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EXAMINATIONS & QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

August 3, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. in the conference room of the OSBEELS office at 670 Hawthorne Avenue SE, Suite 220, Salem, OR 97301.

Members present were:

Mari Kramer, Chair

Ron Stuntzner

Carl Tappert

Ed Butts (excused absence)

Staff present was:

Mari Lopez, Executive Secretary

Jenn Gilbert, Executive Assistant

Shantelle Meyer

Others present were:

Bob Neathamer (observer)

Joanna Tucker-Davis, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

Marv Pyles

New Business

Korean Professional Engineers Association (KPEA)

The Committee reviewed a series of corresponding emails with regards to representatives from KPEA requesting to observe the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Professional Engineering (PE) and NCEES Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exams administered in South Korea. In addition, the Committee acknowledged that KPEA is also interested in entering into a direct Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NCEES, which would allow KPEA to offer and administer NCEES examinations through the Society of American Military Engineers, Korea Post (SAME) in South Korea. After a brief discussion, staff was directed to include this information in the September 11, 2007 Board meeting packets for further discussion.

The Exam Solutions Team (TEST)—Test Development Workshop Proposal

The Committee reviewed an email from TEST, Inc. concerning the Oregon Land Survey Law (4-hour) examination. With over 20 years of experience in developing state licensing exams and

providing consultation to several national associations, including NCEES, TEST, Inc. offered to conduct a workshop to develop the Oregon Land Survey Law (4-hour) examination. This workshop would include test blueprints, test development, setting passing scores, and statistical analysis. Following a brief discussion, the Committee concurred to continue the test development and grading through the established volunteer group. Staff will respond to TEST, Inc. accordingly.

Request for Refund—Email from Daynan Rigg

The Committee reviewed a request by Daynan Rigg to waive the \$80 delinquent fee due to her deployment to Japan. After a brief discussion and review of documentation, the Committee agreed to waive the delinquent fee. Staff will respond to Daynan Rigg accordingly.

Pre-Registration Questionnaire

Staff brought to the Committee's attention that there are no provisions for applicants applying for registration by examination that require successful completion of a pre-registration examination covering questions on laws, procedures and practices in the State of Oregon. The Committee discussed several issues and concerns surrounding the expenses exhausted to distribute a large completed quantity of questionnaires for each administration, as well as staff time to grade the questionnaires received. It was suggested for the Board to possibly consider eliminating this requirement for exam applicants. However, as provided in the Oregon Administrative Rules, comity, first licensure, and prior practice applicants are required to pass the pre-registration questionnaire. The Committee directed staff to include this information in the September 11, 2007 Board meeting for further discussion.

Oregon Specific Exam Syllabus Discussion

Staff requested the Committee to clarify the process of receiving and distributing exam syllabuses for Oregon Specific exams (Acoustical, Geotechnical, Forest, Oregon Land Survey Law, Washington Structural III, and Certified Water Right Examiners). To ensure applicants are given the appropriate information, the Committee concurred that the primary contact of each Oregon Specific exam volunteer group that provide an exam syllabus to OSBEELS annually. There was no further discussion.

Fundamentals of Land Surveying (FLS) Results—Email from Steve Kuhn

The Committee reviewed a letter of concern from Steve Kuhn regarding the release of his exam results for the April 2007 FLS examination. Mr. Kuhn was admitted to the April 2007 FLS examination based upon Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 670.010. However, Mr. Kuhn affirmed that he was unable to comply with ORS 670.020(2), which reads, *"If any candidate admitted to an examination as provided in ORS 670.010 shall fail or neglect within said period to complete the educational requirement for such examination, then the completion of the examination by such candidate shall be null and void, and of no effect. The state board or commission which examined the candidate, however, shall retain any examination fee paid by the candidate."* As a result, the Committee will not release Mr. Kuhn's exam results. Staff will respond to Mr. Kuhn accordingly.

April 2007 Fundamentals of Engineering Results and Admission for October 2007 FLS Exam—
Email from Bjorn Miller

The Committee reviewed a letter of concern from Bjorn Miller regarding the release of his exam results for the April 2007 FE examination. Mr. Miller was admitted to the April 2007 FE examination based upon Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 670.010. However, Mr. Miller affirmed that he was unable to comply with ORS 670.020(2), which reads, *"If any candidate admitted to an examination as provided in ORS 670.010 shall fail or neglect within said period to complete the educational requirement for such examination, then the completion of the examination by such candidate shall be null and void, and of no effect. The state board or commission which examined the candidate, however, shall retain any examination fee paid by the candidate."* As a result, the Committee conceded not to release Mr. Miller's exam results. Staff will respond to Mr. Miller accordingly.

Additionally, the Committee acknowledged that several inquiries received for releasing the FE and FLS exam results are from Oregon State University (OSU) students. Therefore, staff was directed to contact OSU, with regards to the timing and process in which OSU confers the degree(s) to include the graduation date on the official transcript.

Proctor FLS in Korea—Email Dated July 20, 2007

The Committee reviewed correspondence to administer the FLS exam in South Korea. Given the fact the FLS exam is an NCEES exam, the Committee agreed there is no issues of concern to administer the FLS exam in South Korea. However, if an applicant qualifies for entrance to the Professional Land Surveying exams, the Board will not permit the administration of the Oregon Land Survey Law exam in South Korea. Therefore, examinees are required to make arrangements to sit for the PLS exams in the states. Staff will respond accordingly.

Washington Structural III Exam—Email from Tracy Bacon

The Committee reviewed a letter from Tracy Bacon with regards the Washington (WA) Structural III exam. Particularly, the zero pass rates as well as the lack of refresher courses available in Oregon. The Committee discussed their interest in soliciting input from Structural Engineers Association of Oregon (SEAO) to assist the Board in determining if the WA Structural III exam requirement is an appropriate avenue for individuals interested in obtaining registration as a professional structural engineer in the State of Oregon. To support Oregon examinees, the Committee is also interested in seeking assistance from SEAO to facilitate Oregon examinees in obtaining successful scores by offering a structural engineering refresher course locally. Staff will respond to Ms. Bacon accordingly and will invite SEAO to the next scheduled Committee meeting for further discussion.

Informational

Forest Engineering Exam Results—Email Dated July 23, 2007

George Twiss, Executive Director of the Washington State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, forwarded to the Committee, a recommendation letter regarding the April 2007 Forest Engineering exam results. The letter recommending a cut score of 70 was scheduled for adoption during the July 2007 Washington Board meeting. Mr.

Twiss will provide additional details of the Washington Board's decision. There was no further discussion.

Staff Change—Memo Dated July 18, 2007

For informational purposes, staff distributed a memorandum from NCEES informing Member Boards that Phyllis Fenno, Director of IT/Administrative Services resigned from her position with NCEES effective July 14, 2007. There was no further discussion.

Senate Bill 583—Memo Dated July 17, 2007

Staff distributed for informational purposes, advice from Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Joanna Tucker Davis, as to whether Senate Bill 583, the Oregon Consumer Identity Theft Protection Act effects the inclusion of social security numbers on the OSBEELS renewal forms. The advice affirms that OSBEELS may remove social security numbers from the renewal forms. There was no further discussion.

Action Taken by NCEES Board of Directors—Memo Dated July 16, 2007

For informational purposes, staff distributed a memorandum from NCEES informing Member Boards that effective July 13, 2007, Jerry Carter has been designated to serve as the Acting Executive Director for NCEES. There was no further discussion.

Engineering Surveys—Letter Dated July 23, 2007

The Committee briefly discussed with observer Marv Pyles, correspondence received from Gilbert Chavez, PS, Board Chair from the New Mexico State Board, the issue to remove "Engineering Surveys" from the current Model Law Language. Board President and observer, Sue Laszlo, extended an invitation to Scott Ashford, OSU faculty, to attend the September 11, 2007 Board meeting for further discussion.

Unfinished Business

Article for Oregon Examiner—Reapplication

Staff reminded the Committee that the "Reapplication" article for the Oregon Examiner is needed by the September 11, 2007 Board meeting.

Certified Water Right Examiner (CWRE) Test

The Committee reviewed the progression of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Water Resources Department (WRD) and OSBEELS. Several items of concerns related to the fees, CWRE test administration, appeals, and delinquent notifications were brought forth for additional clarification to assist with the development of the MOU. Further review and discussion will be held at the next Committee Meeting in October.

Acoustical Examination

The Committee held discussion with AAG Joanna Tucker Davis, regarding the MOU between the volunteer(s) and OSBEELS. The Committee concurred that the MOU should be in contract form, to enable repercussions for not complying with the contract. If the volunteer group does not follow thru the MOU, applicants may be highly inconvenienced. Further review and discussion will be held at the next Committee Meeting in October.

Review of Applications

Comity Applications

Joseph Baran—The Committee reviewed an application from Joseph Baran for registration as a professional engineer by comity. After review of the information provided, it was determined that Mr. Baran would qualify for licensure as a professional electrical engineer. Staff will respond to Mr. Baran accordingly.

Lawrence Nash—The Committee reviewed an application from Lawrence Nash for registration as a professional engineer by comity. After review of the information provided, it was determined that Mr. Nash would not qualify for licensure as a professional electrical engineer. Staff will respond to Mr. Nash accordingly.

Michael Pinney— The Committee reviewed an application from Michael Pinney for registration as a professional engineer by comity. After review of the information provided, it was determined that Mr. Pinney would qualify for licensure as a professional civil engineer. Staff will respond to Mr. Pinney accordingly.

Leslie Benoy— The Committee reviewed an application from Leslie Benoy for registration as a professional engineer and professional land surveyor by comity. After review of the information provided, it was determined that Mr. Benoy would qualify for licensure as a professional civil engineer and professional land surveyor. Staff will respond to Mr. Benoy accordingly.

Richard Ryan— The Committee reviewed an application from Richard Ryan for registration as a professional engineer by comity. After review of the information provided, it was determined that Mr. Ryan would qualify for licensure as a professional civil engineer. Staff will respond to Mr. Ryan accordingly.

Angelo Di Monte— The Committee reviewed an application from Angelo Di Monte for registration as a professional engineer by comity. After review of the information provided, it was determined that Mr. Di Monte would qualify for licensure as a professional electrical engineer. Staff will respond to Mr. Di Monte accordingly.

Nicholas Artim— The Committee reviewed an application from Nicholas Artim for registration as a professional engineer by comity. After review of the information provided, it was determined that Mr. Artim would not qualify for licensure as a professional fire protection engineer. Staff will respond to Mr. Artim accordingly.

Exam Applications

Charles Furrey—The Committee reviewed an application from Charles Furrey for entrance to the Fundamentals of Engineering examination. After review of his application, it was determined that Mr. Thompson satisfies the Board's requirements. Staff will respond to Mr. Furrey accordingly.

Eunok Lee— The Committee reviewed an application from Eunok Lee for entrance to the Fundamentals of Engineering examination. After review of his application, it was determined that Mr. Lee does not satisfy the Board's requirements. Staff will respond to Mr. Lee accordingly.

Hyoung Chul Ha— The Committee reviewed an application from Hyoung Chul Ha for entrance to the Fundamentals of Engineering examination. After review of his application, it was determined that Mr. Ha satisfies the Board's requirements. Staff will respond to Mr. Ha accordingly.

Min Sik Yoo— The Committee reviewed an application from Min Sik Yoo for entrance to the Fundamentals of Engineering examination. After review of his application, it was determined that Mr. Yoo does not satisfy the Board's requirements. Staff will respond to Mr. Yoo accordingly.

Sung Kei Kim— The Committee reviewed an application from Sung Kei Kim for entrance to the Fundamentals of Engineering examination. After review of his application, it was determined that Mr. Kim satisfies the Board's requirements. Staff will respond to Mr. Kim accordingly.

Hyoung Bae Mun— The Committee reviewed an application from Hyoung Bae Mun for entrance to the Fundamentals of Engineering examination. After review of his application, it was determined that Mr. Mun satisfies the Board's requirements. Staff will respond to Mr. Mun accordingly.

Sung Jun Kim— The Committee reviewed an application from Sung Jun Kim for entrance to the Fundamentals of Engineering examination. After review of his application, it was determined that Mr. Kim satisfies the Board's requirements. Staff will respond to Mr. Kim accordingly.

Kenneth Kong— The Committee reviewed an application from Kenneth Kong for entrance to the Professional Land Surveying examination. After review of his application, it was determined that Mr. Kong does not satisfy the Board's requirements. Staff will respond to Mr. Kong accordingly.

Review of Reapplications

The Committee reviewed a large amount of re-applications from those who did not achieve a passing grade in their first and second written examinations. As stated in OAR 820-010-0465, these applicants were required to submit valid evidence of further preparation. Evidence reviewed consisted of additional experience gained, special training, courses taken and study materials reviewed. Of the 14 reapplications reviewed, 9 were admitted to the October 2007 examinations and 5 were denied entrance. In addition, the Committee directed staff to provide a report after the exam administration to include the passing rates of those reviewed and approved.

Appeals in Process

April 2007 OR 4-Hour Exam—Benjamin Yanez

The Committee noted that Benjamin Yanez' appeal for the April 2007 Oregon 4-Hour examination was completed. No further action was taken.

April 2007 OR 4-Hour Exam—John Heaton

The Committee noted an appeal in process for John Heaton. No further action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.