

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS SECTION MEETING

MINUTES

The Professional Engineers Section of the Virginia Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects (APELSCIDLA Board) met on February 8, 2005, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 3600 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

Richard N. Davenport
Nico De León
Stanley C. Harris

Staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Mark N. Courtney, Executive Director
Marian H. Brooks, Program Administrator
Trisha L. Henshaw, Administrative Assistant

No representative was present from the Office of the Attorney General.

Mr. Davenport, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:23 a.m.

Call to Order

Mr. Harris moved to approve the agenda as written. Mr. De León seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members Davenport, De León, and Harris.

Approval of Agenda

Michael Anthony Matthews, a member of the VSEC and ACEC, and Jim Hobbs spoke to the Section members regarding the issue of truss designs. Mr. Matthews discussed the perceived conflict between the International Building Code and the Wood Truss Council guidelines, who may design truss plans, whether they must be sealed by a professional engineer, issues of responsibility for the structure on which the trusses will be placed, how the trusses will be connected to the structure, and the acceptance of responsibility for truss design plans and related issues. The Section members agreed to take the information provided by Mr. Matthews under advisement.

Public Comment

The Section members reviewed correspondence regarding who may prepare truss design drawings. After discussion, Mr. Courtney stated that he would draft a letter regarding this issue for review at the next Professional Engineers Section meeting, as well as the next Architects Section meeting.

Discussion of Correspondence Regarding Truss Design Drawings

The Section members were provided with correspondence from the Executive Director of NCEES regarding action taken by the NCEES Board

Update on FE Examination

of Directors concerning Fundamentals of Engineering examination booklets reported missing after the April 2004 examination. Mr. Courtney indicated that he has corresponded with NCEES to state that he does not believe that it has been proven that the Department's examination vendor has demonstrated culpable negligent behavior.

Issues

The Section members were provided with various memorandums and notices from NCEES and the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), including information on the upcoming NCEES Northeast Zone meeting.

**Discussion of
NCEES Items**

The Section meeting recessed for a break from 11:10 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.

Break

The Section members were provided with a letter from Arthur L. Collins, Executive Director/Secretary of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) regarding the need for a professional engineer's seal on HRPDC Regional Construction Standards. After discussion, the Section agreed by consensus to defer this matter to the next Section meeting and ask Mr. Collins and Gerald Peaks with the Virginia Department of Health to attend the next Section meeting.

**Discussion
Regarding
HRPDC
Regional
Construction
Standards**

The Section members discussed the upcoming NCEES Northeast Zone meeting scheduled for April 7-9, 2005 in Washington, DC. Mr. Harris was selected to attend the meeting as representative of the Professional Engineers Section.

Other Business

The Section members discussed the possibility of the 2009 NCEES Northeast Zone meeting being held in Virginia.

Mr. Courtney stated that there have been staff changes within the Board office. Ms. Henshaw has accepted the position of Office Manager in the Board office, which means there is currently a vacancy in the Administrative Assistant position.

Mr. Courtney provided an update on legislation pertaining to the regulation of photogrammetrists.

Conflict of Interest forms were completed by all members present.

**Conflict of
Interest Forms**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Adjourn

Richard N. Davenport, Chair

Louise Fontaine Ware, Secretary