**STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

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**PURPOSE:**

The State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers was established in 1935 to protect the public through the regulation of the practice of engineering in the State of Maine by establishing and maintaining professional standards. The Board is authorized to examine, certify, and license applicants who qualify as Professional Engineers or Engineer-Interns in Maine; to renew licenses upon payment of specified fees; to publish and distribute a roster of all licensed professional engineers; to make rules not inconsistent with state laws relating to engineers; and to investigate complaints of alleged violations of such laws and rules, conduct hearings, subpoena witnesses and institute disciplinary action as warranted.

**ORGANIZATION:**

The Board is composed of seven members. The Governor appoints five Professional Engineers and one public member for five-year terms. The seventh member of the Board is the Chief Engineer of the Department of Transportation, who serves ex-officio. The Board annually elects a chair and vice-chair from its membership. The chair appoints committees and committee chairs.
The Board maintains membership in the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES). Members participate in the activities of the Council, including serving on national committees. Individual members of the Board also maintain membership in state and national engineering societies. These efforts keep the Board informed of trends and activities in the engineering profession. The Board uses the NCEES Uniform Examination for both the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) and Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) examinations. Boards of all fifty states, the District of Columbia and four territorial jurisdictions use the NCEES examinations. This helps achieve uniformity in reciprocal licensing and assures minimum competence to practice.

**PROGRAM:**

During FY 2012, 352 candidates successfully completed the requirements for licensure as Professional Engineers. Of that number, 62 qualified through written examination, 289 through admission by comity with other jurisdictions, and 0 by oral examination. The applications of comity candidates are processed quickly because their credentials have been previously verified by NCEES. As of June 30, 2012, a total of 5,785 engineers were licensed. Approximately 65% reside outside of Maine. During FY 2012, 270 applicants were examined for certification as Engineer-Interns. Of those examined, 151 passed.
Two periods of written examinations are given each year by the Board, in the fall and in the spring. Fall examinations were given at Orono on October 28, 2011 for
47 Professional Engineer candidates and on October 29, 2011 for 99 Engineer-Intern candidates. Of those taking the PE exam, 29 passed. Of those taking the FE exam, 61 passed. Spring examinations were given at Orono, on April 13, 2012. 49 candidates sat for the PE exam in Orono. Also on April 14, 2012, 171 candidates sat for the FE exam in Orono. Of those taking the PE exam, 32 passed. Of those taking the FE exam, 90 passed. There were 4 oral exam candidates in FY 2012, none of whom passed.

The Board held six meetings during FY 2012: August 18, 2011, November 17, 2011, January 19, 2012, March 15, 2012, May 22, 2012 and June 21, 2012.

**LICENSES:**

Licensure:
Professional Engineer License
Engineer-Intern Certification

**PUBLICATIONS:**

Sixtieth Report with Roster of Professional Engineers" ($10.00)
"Title 32, Revised Statutes of Maine, Chapter 19, Professional Engineers Board of
Licensure"
"Newsletters" - Fall and Spring