

LAND SURVEYORS SECTION MEETING

MINUTES

The Land Surveyors Section of the Virginia Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects (APELSCIDLA Board) met on August 10, 2011, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

Paul deC. Holt, Jr.
Patrick D. Leary
Nancy E. McIntyre

Staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Gordon N. Dixon, Director
Kathleen R. Nobsch, Executive Director
Marian H. Brooks, Board Administrator
Justin Garofalo, Board Administrator
Amy Goobic, Administrative Assistant
Earlyne Perkins, Legal Analyst

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

Ms. McIntyre, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Call to Order

Ms. McIntyre advised the section of the emergency evacuation procedures.

Emergency Evacuation Procedures

Ms. McIntyre introduced and welcomed Patrick Leary, Land Surveyor and new APELSCIDLA Board member.

Introduction of New Board Member

Mr. Holt moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Leary seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Holt, Leary and McIntyre.

Approval of Agenda

There were no public comments.

Public Comment

Regarding **File number 2011-03337, Kraig Matthew Blim**, the Section members reviewed the Consent Order as seen and agreed to by Mr. Blim. Discussion was held on the process for obtaining more information from Mr. Blim. Mr. Holt moved to reject the Consent Order which cites the following violations of the Board regulations:

File Number 2011- 03337, Kraig Matthew Blim

18VAC10-20-790.A.1 (Count 1); and 18VAC10-20-750.C (Count 2); and remand the case to an Informal Fact-Finding (IFF) conference to obtain additional information from Mr. Blim. Mr. Leary seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Holt, Leary and McIntyre. The Section agreed by consensus to have a land surveyor preside at the IFF.

Board member James R. Boyd, Architect, was the presiding board member.

Regarding **File Number 2011-03952, Thomas Chamberlin, Sr.**, the Section members reviewed the record of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference, which consisted of the transcript, exhibits and the summary and recommendation of the presiding Board member. Mr. Holt moved to recommend the Board accept the recommendation of the presiding Board member and grant Mr. Chamberlin an extension of six months from the date of the Board's decision to complete the 16 hour Continuing Education requirement, by reason of undue hardship. If Mr. Chamberlin seeks to renew his license in January 2013, he must provide documentation that demonstrates his completion of the full 16 hours of Continuing Education required for that renewal. Mr. Leary seconded the motion which was approved by members: Holt, Leary and McIntyre.

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Board member Wiley V. Johnson, PE, was the presiding officer at the Informal Fact Finding conference.

Regarding **File Number 2011-004007, S.L. Headley**, the Section members reviewed the Consent Order as seen and agreed to by Mr. Headley. The Section concurred with the recommendation of the presiding Board member. Mr. Holt moved to recommend the Board accept the Consent Order which cites the following violation of the Board's regulations: 18VAC10-20-380.C (Count 1- 4 violations). For these violations, Mr. Headley agrees to the following monetary penalties: \$400.00 (4 violations at \$100.00 each) for the violations contained in Count 1; and Board costs in the amount of \$150.00, for a total of \$550.00. Mr. Leary seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Holt, Leary and McIntyre.

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Former board member W.R. Stephenson, Jr., was the presiding officer.

Mr. Carmen DiGiandomenico, complainant, was present to address the Section. Mr. DiGiandomenico stated that he did not agree with the Consent Order recommendation.

Discussion was held on survey curriculums approved by the Board. Ms. Nosbisch suggested that as the regulations are presently under the regulatory review process, the Land Surveyor curriculum requirements could be

Discussion of Board Approved Survey Curriculums

changed to a table format similar to the Professional Engineers. Mr. Garofalo indicated that staff could include a print out of ABET accredited schools with applications when submitted for review by the section members.

Ms. Nosbisch updated the Section on the computer based testing (CBT) for engineer and land surveyor exams. The FE and FS exams will be the first CBT exams implemented; NCEES awarded the contract to Pearson Vue.

NCEES Update

Ms. Nosbisch further informed the Section that the 'request for proposal' (RFP) for implementing CBT would be open for submission next year and that it will be a unique RFP in that it will include the changes for the FE and FS exams, as well as the sections of the LARE.

Ms. Nosbisch informed the section that she was asked to serve on the NCEES Resolution Committee at the upcoming NCEES Annual meeting August 24-27, 2011, in Providence, RI, and that she was selected as the Northeast Zone representative beginning at the conclusion of the annual meeting. In addition, Ms. Nosbisch reported that the motion for the Virginia Board's change from the Northeast Zone to the Southern Zone will be brought to the floor at the annual meeting

Ms. Nosbisch provided exam statistics from the April exam. Ms. Nosbisch informed the Section that Mike Zmuda, LS/PE, would be giving a presentation at the APELSCIDLA board meeting September 28, 2011.

Other Business

Discussion was held on the Candidate Information Bulletin provided to exam candidates.

The Section recessed from 10:38 a.m. until 10:54 a.m. to review information in the Candidate Information Bulletin.

Recess

Section members reviewed the bulletin which included changes previously recommended, and made further recommendations. The Section agreed the revision date and page numbers should be included in the bulletin. The Section also discussed the possibility of having separate land surveyor and engineer bulletins; this will be discussed with the PE Section at the full board meeting September, 28, 2011. Ms. McIntyre suggested reviewing the reference list to insure that they are current. The reference materials will be discussed at the November 9, 2011, Land Surveyor section meeting. Section members requested a photogrammetry expert attend the Section meeting to evaluate reference material and questions.

Other Business

Conflict of Interest forms were completed by all members present.

**Conflict of Interest
Forms**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m. **Adjourn**

Nancy McIntyre, Chair

Gordon N. Dixon, Secretary

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