

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 August 7, 2007, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 3600 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

Stanley C. Harris
Wiley V. Johnson, III

Board member Nico De León was not present at the meeting.

Staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Jay W. DeBoer, Director
Karen W. O'Neal, Deputy Director of Licensing and Regulation
Marian H. Brooks, Program Administrator
Michelle Gowen, Administrative Assistant

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

Mr. Johnson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

Call to Order

Mr. Harris moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Harris and Johnson.

Approval of
Agenda

There were no comments made to the Section members.

Public Comment
Period

The Section members were provided with the draft proposed regulations for continuing education and the proposed wording from the Architects Section. After discussion, the Section members agreed by consensus that the last sentence of 18 VAC 10-20-683.C.1 should read as follows:

Review of Draft
Proposed Wording
for Continuing
Education
Requirements

“The required continuing education credit hours may be in areas related to business practices, including but not limited to; project management, risk management, and ethics, which have demonstrated relevance to the licensee’s area of practice as defined in Chapter 4 of Title 54.1 of the *Code of Virginia*.”

Ms. Brooks noted to the Section members that their recommendation will

be provided to the other Sections as they meet on this matter and then the recommendations of all the Sections will be brought before the Board in September for consideration and action.

Mr. Johnson shared concerns regarding the use of seal and requirements that localities are putting on the regulants of the APELSCIDLA Board by requiring them to seal and sign documents that are copies or mark-ups. The Section members agreed by consensus that this matter should be brought before the APELSCIDLA Board in September for consideration and possible action.

Discussion of Use of Seal

The Section members were provided with a handout of a proposed motion to request that there be more money provided for the funded delegates to attend the NCEES Zone meetings. After review and discussion, the Section members agreed by consensus that more information is needed before they can make a decision on their standing in this matter.

Discussion of Upcoming NCEES Annual Meeting

Mr. Harris noted that in July 2007 the leadership of NCEES changed. Mr. Harris also stated that there will be several resolutions presented at the NCEES Annual meeting but none that he knows of will effect the APELSCIDLA Board. Once he has reviewed the meeting materials in more depth he will let the Section members know of any great impact the resolutions may have on the Board.

The Section members agreed by consensus to adopt the following meeting dates for 2008:

Set 2008 Meeting Dates

Tuesday, February 12, 2008
Tuesday, May 13, 2008
Tuesday, August 5, 2008
Tuesday, November 4, 2008

The Section members took a break from 10:42 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.

Break

Ms. Brooks shared a thank-you card from Brian Bluhm's family for the honorary Professional Engineer license the Board awarded their son.

Other Business

Ms. Brooks reminded the Section members that the agency will be closed on August 10th and we will be open for business at the new location on August 13th.

The Section members were provided with various memorandums and notices from NCEES and ABET.

Review of Information from NCEES and ABET

Mr. DeBoer explained to the Section members that if they agreed to accept Australian applicants, they would still have the ability to approve and deny applicants on a case-by-case basis. The APELSCIDLA Board would develop the criteria the applicants would have to meet in order to be approved. Mr. Harris noted that the Board doesn't have authority to work with foreign entities and that *Engineers Australia* would have to attempt legislative changes to the *Code of Virginia* which could open the door for other countries which could prove to be burdensome to the Board. After review and discussion, the Section members agreed by consensus that the Board should take no action at this time.

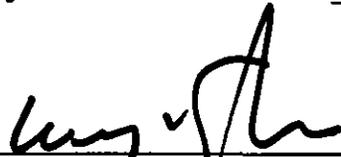
**Discussion of
Request from
Engineers Australia**

Conflict of Interest forms were completed by all members present.

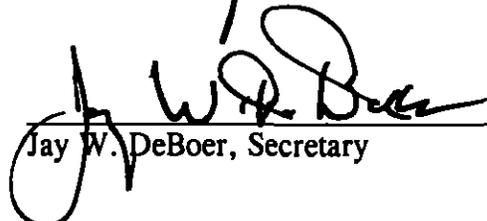
**Conflict of Interest
Forms**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Adjourn



Wiley V. Johnson, III, Chair



Jay W. DeBoer, Secretary

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT**

**TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government**

1. Name: Stanley C. Harris
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Professional Engineers Section/APELSCIDLA Board
4. Meeting/IFF Date: Section Meeting August 7, 2007

5. I have a personal interest in the following transaction:

None

Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction:

None

I declare that I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction:

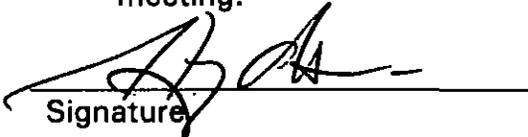
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I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

or

I did not participate in the transaction.

6. I do not have a personal interest in any transactions taken at this meeting.


Signature

8/7/07
Date

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT**

**TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government**

1. Name: Wiley V. "Bif" Johnson, III
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Professional Engineers Section/APELSCIDLA Board
4. Meeting/IFF Date: Section Meeting August 7, 2007
5. I have a personal interest in the following transaction:

None

Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction:

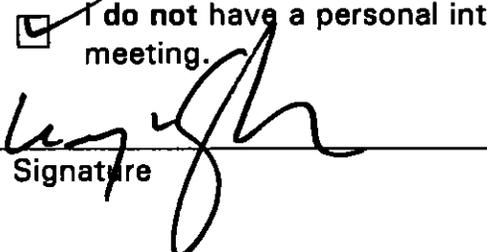
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