

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

2015

November xx, 2015

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, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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

John Elle, P.E., P.L.S., Chairman

David Bennion, P.E., Secretary

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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

From May 25, 2014 to May 24, 2015

- John T. Elle, PE, PLS, Chairman..... Pocatello
Appointed to the Board 2011. Term expires May 24, 2016.
- George Murgel, PE, PhD Vice Chairman.....Boise
Appointed to the Board 2012. Term expires May 24, 2017.
- David K. Bennion, PE, Secretary Boise
Appointed to the Board in 2008. Reappointed to the Board in 2013. Term expires
May 24, 2018.
- Glenn Bennett, PLS, Board MemberBoise
Appointed to the Board 2014. Term expires May 24, 2019.
- George L. Wagner, PE, Board MemberBoise
Appointed to the Board 2010. Reappointed to the Board in 2015. Term expires May
24, 2020.

BOARD STAFF

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

OFFICE OF THE BOARD
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Meridian, Idaho 83642

BOARD ACTIVITIES

During the 2015 fiscal year, the Board met for five regular meetings and one special meeting to conduct Board business, review applications, grant licenses and consider complaints.

As of the end of the fiscal year, there were: 7,330 Professional Engineers of which 2,306 were Idaho residents; 619 Professional Land Surveyors of which 265 were residents; 42 combined Professional Engineer/Professional Land Surveyors of which 31 were residents; 1,184 Engineer Interns of which 735 were residents; 32 Land Surveyor Interns of which 26 were residents; 1,701 engineering and/or land surveying business entities of which 387 were physically located in Idaho and 725 persons who had elected to take Retired Status of which 317 were residents. All renewals, except business entities, are on a biennial basis. Business entities renew annually.

Licenses were issued to 380 engineers by comity with other states and to 55 who successfully completed the examination process; 16 land surveyors by comity with other states and there were no individuals that successfully completed the examination process. There were 146 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 166 business entities to perform professional engineering or professional land surveying or both in the State of Idaho.

The Board received a total of 18 complaints against engineers, land surveyors, business entities and unlicensed persons in fiscal year 2015 and 10 were carried over from previous years. Of these 28 complaints, 14 were dismissed or terminated without consent agreements or formal hearings and 6 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 8 license holders and the deposit of \$3,500.00 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 54 presentations to groups or organizations to explain the function of the Board or further the mission of the agency. The legislature passed and the governor signed into law three bills in the 2015 session. One bill updated the definition of land surveying with the intent to reduce the barrier to entry for young professionals and include all the work land surveyors typically perform. Another bill updated obsolete text and clarified the requirements for survey products recorded in county courthouses in Idaho. This bill also made assignment to the fundamentals examinations for interns (seniors and recent college graduates) easier. A third bill increased late fees and fines and expanded the Board by two members. The legislature concurred on three rules, one that updated licensure requirements for applicants from other countries, one that made a technical correction to the requirements of compliance with the Qualifications Based Section law, and one that updated the Corner Perpetuation and Filing requirements for land surveyors. The results of a Satisfaction Survey indicates that while 92.9 percent of those to whom we provide applications are satisfied with the services they receive,

there remains a dissatisfaction with the applications themselves. We recently addressed this by testing online applications with the intent of making them easier to use. 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 the chair of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Subcommittee on the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam Committee. John Howe, P.L.S. retired, served as member of the NCEES Future of Surveying Task Force. Keith Simila, P.E. served on the Member Board Administrators Committee, and John Elle P.E., P.L.S. served on the Professional Surveyor Exam Writing Committee.

STATE OF IDAHO
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL LAND
SURVEYORS
July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 (Fiscal Year 2015)

Summary of Receipts

CERTIFICATE, APPLICATION, COMITY AND RENEWAL FEES	\$585,646.87
PENALTIES (INCLUDING \$3,500 DEPOSITED TO THE GENERAL FUND)	<u>28,297.93</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$613,944.80

Expenditures Including Encumbrances from Previous Year

PERSONNEL COSTS Salaries and Wages, Personnel Benefits	\$346,260.01
OPERATING EXPENSES Travel, Professional Services, Other Services Communications, Materials and Supplies, Rentals, Repairs and Maintenance, Misc. Operating	217,032.98
CAPITAL OUTLAY	<u>3,711.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$567,003.99

Summary of Operations

Free Fund Cash Balance as of July 1, 2014	\$ 417,850.78
Add: Revenues	\$ 613,944.80
Less Amount Deposited to General Fund	<u>3,500.00</u>
Total to account for	<u>\$1,028,295.58</u>
Less: Expenditures Including Encumbrances from Previous Year	<u>\$567,003.99</u>
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2015	\$461,291.59
Less: Encumbrances Carried Forward to FY 2016	0.00
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