

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS  
AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

Agenda for Meeting  
April 25 – 26, 2013  
Meeting starts at 8:00 am, Thursday, April 25, 2013  
at the Board Office,  
1510 E. Watertower St., Ste. 110, Meridian, ID 83642

**i. AGENDA REVIEW - Are there any new agenda items?**

**I. READING OF MINUTES**

1. Review Minutes of the February 4 & 5, 2013 Board meeting.

**II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

1. The following items have been continued at previous meetings and staff is unaware of any activity relating to these matters:

a. FY11.11 Erickson, Chad, Standard of Care. Mr. & Mrs. Badertscher submitted a complaint regarding the survey work of Chad R. Erickson. The work included locating a previous corner which was apparently incorrectly and previously located by Carl Edwards and others. The location of this corner affects a Badertscher's property line as well as several others. Mr. Erickson submitted a detailed response to the complaint. Staff has notified the Badertschers that the complaint lacks the requirements for a formal complaint and will be considered a request for inquiry. Pending outcome of litigation. Mr. Erickson has provided a response from his client's attorney.

b. FY11.09 Holladay Engineering, Conflict of interest, Standard of Care relating to Emmett Waste Water Treatment plant.

c. FY13.06 Ruen, Darius, ROPR. Pending resolution of litigation and a determination of whether there are substantive matters to be further investigated.

c. FY13.10 Bartolome, Todd A., ROPR. Pending decision to move forward from Mr. Ruen.

2. David Widmer, PLS has announced his candidacy for NCEES President-Elect.

3. NNU to have mock-ABET visit and self-study done by Nov 2013.

**III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Review Strategic Plan Objectives. As part of the Zero Based Budgeting exercise, staff reviewed the Strategic Plan in relation to the agency needs, mandates and mission. Staff will be proposing changes to the Strategic Plan based on this exercise.

## 2. Subcommittee Updates

- a. Item Writing (Mr. Howe, Mr. Elle and Mr. Young): At the last meeting the subcommittee informed the Board that the items have been approved and sent to the psychometricians for inclusion in the item bank.
- b. Structural Engineers Subcommittee (Mr. Bennion and Mr. Elle): The subcommittee will explore what type of projects should be restricted to structural engineers. Staff was directed to procure laws from other jurisdictions regarding structural engineering requirements. Mr. Bennion and Mr. Elle will coordinate a meeting with the stakeholders.
- c. International Mobility Subcommittee (Mr. Wagner and Mr. Elle): The subcommittee will study (1) NCEES administering and selling exams internationally the result of which may be outsourcing of engineering jobs. (2) Foreign engineering students gain their education in the US and then cannot stay. (3) Foreign engineering students gain their education outside the US but come to the US to practice. (4) Foreign engineering students gain their education outside the US, pass the NCEES exams, but do not reside in the US but request licensure in the US. The subcommittee, staff and Board Counsel will further study the existing statutes and rules and see how they apply to consideration of applicants who have been educated and/or licensed in a foreign country and/or has obtained their experience outside the United States. Mr. Wagner will coordinate a meeting with Mr. Elle and Mr. Curtis.
- d. Surveying FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) Page Subcommittee (Mr. Howe and Mr. Elle): The subcommittee will review recent changes to the surveying laws and assist staff with updating the Surveying FAQ web page. Mr. Howe and Mr. Elle are working with Mr. Szatkowski to keep the FAQ's current.
- e. MOE (Master's or Equivalent) for Engineers Subcommittee (Mr. Wagner and Dr. Murgel): The subcommittee will form a task force of interested and affected professional and technical societies to review potential legislation focused on MOE for engineers. Mr. Wagner and Dr. Murgel to pursue the issue and see if a coalition of stakeholders (all disciplines and societies) can be developed. Mr. Wagner has a list of professional organizations that are stakeholders. Mr. Curtis conducted a survey of NCEES Member Board Administrators regarding discipline versus generic licensing and whether there were variable requirements for licensure in different disciplines. Mr. Wagner will coordinate a meeting with the stakeholders. Staff directed to find contacts with the various technical societies and government agencies.
- f. Principal Definition Subcommittee: (Mr. Wagner): The subcommittee will gather input from stakeholders regarding possible definitions for "principal" prior to rule promulgation. Attorney Kane will further research Idaho Code requirements of conflict of interest of elected officials and develop suggested changes to Rules of Professional Responsibility for consideration by the Subcommittee and stakeholders. Subcommittee met March 7, 2013.

3. The Board discussed Flood Relief Specialists at their previous meeting. Some additional information has been received on this matter from Mr. Judge.
4. There have been changes to the original procedure relating to implementation of CBT in 2014. The education restriction may ease use of the “Automatic” option for exam registration.
5. NNU received a memo from Dr. Milligan and updated their curriculum based on his concerns.
6. Centric Corporation no longer holds a current Certificate of Authorization but continued to maintain the dba “Centric Engineering” in Idaho. Attorney Kane wrote to Centric as directed at the February meeting and informed them that they must maintain a Certificate of Authorization to continue to use that name.

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Reports by Board Members and Staff of activities since the February Board meeting.
2. Staff will present an Expense Reimbursement Summary for the Executive Director for February 2013 through March 2013 for the Board’s review.
3. Staff will provide an update on the Board’s financial status as of March 31, 2013.
4. Election of Board Officers
5. The Washington Board is considering an electronic/digital seal/signature guideline for PE/PLSs.
6. Concern has been raised about HB 265 relating to 54-1218.
7. Mr. Ramey is unable to meet the CPD requirements due to extenuating circumstances.
8. Brett Smith is requesting that the Board review SPCC plans.
9. Staff has requested a discussion on the collection and disclosure of SSN information.
10. Mr. Howe requested that a discussion of one of the requirements of 55-1906(c) be included on the agenda.
11. Staff will present information on year-end salary matters as well as a projection of needs for FY 2015, the budget for which will be prepared this summer.
12. A PLS is requesting guidance from the Board on the CPD requirements. He is currently behind on CPD.

13. Alltech Engineering Corp. is requesting permission to use their business name in Idaho. They do not perform engineering services.
14. Dr. Reichmuth is requesting that he be exempt from the CPD requirement based on extenuating circumstances.
15. Staff has drafted a NEWS BULLETIN for the Board's review.
16. NCEES has sent over a confirmation letter, to be signed by the Board, of services that will be provided beginning January 1, 2014.

**V. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS**

**VI. CONSIDERATION OF DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

**APPOINTMENTS**

Thursday, April 25, 2013

2:00 p.m. Stephen Parke, NNU to discuss accreditation progress of NNU engineering programs.

Friday, April 26, 2013