

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

2016

November 8, 2016

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, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS


George Murgel, P.E. Chairman


Raymond J. Watkins, P.E., Secretary

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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

From May 25, 2015 to May 24, 2016

- John T. Elle, PE, PLS, Chairman..... Pocatello
Appointed to the Board 2011. Reappointed to the Board in 2016. Term expires May 24, 2021.
- 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.
- Raymond J. Watkins, PE, Board Member.....Coeur d'Alene
Appointed to the Board 2016. Term expires May 24, 2020.
- Dusty Obermayer, PLS, Board Member.....Rathdrum
Appointed to the Board 2016. 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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BOARD ACTIVITIES

During the 2016 fiscal year, the Board met for six regular meetings and three special meeting to conduct Board business, review applications, grant licenses and consider complaints.

As of the end of the fiscal year, there were: 7,524 Professional Engineers of which 2,349 were Idaho residents; 613 Professional Land Surveyors of which 269 were residents; 36 combined Professional Engineer/Professional Land Surveyors of which 27 were residents; 1,187 Engineer Interns of which 714 were residents; 29 Land Surveyor Interns of which 23 were residents; 1,774 engineering and/or land surveying business entities of which 401 were physically located in Idaho and 818 persons who had elected to take Retired Status of which 345 were residents. All renewals, except business entities, are on a biennial basis. Business entities renew annually.

Licenses were issued to 355 engineers by comity with other states and to 76 who successfully completed the examination process; 15 land surveyors by comity with other states and there were 2 individuals that successfully completed the examination process. There were 130 Engineer Intern certificates issued to successful examinees in the Fundamentals of Engineering examination and 1 Land Surveyor Intern certificate was issued to a successful examinee in the Fundamentals of Surveying examination. In addition, Certificates of Authorization were issued to 130 business entities to perform professional engineering or professional land surveying or both in the State of Idaho.

The Board received a total of 12 complaints against engineers, land surveyors, business entities and unlicensed persons in fiscal year 2016 and 7 were carried over from previous years. Of these 19 complaints, 9 were dismissed or terminated without consent agreements or formal hearings and 6 were pending resolution at the end of the fiscal year. 4 complaints were closed following issuance of Final Orders of the Board accepting Consent Agreements which resulted in the admonishment or reprimand of 4 license holders and the deposit of \$ 750.00 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 40 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 two bills in the 2016 session. The legislature passed and the governor signed into law 4 bills in the 2016 session. One bill added a definition of "retired licensee" with the intent to clarify retirees cannot practice. Another bill added a provision for issuing a restricted PE license to university faculty. A third bill removed one engineering board member and added a public Board member. A fourth bill removed the requirement that the executive director be a licensed professional. Two rules were approved by the legislature. One rule clarified the continuing professional development (CPD) requirements for reinstating a license and added a provision to enable licensees to comply with either Idaho's CPD requirements or the national standards for CPD as established by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES). A second rule updated obsolete language, added a two year minimum experience requirement for land surveyors, and added a new provision on reinstating retired or expired

licenses. The engineering education standards were updated and the university accreditation standards of surveying programs were updated to align with the NCEES standard used by most states.

The results of a Satisfaction Survey indicates that while 93.8 percent of those to whom we provide applications are satisfied with the services they receive, there remains a some dissatisfaction with the applications themselves. We recently addressed this by testing online applications with the intent of making them easier to use and gaining approval to use them in FY 2017. 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) Committee on the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam, vice-chair on the Committee on the Professional Engineering Examination and a member of the Committee on Examination Audit. 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, 2015 through June 30, 2016 (Fiscal Year 2016)

Summary of Receipts

CERTIFICATE, APPLICATION, COMITY AND RENEWAL FEES	\$578,991.00
PENALTIES (INCLUDING \$750 DEPOSITED TO THE GENERAL FUND)	<u>49,155.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$628,146.00

Expenditures Including Encumbrances from Previous Year

PERSONNEL COSTS Salaries and Wages, Personnel Benefits	\$374,440.44
OPERATING EXPENSES Travel, Professional Services, Other Services Communications, Materials and Supplies, Rentals, Repairs and Maintenance, Misc. Operating	238,143.88
CAPITAL OUTLAY	<u>2,325.97</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$614,910.29

Summary of Operations

Free Fund Cash Balance as of July 1, 2015	\$ 461,291.59
Add: Revenues	\$ 628,146.00
Less Amount Deposited to General Fund	<u>750.00</u>
Total to account for	<u>\$1,088,687.59</u>
Less: Expenditures Including Encumbrances from Previous Year	<u>\$614,910.29</u>
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2016	\$473,777.30
Less: Encumbrances Carried Forward to FY 2017	0.00
Free Fund Cash Balance as of June 30, 2016	\$473,777.30