MAINE STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE  
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS  
MEETING MINUTES  

January 31, 2012  

Thursday January 19, 2012  

Board members present were: Donald A. Grant, P.E., Chair; Mandy Holway Olver, P.E. Vice Chair; George W. Ames, P.E; Kenneth L. Sweeney, P.E.; Clifton W. Greim, P.E.; Lawrence E. Bartlett, P.E. Also present were: Judith Peters, Assistant Attorney General, and Warren T. Foster, P.E., Executive Director. In addition, there were two members of the public who attended during the appeal hearing.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Chair Dr. Donald Grant in the First Floor Conference Room at 295 Water Street in Augusta.

A. Approval of the minutes of previous meetings on November 17, 2011.  
There were no corrections or additions to the minutes. On a motion by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Grimes, the Board voted (6 in favor, 0 opposed) to approve the minutes.

B. Election of officers.

1. Chair – Mr. Ames nominated and Ms. Olver seconded that Dr. Grant serve as Chair, vote was 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

2. Vice Chair- Mr. Ames nominated and Mr. Sweeney seconded that Ms. Olver serves as Vice Chair; vote was 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

3. Appointment of Committees – Chair is a member of all Committees  
   a. Executive Committee – Dr. Grant, Chair and Mr. Sweeney
   
b. Finance Committee - Mr. Ames and Mr. Greim  

   c. Rules Committee- Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Ames

   d. Examination Committee- Dr. Grant, Chair (all Board Members are on this Committee)

   e. Information Committee- Ms. Olver and Mr. Ames

   f. Complaint Officer- Mr. Ames

   g. Special Committees- Continuing Education/ Renewal- Mr. Bartlett, Ms. Olver and Dr. Grant.
2. **Executive Committee** (Grant)
   
   A. **2012 Northeast Zone Interim Meeting.**
      
      Mr. Bartlett will be attending the Northeast Zone meeting in Delaware in May. He will share the Zone meetings agenda at the Board’s March meeting.
   
   B. **Executive Director Position.**
      
      Mr. Sweeney reported that he and Ms. Olver will meet soon. They will report back to the Board at the March meeting with a proposal for replacing the Executive Director.
   
   C. **Oscar F. Emerson appeal hearing 10:00 AM**
      
      On a motion by Mr. Ames, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, the Board voted (5 in favor, 1 opposed) to allow Mr. Emerson to sit for the exam one more time in April of 2013. The Decision and Order will be presented at the March 15, 2012 meeting.
   
   D. **Determination of action if yes is checked on question, ” have you been convicted of any crime since your last renewal”?**
      
      On a motion by Mr. Greim, seconded by Mr. Ames, the Board voted (6 in favor, 0 opposed) to allow staff to make first determination and to bring to Board if not a minor traffic violation.

3. **Finance Committee:** (Ames)
   
   A. **Book balance on January 4, 2012 was $601,409. This compares to the balance on January 14, 2010 of $514,081.**
   
   B. **The number of active licensees on January 4, 2012 was 5062. This compares to number of active licensees on January 14, 2010 was 5026.**
      
      Mr. Foster reported that as of January 18, 2012 there were 5341 licenses renewed, 63% of the renewals were on line.

4. **Rules Committee:** (Sweeney)
   
   A. **Proposed Statute revisions.**
      
      Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Ames led a discussion of the proposed changes. The Board agreed that at the March 2012 meeting they would continue this discussion.

5. **Examinations Committee:** (Grant)
   
   A. **Concurrence with the results of the Principles and Practices of Engineering (PE) examination held on October 28, 2011.**
      
      On a motion by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Ames, the Board voted (6 in favor, 0 opposed) to concur with the results of the Principles and Practices of Engineering (PE).
   
   B. **Concurrence with results of the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) held on**
October 29, 2011.
On a motion by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Ames, the Board voted (6 in favor, 0 opposed) to concur with the results of the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE).

C. *Concurrence with the results of the Structural II examination held on October 28 and 29, 2011.*
On a motion by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Ames, the Board voted (6 in favor, 0 opposed) to concur with the results of the Structural II examination.

D. *Candidate survey October 2011 Exams.*
Informational

E. *October 2011 PE Exam Irregularity.*
On a motion by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Ames, the Board voted (6 in favor, 0 opposed) to invalidate the October 2011 PE exam results for Mr. Sobhy Girgis based on the irregularity report, dated December 9, 2011, from NCEES.

6. **Information Committee:** (Olver)

A. *Spring 2012 Newsletter.*
The Board agreed that we should publish a spring 2012 Newsletter.
Suggested articles:
1. Proposed Statute Changes (Ames).
2. Board picture
3. Chair Article (Grant)

7. **Complaint Committee:** (Ames)

A. *Licensee*
None

B. *Un-licensed*
None

C. *Disciplinary Action Taken by other jurisdictions against Maine PE.*
1. David P. Evangelista, P.E. - Disciplinary action in the State of Iowa.
The Board agreed that no additional action should be taken.

8. **Special Committees:**

A. Report by the Continuing Education Committee. (Bartlett)
Mr. Bartlett reported that the Committee would meet after the Board meeting to review exemption requests. Mr. Foster reported that 70 licensees (1&1/2%) had been randomly selected for the continuing education audit from those that renewed their license prior to January 1, 2012.

9. **Reading of communications:**
A. **NCEES Computer-Based Testing Update.**
   Informational

B. **Notice of Future Changes to NCEES Exams and Supporting Materials.**
   Informational

C. E-mail from David Sheldrake, P.E. regarding the use of “SE”.
   The Board agreed that Mr. Sheldrake should not use SE in Maine without
specifying it is an Illinois license.

10. **Reading and considering application**

A. **Review and concurrence of Chair/Executive Director actions:**
   On a motion by Mr. Ames, seconded by Mr. Sweeney, the Board voted (6 in
favor, 0 Opposed), to concur with the following items 1 through 6:
1. Temporary certificates issued.
2. Licenses authorized for NCEES Certified Applicants.
3. Comity licenses authorized by the Executive Director and Chair.
4. Licenses by written examinations.
5. Licenses by oral examinations. None
6. Reexaminations authorized by the Executive Director.

B. **New Engineer Intern (E.I.) Applications.**
   On a motion by Mr. Ames, seconded by Mr. Sweeney, the Board voted (5 in
favor, 0 Opposed) to approve applications of Engineer Interns to take the
Fundamentals of Engineering Exam, listed on the attached list under Item #10.B.

C. **Recently certified Engineer Interns:**
   On a motion by Mr. Greim, seconded by Mr. Sweeney, the Board voted (5 in
favor, 0 opposed) to approve the recently certified Engineer Interns listed on the
attached list under Item #10.C

D. **New P.E. Applications:**
   On a motion by Mr. Ames, seconded by Mr. Greim, the Board voted (5 in
favor, 0 opposed), to accept the Executive Director’s recommendations of all the
listed applicants.

E. **Tabled and previously considered.**
   None

F. **Reexamination Requests**
1. **Ratnasiri Liyanage-Don**—Failed PE four times is requesting to take exam in April. Has a BS degree in Engineering, FE waived in 2004.
   On a motion by Mr. Bartlett, seconded by Dr. Grant, the Board voted (3 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 recusal) to allow Ratnasiri Liyanage- Don to take the April 2012 PE exam. The recusal was Mr. Sweeney.

2. **Andy Morrell**—Failed PE more than three times is requesting to take exam April 2012.
   On a motion by Mr. Greim, seconded by Mr. Sweeney, the Board voted (4 in favor, 1 opposed), to allow Mr. Morrell to take the April 2012 PE exam.

G. **Other Applications or Requests.**

1. **Cetin Soydemir, Ph.D., Licensed in MA, NH and VT. BS transcript in Turkish.**
   On a motion by Mr. Greim, seconded by Mr. Ames, the Board voted (5 in favor, 0 opposed), to license Mr. Soydemir.

2. **William G. Hepburn was licensed in Maine until 12/31/05, not licensed in any State, meets all present requirements and has submitted 32 hours of continuing education.**
   On a motion by Mr. Ames, seconded by Dr. Grant, the Board voted (5 in favor, 0 opposed), to license Mr. Hepburn.

11. **Unfinished Business**
    None

12. **New Business:**
    None

13. **Oral Exams:**
    None

14. **Adjournment**

   A. Future meetings March 15, 2012 and June 21, 2012

   B. On a motion by Mr. Greim, seconded by Mr. Sweeney, the Board voted (5 in favor, 0 opposed), to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren T. Foster, P.E
Executive Director