

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

BOARD OF LICENSURE

OF

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

AND

PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

SUBMITTED TO

The Honorable Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter

Fiscal Year

2014

November 15, 2014

Honorable Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter
Statehouse Mail
Boise, Idaho 83720

Dear Governor Otter:

Pursuant to Section 54-1210(3) of the Idaho Code, the Idaho Board of Licensure of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors has the honor of transmitting to you the following Annual Report of the Board covering activities from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS**

Geroge L. Wagner, P.E., Chairman

George Murgel, P.E., Secretary

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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

From May 25, 2013 to May 24, 2014

- John W. Howe, PLS, Chairman.....Coeur d’Alene
Appointed to the Board in 2004. Reappointed to the Board in 2009. Term expired
May 24, 2014.
- George L. Wagner, PE, Vice Chairman.....Boise
Appointed to the Board 2010. Term expires May 24, 2015.
- John T. Elle, PE, PLS, Secretary..... Pocatello
Appointed to the Board 2011. Term expires May 24, 2016.
- George Murgel, PE, PhD Board Member.....Boise
Appointed to the Board 2012. Term expires May 24, 2017.
- David K. Bennion, PE, ChairmanBoise
Appointed to the Board in 2008. Reappointed to the Board in 2013. Term expires
May 24, 2018.

BOARD STAFF

- Keith Simila, PE.....Executive Director
- James L. Szatkowski, PE.....Deputy Director
- Jennifer A. Rowe.....Administrative Assistant
- Edith Williams Technical Records Specialist

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BOARD ACTIVITIES

During the 2014 fiscal year, the Board met for five regular meetings and two special meetings to conduct Board business, review applications, grant licenses and consider complaints.

As of the end of the fiscal year, there were: 7,267 Professional Engineers of which 2,313 were Idaho residents; 631 Professional Land Surveyors of which 287 were residents; 47 combined Professional Engineer/Professional Land Surveyors of which 33 were residents; 1,303 Engineer Interns of which 833 were residents; 33 Land Surveyor Interns of which 29 were residents; 1,648 engineering and/or land surveying business entities of which 387 were physically located in Idaho and 763 persons who had elected to take Retired Status of which 330 were residents. All renewals, except business entities, are on a biennial basis. Business entities renew annually.

Licenses were issued to 408 engineers by comity with other states and to 60 who successfully completed the examination process; 14 land surveyors by comity with other states and there were 7 individuals that successfully completed the examination process. There were 347 Engineer Intern certificates issued to successful examinees in the Fundamentals of Engineering examination and 3 Land Surveyor Intern certificates were issued to successful examinees in the Fundamentals of Surveying examination. In addition, Certificates of Authorization were issued to 142 business entities to perform professional engineering or professional land surveying or both in the State of Idaho.

The Board received a total of 21 complaints against engineers, land surveyors, business entities and unlicensed persons in fiscal year 2014 and 8 were carried over from previous years. Of these 29 complaints, 11 were dismissed or terminated without consent agreements or formal hearings and 10 were pending resolution at the end of the fiscal year. 8 complaints were closed following issuance of Final Orders of the Board accepting Consent Agreements which resulted in the admonishment or reprimand of 9 license holders and the deposit of \$3,350.00 in Administrative Penalties to the General Fund of the State of Idaho.

In fulfilling its Strategic Plan, the Board published two quality News Bulletins on the website and notified all license and certificate holders (over 11,000) as well as a number of public officials of their availability. A limited number of News Bulletins were printed and sent business entities that hold a Certificate of Authorization from the Board, the engineering and surveying departments at Idaho universities, and other licensing boards. The Board Members and staff made 42 presentations to groups or organizations to explain the function of the Board or further the mission of the agency. The legislature concurred on two rules, one that updated conflict of interest requirements and one that made a technical correction to Continuing Professional Development record keeping requirements. The legislature rejected one rule designed to update the survey education requirements. The results of a Satisfaction Survey indicates that while 94.6 percent of those to whom we provide applications are satisfied with the services they receive, there remains a dissatisfaction with the applications themselves. We are addressing this by making the applications available online and more user friendly. The Board and staff remain active in regional and national organizations which prepare the licensing examinations and otherwise influence the trends of licensing in the professions of engineering and surveying. Dr. George Murgel, P.E. is a member of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Subcommittee on the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam Committee and the Advisory Committee on Council Activities. John

Howe, P.L.S. retired, served as member of the NCEES Subcommittee on Examinations for Professional Surveyors. John Elle, P.E., P.L.S. served on the Member Board Administrators Committee, and the Professional Surveyor Exam Writing Committee.

STATE OF IDAHO
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL LAND
SURVEYORS
July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 (Fiscal Year 2014)

Summary of Receipts

CERTIFICATE, APPLICATION, COMITY AND RENEWAL FEES	\$513,781.35
PENALTIES (INCLUDING \$3,350 DEPOSITED TO THE GENERAL FUND)	<u>22,805.12</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$536,586.47

Expenditures Including Encumbrances from Previous Year

PERSONNEL COSTS Salaries and Wages, Personnel Benefits	\$337,259.36
OPERATING EXPENSES Travel, Professional Services, Other Services Communications, Materials and Supplies, Rentals, Repairs and Maintenance, Misc. Operating	189,714.45
CAPITAL OUTLAY	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$526,973.81

Summary of Operations

Free Fund Cash Balance as of July 1, 2013	\$ 411,588.12
Add: Revenues	\$ 536,586.47
Less Amount Deposited to General Fund	<u>3,350.00</u>
Total to account for	<u>\$944,824.59</u>
Less: Expenditures Including Encumbrances from Previous Year	<u>\$526,973.81</u>
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2013	\$417,850.78
Less: Encumbrances Carried Forward to FY 2013	0.00
Free Fund Cash Balance as of June 30, 2013	\$417,850.78