STATE OF MAINE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

MINUTES Thursday, June 14, 2018

<u>Present:</u> Mandy Holway Olver, PE, Chair; Clifton Greim, PE, Vice Chair; Knud Hermansen, PE, PLS, PhD, Esq.; Russell G. Martin, PE; Susan Lessard, Public Member; and Brent Bridges, PE. Also present were: Colin Hay, Assistant Attorney General, and David Jackson, Executive Director.

Meeting location: Conference Room, 295 Water Street, First Floor, Augusta, Maine

1. Call to Order, Minutes of prior meetings and other preliminaries

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by the Chair in the first-floor conference room at 295 Water Street, Augusta, Maine.

A. On motion by Mr. Hermansen and second by Mr. Greim, the minutes of the board meeting held on March 15, 2018 were approved by a 5-0-1 vote, with Ms. Lessard recused.

2. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee (Chair)

B. Finance Committee (Greim)

- 1. Book balance on June 6, 2018 was \$418,627 Book balance on June 9, 2016 was \$516,262
- 2. The number of active licensees on June 6, 2018 was 6174 The number of active licensees on June 9, 2016 was 6018

Finance Committee to review biennial budget data and make any necessary recommendations at August board meeting.

C. Rules Committee (Martin)

1. Possible revision to Rules.

Discussion of possible changes to rule regarding professional development. Mr. Martin to draft language to be presented at the August board meeting.

D. <u>Examinations Committee</u> (Hermansen)

1. Of 62 examinees registered for the April PE exam, 42 passed, for a passing rate of 68%.

E. Information Committee (Lessard)

- 1. The following articles are proposed for the Spring 2018 Newsletter:
 - a. Thoughts While Driving (Olver)
 - b. Results of the October exams
 - c. Audit process and policy
 - d. Outreach to Schools (Taylor)
 - e. PE Exam Conversion to CBT
 - f. Engineers Week at UMaine
 - g. NCEES Meeting reports
 - h. PDH program legislation presenting both sides (Hermansen)

Articles should be submitted to the Executive Director by June 30, 2018. Executive Director to remind board members of any articles due.

F. Complaint Committee (Martin)

1. E18-003

On motion by Mr. Hermansen and second by Mr. Greim the Board voted 5-0-1 with the Complaint Officer recused to dismiss the complaint for failure to provide evidence of any violation of the statute or rule.

G. Continuing Education Committee (Hermansen)

1. Audit process

Audit letters to go out by June 23 and unresponsive licensees or those who fail to provide documentation will be presented at the August board meeting to determine if complaints should be filed against their license.

H. Special Committees

3. Communications

A. Report of discipline in another jurisdiction

On motion by Mr. Hermansen and second by Ms. Lessard the Board voted 6-0 to take no action on the reported discipline.

B. Report of discipline in another jurisdiction

On motion by Mr. Hermansen and second by Ms. Lessard the Board voted 6-0 to take no action on the reported discipline.

4. Applications

A. Review and concurrence of Chair/Executive Director actions

- 1. Temporary certificates issued.
- 2. Comity licenses authorized for NCEES Model Law Engineers.
- 3. Comity licenses authorized by the Executive Director and Chair.
- 4. Licenses by written examination.
- 5. Re-examinations authorized by the Executive Director.

On motion by Mr. Hermansen and second by Ms. Lessard the Board voted 6-0 to concur with the actions taken in items 4-A.1 through 5.

B. Engineer Intern (EI) Applications

1. Jeremie Pierce

On motion by Mr. Hermansen and second by Mr. Martin, the Board voted 6-0 to issue a preliminary denial for failure to demonstrate 48 credit hours of engineering coursework as required in statute. Based on the qualifications shown, applicant would be eligible for licensure as a PE after eight verified years of engineering work experience.

C. Recently certified Engineer Interns

On motion by Mr. Hermansen and second by Mr. Martin the Board voted 6-0 to concur on item 4C.

D. PE Applications (Exec Dir)

1. John Y. Wang, SE

On motion by Mr. Hermansen and second by Mr. Martin the Board voted 6-0 to require this applicant to submit an NCEES Credentials Evaluation.

2. Christopher M. Swan, PE

On motion by Mr. Hermansen and second by Mr. Bridges the Board voted 6-0 to issue a Preliminary Denial based on the lack of evidence of a four-year degree.

3. Chao Wen. PE

On motion by Mr. Hermansen and second by Mr. Martin the Board voted 6-0 to approve this application for PE licensure.

E. Tabled and previously considered

F. Reexamination Requests

G. Other applications or requests

5. Pending Business

A. NCEES Annual Meeting, August 15-18, Scottsdale, AZ Discussion of attendees to Annual Meeting. Ms. Lessard and Mr. Bridges will be funded as first-time attendees, and Mr. Hermansen, Mr. Martin, and possibly the Executive Director will fill the three NCEES funded positions.

6. New Business

A. Review of NE Zone Meeting hosted by the board.

- **B.** Report on Crowe Ceremony at UMaine Orono.
- C. On motion by Mr. Hermansen and second by Mr. Martin the Board voted 6-0 to establish policy that any applicant presenting a degree from a program outside the United States that is not ABET-accredited or deemed equivalent by an existing agreement such as CEAB, the Washington Accord, or the Sydney Accord, be required to submit an NCEES Credentials Evaluation to determine if the undergraduate degree meets the NCEES Engineering Education Standard.
- **D.** Executive Director to send Annual Meeting motion link to board members so they can be prepared to discuss during the August board meeting motions that will be presented at the NCEES Annual Meeting.

7. Adjournment

- A. Next scheduled meetings are August 9, 2018 and November 15, 2018.
- **B.** Meeting adjourned at 11:08 AM.