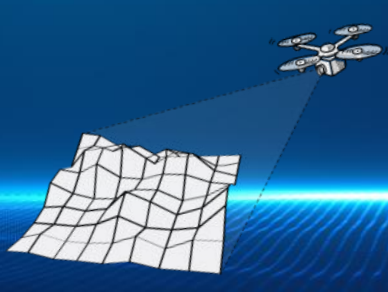


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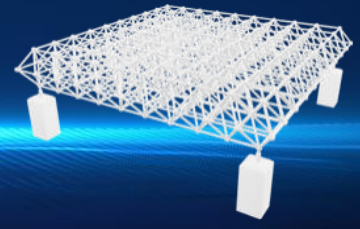
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DESIGN UNIT OVERVIEW

The Design Unit of the Division of Professional Regulation is responsible for maintaining the public health, safety, and welfare for the design professions regulated by the Division. Each Profession is governed by its respective Act that merits the confidence of the public, and that only qualified persons shall be authorized to engage in the practice of that profession in the State of Illinois.

The Design Unit oversees the licensure and registration for the following professions:

- Architecture
- Interior Design
- Professional Land Surveying
- Professional Engineering
- Structural Engineering
- Professional Design Firm

NEW BOARD CHAIRS ELECTED FOR 2021

Pursuant to the relevant Illinois Statute for their respective profession, each Board is required to elect a Board Chair annually. This individual will generally preside over each meeting for the respective Board and may be tasked by the Design Licensing Manager to provide a "first glance" of items prior to involving the full Board to determine its relevance.

- At the scheduled November 13, 2020 Board Meeting, the Architect Board re-elected **Ms. Dina Griffin** as Chair for the 2021 calendar year.
- At the scheduled November 18, 2020 Board meeting, the Structural Engineer Board elected **Mr. Chad Hodel** as the Chair of the Board for the 2021 calendar year.
- At the scheduled November 19, 2020 Board meeting, the Professional Engineer Board elected Mr. **L. Duane Yockey** as the Chair of the Board for the 2021 calendar year.
- At the scheduled November 20, 2020 Board Meeting, the Professional Land Surveyor Board re-elected **Mr. James Abbitt** as Chair for the 2021 calendar year.

Please let us know how we can serve you better by emailing your comments and suggestions to us at: fpr.prfgroup02@illinois.gov

Sincerely,

Kyle Lazell

Design Licensing Manager // Board Liaison

UPDATED APPLICATIONS AND FORMS

In our continuing effort to provide the most relevant and user friendly documents used by candidates, we have listened to feedback and as a result, updated all paper application forms and instructions. The updated instructions will be available for use on the Department website within the next few weeks.

The application instructions for each profession have each been updated to provide the current requirements upfront and includes all necessary information to apply for exam approval or to be licensed. Our goal was to eliminate routinely received issues and questions on how to proceed.

Each packet now also has an application checklist for the candidate to complete and mail in with their application and for the PE and SE professions, there is a space on the checklist to specify if they are requesting that we use their applicable post-graduate degree for experience credit.

We are thankful for the input received and hope the changes will assist those who use them.

MONTHLY ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS TAKEN

Information regarding disciplinary actions taken by IDFPR against unlicensed individuals and licensed professionals and businesses are public record and available on our website. Many of these actions are the final outcome of what began as a complaint submitted to the Department.

Recent Enforcement Reports are available below:

[July 2020](#)

[August 2020](#)

[September 2020](#)

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

We invite the public to attend the open session of our Board Meetings to gain a better understanding of what current topics and issues are prevalent in the respective professions as well as how the Board is working toward ensuring the Health, Safety and welfare of the public are being protected.

Note: As unforeseen issues may occur, always check the Department website to ensure that the Board is meeting and at what location.

JANUARY

Architect Board, 1/15/2021 (WEBEX)

Structural Engineering Board, 1/20/2021 (WEBEX)

Professional Engineering Board, 1/21/2021 (WEBEX)

Professional Land Surveyor Board, 1/22/2021 (WEBEX)

MARCH

Architect Board, 3/19/2021 (WEBEX)

Structural Engineering Board, 3/23/2021 (WEBEX)

Professional Engineering Board, 3/24/2021 (WEBEX)

Professional Land Surveyor Board, 3/25/2021 (WEBEX)

REMINDER

The Professional Design Firm registration is due to renew on April 30, 2021.

The email address of record for all ACTIVE design firms will receive a courtesy renewal reminder sometime in February.

Frequently Asked Questions:

To assist potential applicants for examinations and/or licensure, the Department created an F.A.Q. document for each design profession to address the most common questions the Department receives.

Architect: click [here](#)

Land Surveyor: click [here](#)

Prof. Engineer: click [here](#)

Str. Engineer: click [here](#)

CE/PDH CREDIT

Reading this newsletter provides credit toward your Illinois Design Profession license renewal requirement of Illinois state statutes, rules, professional conduct and ethics.

This shall serve notice and certify that the person named below has earned .25 CE/PDH by reading and comprehending this issue of the DesignTimes, Illinois DPR quarterly newsletter.

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