licensing process and would be a misuse of the exam. It is up to each state to determine who is eligible to take the exam (Michigan allows attorneys to take the FE specifically to become patent attorneys; other states allow graduates from technology schools to sit for the exam). NCEES felt that there should be NCEES policy regarding the issue. All the other charges were tabled to the February meeting.</p>	
<p>VII. Signatures A. Action Sheets B. Travel Vouchers</p>		<p>The Board signed action sheets: 09-3141 through 09-3163</p>
<p>VIII. Adjournment</p>		<p>Motion was made, seconded (Gavlin/Greifzu) and passed to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:59 pm.</p>