

**STATE OF MAINE**  
**BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, November 30, 2017**

**Present:** The meeting was held in a conference room at MaineDOT, 24 Child Street, Augusta, Maine. Board members present were: Mandy Holway Olver, PE, Chair; Clifton W. Greim, PE, Vice-Chair; Knud Hermansen, PE, PLS, PhD, Esq.; Russell G. Martin, PE, Complaint Officer; and Brent Bridges, PE. Also present were: Colin Hay, Assistant Attorney General; and David Jackson, Executive Director. Members of the public, several of whom represented professional societies, were also present.

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

- A. The meeting was called to order at 9:06 am.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the board meeting held on August 10, 2017. On motion by Mr. Hermansen and second by Mr. Greim the Minutes of the board meeting held on August 10, 2017 were approved 4-0.

**2. Committee Reports**

**A. Executive Committee (Chair)**

- 1. The Chair reported on NCEES Annual Meeting in Miami, FL and there was discussion of major issues including interest from structural engineers for separate SE licensure, a move within NCEES to limit the presence of emeritus board members on national committees so that individual boards cannot obtain an outside influence over the national agenda, and the failed attempt to change the NCEES voting structure.

**B. Finance Committee (Greim)**

- 1. Book balance on November 1, 2017 was \$138,780.  
Book balance on November 9, 2015 was \$186,685.
- 2. Number of active licensees on November 1, 2017 was 6483.  
Number of active licensees on November 9, 2015 was 6348.

**C. Rules Committee (Martin)**

- 1. Any discussion of any possible changes is postponed to at least the January or March agenda. Discuss the concern of UMaine faculty about permitting PDH credit for teaching certain engineering courses.

**D. Examinations Committee (Hermansen)**

- 1. The Executive Director reported on the NCEES PE Exam irregularity report. The power went out for a large part of Central Maine during the last half-hour of the PE exam administration. Two individuals were excused from the exam, one for using a cell phone and the other for leaving the exam area without notifying the proctors.

**E. Information Committee (Olver)**

1. The following articles are proposed for the Spring newsletter:
  - a. Thoughts While Driving (Olver)
  - b. Results of October 2017 exams
  - c. Audits (Exec Dir)
  - d. PE Exam conversion to CBT
  - e. NCEES meeting reports
  - f. PDH program legislation presenting both sides (Hermansen)
2. A recommendation was made to mail a postcard to notify of the publication of the newsletter in electronic format.

**F. Complaint Committee (Martin)**

1. E17-001  
On Motion by Mr. Hermansen and second by Mr. Greim, the Board voted 4-0-1 with the Complaint Officer recused, to dismiss the complaint for lack of evidence of a violation of statute or rule.

**G. Continuing Education Committee (Hermansen)**

1. Executive Director will propose a PDH audit procedure at the meeting in January. Board members indicated that if a licensee fails to respond within the 30-days permitted to respond, that a complaint be filed against that license.

**H. Special Committees**

1. Planning Committee for the Northeast Zone Interim Meeting May 17-19, 2018. Discussion of remaining responsibilities and assignments.

**3. Communications**

- A. Email regarding SPCC – this discussion was postponed to the January Meeting.

**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.

**B. New Engineer Intern (EI) Applications**

**C. Recently certified Engineer Interns**

On motion by Mr. Hermansen and second by Mr. Bridges, the Board voted 5-0 to concur with the actions in items 4. A-C above.

#### **D. New PE Applications (Exec Dir)**

1. Charles Besjak

On motion by Mr. Hermansen and second by Mr. Martin, the Board voted 5-0 to license this candidate as qualified under the statute.

2. Kenneth Boren

On motion by Mr. Hermansen and second by Mr. Greim, the Board voted 5-0 to license this candidate as qualified under the statute.

3. Esha Modi

On motion by Mr. Hermansen and second by Mr. Greim, the Board voted 5-0 to license this candidate as qualified under the statute.

4. Lawrence Shoen

On motion by Mr. Hermansen and second by Mr. Bridges, the Board voted 5-0 to license this candidate as qualified under the statute.

#### **E. Tabled and previously considered**

#### **F. Reexamination Requests**

#### **G. Other applications or requests**

### **5. Pending Business**

### **6. New Business**

**A.** Maine Engineers Week -- Expo, Saturday Feb 24, 2018, UMaine Field House  
On motion by Mr. Hermansen and second by Mr. Martin, the Board voted 5-0 to support the Expo at the amount of \$2500.

**B.** Promotional materials

On motion by Mr. Hermansen and second by Mr. Bridges, the Board voted 5-0 to expend up to \$5000 on promotional materials to support the Expo, the NE Zone Meeting, and classroom presentations.

**C.** NCEES UPLG Committee, December 1-2, 2017, San Diego, CA

On motion by Mr. Hermansen and second by Mr. Martin, the Board voted 5-0 to send the Executive Director to the NCEES UPLG Committee Meeting in Sand Diego, CA.

**D.** NCEES Annual Meeting, August 15-18, 2018, Scottsdale, AZ

Decision on annual meeting postponed. Preliminary interest shown by Mr. Hermansen, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Bridges.

### **7. Adjournment**

**A.** Next scheduled meetings are January 18, 2018 and March 15, 2018

**B.** Meeting adjourned at 11:42 am.