

**State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers
Indiana Government Center South
402 West Washington Street, Room W064
Indianapolis, Indiana 46201
Minutes of the October 31, 2013 Board Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Vincent Drnevich called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in 402 West Washington Street, Room W064, Indianapolis, Indiana and declared a quorum in accordance with Ind. Code § 25-31.

Members Present:

Vincent Drnevich, Chairperson
John Sauer
Mark Downey
Kenneth Spaulding
Harold Snead

Staff Present:

Crystal Heard, Board Director, Indiana Professional Licensing Agency
Jacque Retter, Assistant Board Director, Indiana Professional Licensing Agency
James Schmidt, Board Advisor, Office of the Attorney General

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mark Downey moved to adopt the amended agenda. Harold Snead seconded the motion. Motion carried

ADOPTION TO THE MINUTES OF JULY AND SEPTEMBER 2013 MINUTES

John Sauer moved to adopt the minutes of the July 18, 2013 meeting. Mark Downey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0/0

Harold Snead moved to adopt the minutes of the September 19, 2013 meeting. Kenneth Spaulding seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0/0

REPORT FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Natalie Stidd introduced Jim Green as the new analyst for engineers. Not a lot has changed this month on the report. Currently two open litigation cases. There is now a pending complaint that will come before the Board in January.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Ruth Davis was the court reporter for all hearings.

In the Matter of the Application of Larry R. Kohns Cause Number SBRPE 13-17
Case Summary: Larry R. Kohns appeared before the Board to address the denial of his request for professional licensure by comity. Mr. Kohns is requesting consideration of 40+ years of experience in place of deficiency of 3 semester credit hours of differential equations.

Board Action: Harold Snead made a motion to uphold the denial decision based upon the testimony of the applicant. Mark Downey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0/0.

In the Matter of the Registration of Edward Brown Cause Number SBRPE 13-15

Case Summary: Edward Brown appeared before the Board telephonically to address his Notice of Noncompliance. Mr. Brown admitted to the Board his license lapsed because of the merging of his company with another. He states he has the hours of continuing education hours but does not have the two mandatory hours. Mr. Brown is licensed in other states that require continuing education. Mr. Brown is requesting the Board to waive or decrease the civil penalty and allow him to make up the deficient hours.

Board Action: Mark Downey made motion to keep Notice of Noncompliance; however, he was deficient one hour of Indiana Statutes and rules and pay civil penalty of \$275 within 21 days. Harold Snead seconded motion. Motion carried 5/0/0

PUBLIC HEARING

LSA #13-333

Computer Based Testing

Comments from the public – Ross Nixon Indiana Society of Professional Engineers. Support for proposed change, especially CE changes. Suggestions 864 IAC 1-15-4 Active participation – clarification that active participant receives certificate with date and hours of participation. Statement added – engineers as professions know what active participation entails.

Mark Downey made a motion was made to adopt LSA 13-333 with one amendment

- (1) second examination must be taken at either of the next two (2) regularly scheduled examinations after the failure of the first examination; and
- to be stricken. Kenneth Spaulding seconded motion. Motion carried 5/0/0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Rules and Investigative fund combining of fees - this is a reoccurring item to remain on the agenda. No new update at this time. Mark Downey discussed that we need to keep this item tabled until the time comes that a rule change would be allowed.

Richard Losee application – John Sauer made a motion to issue a corrected denial letter to find Mr. Losee deficient 2.66 semester credit hours of calculus, .66 semester credit hour of physical sciences and 1 semester hour of chemistry based upon the information provided today. Harold Snead seconded. Motion carried 5/0/0

Washington Accord Agreement – Added in regards to do we accept the Washington Accord Agreement. Do we accept candidates from other countries that are not ABET accredited. NCEES recognizes Accord. Vince feels that the requirements align with Indiana requirements but that it would benefit the Board to look at individual applications on a case to case basis. It is suggested that degrees pre 1989 be looked at on a case to case basis as the Washington Accord was not yet created.

Table so that further investigate the differences between ABET and Accord to make sure Accord is meeting the course requirements before a blanket approval is made. Provide to the Board for review prior to the January meeting so that a decision can be made on that date.

Communication with Association – How do we communicate pending rules and information to the association? Published in Indy Star and listed on IPLA website. Should information be sent directly to professional associations in the state – as a courtesy? This would be above and beyond requirements and different procedure than other boards represented by staff. The Board discussed no further action regarding communication will be taken.

PERMIT/LICENSURE APPLICATIONS

Applications for Registration as Professional Engineers by Comity

Harold Snead made a motion to accept the recommendations by board members. John Sauer seconded motion. Motion carried 4/0/0.

1. Robert Goodfellow - denied
2. Pratap Singh - approved
3. Noah J. Elwood - approved
4. Benson, Benjamin - approved

ELECTIONS


Chair - Harold Snead made motion to have Vice Chair Mark Downey become chair for 2014. John Sauer seconded. Motion carried 5/0/0.

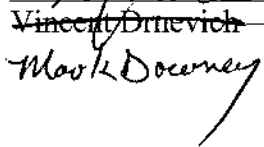
Vice Chair – Mark Downey made motion to elect Harold Snead as Vice Chair. John Sauer seconded. Motion carried 5/0/0

Liaison – Mark Downey made motion to elect John Sauer as Liaison to Attorney General. Harold Snead seconded motion. Motion carried 5/0/0.

Request a meeting of the executive director with the current chair and newly appointed chair.

There being no further business and having completed its duties, the meeting of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers adjourned at 1:17 pm.



Vincent Dimevich - Chairperson


1-16-14
Date