Open Minutes
State Board of Professional Engineers

Date: September 24, 2019
Convened: 10:01 am
Adjourned: 12:45 pm
Location: Chicago Office

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

Member(s) Absent:
Kevin Burke III, Member
Philip Kunz, Public Member
Richard M. Ray, Member

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

Guests Present:
Kim Robinson, ISPE
Bud Hurley, NSPE

Open Session:

I. Announcements, Correspondence, Guest comments
The Meeting was called to order at 10:01 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 asked to add an item to New Business – discussion of significant structures.

II. Review of Open Minutes
The Board reviewed the Minutes of the July 17, 2019 meeting.

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

III. Old Business
A. Act/Rules Update
Mr. Nguyen shared that the sunset Statute was enacted on August 9, 2019. The draft for the Rule amendments are still on “hold” but he has been notified that the Governor’s office wishes to see the drafts soon.
IV. Report from Subcommittees

A. Complaint Review Committee/Subcommittee Reports

Mr. Whitt reported from the September 11, 2019 meeting.

Complaint Statistics based on recommendations from the July 18, 2019 meeting:

Architect: Opened 11, Closed 0, Referred 1
PE: Opened 10 Closed 1, Referred 3
LS: Opened 3, Closed 0, Referred 1
SE: Opened 4, Closed 1, Referred 0
PDF: Opened 0, Closed 0, Referred 0

Complaints currently under investigation:
Architect – 38
PE – 51
LS – 12
SE - 14
PDF – 0

Cases currently being prosecuted:
Architect – 12
PE – 18
LS – 9
SE – 5
PDF – 1

V. New Business

A. Report from NCEES Annual Meeting

Mr. Whitt reported on the NCEES Annual Meeting.

He stated that it was an interesting meeting and that the business sessions were productive but had varying outcomes for each Motion that was voted on.

In particular, the Education Motion 1 – regarding the inclusion of the ETAC/ABET program into the NCEES educational standard was defeated with a 50/50 split vote by the attending voting delegates.

He also said that the Engineering Forum afforded the members to take part in discussion of several interesting topics:

- PE exam CBT conversion schedule
- ETAC degree acceptance
- Comity/Endorsement issues
- Building Official correspondence
B. NCEES Education Acceptance Discussion

Mr. Lazell shared with the Board the current NCEES Engineering Educational Standard for review and an introduction discussion about the possibility of adopting the use of this standard in lieu of the current requirements specified in Section 1380.220 of the administrative rules.

He pointed out the minor differences between the currently used education criteria in 1380.220 and what is used by NCEES and asked the Board to take time to review the content to determine if this would be a feasible alternative.

Mr. Lazell stated that if we were use the NCEES standard, applicants would either have to have a US EAC/ABET BS degree or must meet the NCEES education standard in order to be approved to sit for the exams or to be licensed. The Board would no longer have to review education for non-approved applicants as they would be evaluated by NCEES.

The Board discussed the idea and requested that the Education sub-committee be formed again to review this option in detail and provide more information at the next meeting as to the ability to utilize this method instead of the current method.

C. Significant Structures Discussion

Mr. Lazell shared information that was discussed at the Structural Caucus meeting at the NCEES Annual Conference the past two years. The caucus put together a Significant Structure Model Recommendation for each jurisdiction to use. This model would essentially allow the jurisdiction to determine a “threshold” for certain structures that would not require an SE license to design.

He shared that he discussed this method of licensure with the SE board members that were in attendance and they believed this would be the licensure model that Illinois should use for the SE license.

The Board requested that copies of the document for further review and discussion on this topic at future meetings.
Motion to go into Closed Session:

VI. Closed Session: Motion was made, seconded (Jamison/Yockey) and passed to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2C (4) & (15) of the Open Meetings Act at 11:03 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 July 17, 2019 meeting.

B. Application Review The Board reviewed and made recommendations for 25 applications for licensure by examination and endorsement.

Motion to go into Open Session: Motion was made, seconded (Jamison/Berg) and passed to go into Open Session at 12:43 pm.

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

VII. Signatures A. Action Sheets The Board signed action sheets: 19-1102 through 1126

B. Travel Vouchers

VIII. Adjournment Motion was made, seconded (Middleton/Crites) and passed to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.