State Board of Professional Engineers

Date: November 14, 2019
Convened: 10:02 am
Adjourned: 12:55 pm
Location: Springfield Office

Members Present: James P. Schlichting, Chair
L. Duane Yockey, Vice-Chair
Brian Berg Jr, Member
Kevin Burke III, Member
Christy Crites, Member
Gale Jamison, Member
John M. Whitt, Member

Member(s) Absent: Philip Kunz, Public Member
Sean Middleton, Member
Richard M. Ray, Member

Staff Present: Kyle Lazell, Design Licensing Manager
Chau Nguyen, IDFPR General Counsel
Bridget Butterick, IDFPR staff

Guests Present: Ryan Roth, ISPE

Open Session:

I. Announcements, Correspondence, Guest comments

The Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am.
The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

Mr. Schlichting thanked everyone for attending and asked if there were any announcements to share.

Mr. Lazell introduced his new employee, Ms. Butterick to the Board.

II. Review of Open Minutes

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the September 24, 2019 meeting.

Motion was made, seconded (Jamison/Yockey) and passed to accept the open minutes of the meeting as written.

III. Old Business

A. Act/Rules Update

Mr. Nguyen shared that the Landscape Architect bill for re-authorization was not renewed and the current statute is set to be sunset on January 1, 2020.
IV. Report from Subcommittees

A. Complaint Review Committee/Subcommittee Reports

Ms. Crites reported from the November 7, 2019 meeting.

Complaint Statistics based on recommendations from the September 11, 2019 meeting:

Architect: Opened 7, Closed 7, Referred 4
PE: Opened 7 Closed 10, Referred 3
LS: Opened 3, Closed 2, Referred 0
SE: Opened 4, Closed 4, Referred 4
PDF: Opened 0, Closed 0, Referred 0

Complaints currently under investigation:
Architect – 34
PE – 45
LS – 13
SE - 14
PDF – 0

Cases currently being prosecuted:
Architect – 5
PE – 17
LS – 9
SE – 2
PDF – 11

Mr. Lazell shared that the Structural Engineer Board voted to elect Salvatore Di Bernardo as the Vice-Chair for the Complaint Review Committee for 2020.

B. Education subcommittee – review of NCEES Education Standard

Mr. Whitt stated that the proposed draft for educational course requirements for Section 1380.220 is very similar to that of the NCEES Education Standard. He did comment that there were a few minor discrepancies between the two, however the overall content is similar and he would not have a problem adopting the use of the NCEES Education Standard.

Mr. Lazell shared that if the Department were to accept the use of the NCEES Standard as the alternate education requirement for all applicants whose BS degree was not gained from a U.S. EAC/ABET degree (Section 1380.220), the Board would no longer be required to review education for any applicant.

All applicants would be required to either have a degree from an approved program or meet the NCEES Educational Standard requirement to be approved to sit for examinations or to be licensed as a Professional Engineer in Illinois.
He further stated that this idea, if accepted, would not be implemented for several years due to logistical and legislative issues.

Mr. Jamison said that he would like to discuss this further as the Illinois PE Board classifies certain courses differently from what the Education Standard does, and he is concerned with the differences and what that may mean for future PEs.

V. New Business

A. Election of Officers

Mr. Lazell shared the Board officer term and duty requirements.

Call for nominations for Board Chair. Mr. Whitt nominated Mr. Schlichting to be re-appointed for Chair. Mr. Schlichting accepted the nomination. Motion was made, seconded (Burke/Yockey) to close the nominations for Chair.

Mr. Schlichting was re-elected as Board Chair for 2020.

Call for nominations for Board Vice-Chair. Mr. Berg nominated Mr. Yockey to be re-appointed for Vice-Chair. Mr. Yockey accepted the nomination. Motion was made, seconded (Whitt/Burke) to close the nominations for Vice-Chair.

Mr. Yockey was re-elected as Board Vice-Chair for 2020.

Motion to go into Closed Session:

VI. Closed Session:

Motion was made, seconded (Jamison/Berg) and passed to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2C (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 10:53 am.

Roll Call:
The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

A. Review of Closed Minutes
The Board reviewed the closed minutes of the September 24, 2019 meeting.

B. Application Review
The Board reviewed and made recommendations for 15 applications.
Motion to go into Open Session: Motion was made, seconded (Berg/Yockey) and passed to go into Open Session at 12:03 pm.

Recommendations: Motion was made, seconded (Berg/Jamison) and passed to accept the recommendations made in Closed Session.

VII. Signatures
A. Action Sheets
The Board signed action sheets: 19-1307 through 1321

B. Travel Vouchers

VIII. Adjournment Motion was made, seconded (Jamison/Crites) and passed to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.