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EXAMINATIONS & QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

October 3, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 1:55 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

Staff present was:

Mari Lopez, Executive Secretary
Jenn Gilbert
Shantelle Meyer

Others present were:

Bob Neathamer (observer)
Joanna Tucker-Davis, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)
Erika Koss
Marcela Alcantar
Bruce Orr

Guest Discussion

Erika Koss

The Committee reviewed an application from Erika Koss for entrance to the October 2007 Fundamentals of Engineering examination. After review of her application and discussion with Ms. Koss, it was determined that compliance may be met with Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 820-010-0225(2) by successfully completing six of the nine specified courses listed in OAR 820-010-0225(3)(d) for the April 2008 examination. Ms. Koss accepted the Committee's decision. Staff will send formal correspondence to Ms. Koss accordingly.

Marcela Alcantar

The Committee reviewed an application from Marcella Alcantar for entrance to the October 2007 Professional Civil Engineering examination. Ms. Alcantar was denied entrance based upon noncompliance with OAR 820-010-0465. During the meeting, Ms. Alcantar presented evidence of additional study to the Committee. The Committee determined that she would not be admitted

to the October 2007 examination. However, upon the Board's receipt of Ms. Alcantar's application, required supporting documentation, and payment, she may qualify for entrance to the April 2008 examination. Ms. Alcantar accepted the Committee's decision. Staff will send formal correspondence to Ms. Alcantar accordingly.

New Business

Request to Reduce or Waive Delinquent Fee-Email from Kurt Krueger

The Committee reviewed a request by Kurt Krueger to reduce or waive the \$80 delinquent fee. After a brief discussion and review of documentation, the Committee denied his request. Staff will respond to Mr. Krueger accordingly.

Request to Renew Lapsed PE Registration – Letter from James H. Clark

The Committee reviewed a letter from James H. Clark requesting to renew his certificate of registration as a professional engineer in the State of Oregon. In accordance with Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 672.170(4), the Committee determined that Mr. Clark's certificate of registration as a professional engineer is not renewable. Therefore, if applicable, he may apply by comity to regain a certificate of registration as a professional engineer in the State of Oregon. Staff will respond to Mr. Clark accordingly.

Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 820-010-0225(2)

Joshua Elliott—The Committee reviewed a letter of concern from Joshua Elliott regarding the release of his exam results for the April 2007 FE examination. He was admitted upon OAR 820-010-0225(2) and OAR 820-010-0225(3)(d). Mr. Elliott states in his letter that all course work was completed before the date set forth in ORS 670.010 and he has been working exclusively on a thesis for his Master's degree. Due to experimental difficulty, Mr. Elliott has been unable to complete his thesis, thus postponing the completion of his degree and requested that the deadline be extended to January 31, 2008. Additional correspondence regarding the abnormal circumstance of graduation from a Master's degree was not received. However, the correspondence sent by the Board stated ORS 670.010, 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.*" The Committee determined that although the additional correspondence received conveying the importance of ORS 670.010 and OAR 820-010-0225(3)(d) was not sent, ORS 670.010 stands and Mr. Elliott's exam results will be considered null and void. Staff will respond to Mr. Elliott accordingly.

Juan C. Hernandez—The Committee reviewed a letter of concern from Juan C. Hernandez regarding the release of his exam results for the April 2007 FE examination. Mr. Hernandez was admitted to the April 2007 FE examination based upon ORS 670.010. However, Mr. Hernandez 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 consider Mr. Hernandez' exam results as null and void. Staff will respond to Mr. Hernandez accordingly.

OAR 820-010-0305(3)(a)

Many Oregon registrants request to order duplicate wall certificates. However, the provisions outlined in OAR 820-010-0305(3)(a) states that wall certificates may be reissued or replaced if a wall certificate is "lost or mutilated." The Committee determined this issue be discussed during the November 13, 2007 Board meeting.

Rescoring NCEES Examinations

Staff sought clarification from the Committee concerning requests to rescore NCEES examinations due to revisions within OAR 820-010-0470 "Review of Examinations." Staff informed the Committee that NCEES may allow a rescore of an NCEES examination, but only if the State Board allows examinees to request to rescore their examination. After a brief discussion of the rescoring process, the Committee concurred to not permit requests to rescore the NCEES examinations.

Informational

The Examination Solution Team (TEST)

For informational purposes, staff distributed emails from several Member Boards regarding previous and present experiences with TEST, Inc. The Committee discussed future concerns with the Oregon Specific examinations, including the existing volunteer groups and the future of these volunteer groups continuing to develop and grade such examinations. The Committee directed staff to provide further details of TEST, Inc. In addition, it was agreed to invite members of TEST, Inc. to January 2007 Board meeting for discussion.

Betsy Browne—Memo Dated August 6, 2007

For informational purposes, staff distributed a memorandum from NCEES informing Member Boards that effective July 31, 2007, Betsy Browne has retired from her position as Executive Director for NCEES. There was no further discussion.

Center for Professional Engineering Education Services (Center)—Memo Dated October 2, 2007

Staff distributed for informational purposes a memorandum from Jerry T. Carter, Executive Director of NCEES, addressing the issues concerning the volume of applications received by the Center and the short number of staff. The Center will hire two additional full-time evaluators to meet the demand for reviewing applications for an evaluation. There was no further discussion.

Washington Structural III

The correspondence sent to the Structural Engineers Association of Oregon (SEAO) regarding the concerns with the Washington (WA) Structural III examination was distributed to the Committee for informational purposes. Staff informed the Committee that SEAO did not respond. However, Bob Walker, former Board member, requested the date of the October 2007 Committee for possible attendance. There was no representative from SEAO present at the October 2007 Committee meeting to discuss the concerns with the WA Structural III examination. There was no further discussion.

Unfinished Business

Certified Water Right Examiner (CWRE) Test

The Committee reviewed the development of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Water Resources Department (WRD) and OSBEELS. Several items of concern were in relation to the fees for the CWRE exam administration, appeals, and delinquent notifications. Staff will update the progress at the December 2007 Committee meeting.

Acoustical Examination

A final draft of the MOU between volunteer(s) and OSBEELS was presented to the Committee for review. The Committee agreed the MOU be included in the November 13, 2007 Board meeting packets.

Review of Applications

Comity Applications

Ronald Blacketer—The Committee reviewed an application from Ronald Blacketer for registration as a professional engineer by 1st licensure. After review of the information provided, it was determined that Mr. Blacketer would qualify for licensure as a professional civil engineer. Staff will respond to Mr. Blacketer accordingly.

James Clancy—The Committee reviewed an application from James Clancy for registration as a professional engineer by comity. After review of the information provided, it was determined that staff would need to collect additional information regarding law enforcement cases against Mr. Clancy to be presented at the December Committee meeting.

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

Lawrence Nash—The Committee reviewed an application from Lawrence Nash for registration as a professional engineer by comity. Mr. Nash was issued a certificate of registration as a professional engineer in the State of California in 1976. He has met nearly all of the Board's requirements, with the exception of the FE examination waived. According to the 1976 edition of ORS 672.255, successful completion of the FE examination was a minimum requirement for registration as a professional engineer in the State of Oregon. The Committee concurred that the Board does not have authority to waive requirements outlined in statute. Therefore, Mr. Nash is required to successfully complete the FE examination. Staff will respond to Mr. Nash accordingly.

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

Christopher Raml— The Committee reviewed an application from Christopher Raml for registration as a professional land surveyor by comity. After review of the information provided, it was determined that Mr. Raml could qualify for licensure as a professional land surveyor if he could prove that time listed as non land surveying work was qualified land surveying work. Staff will respond to Mr. Raml accordingly.

Adrianus Vermulen— The Committee reviewed a request from Adrianus Vermulen regarding a course-by-course evaluation from an agency not listed in OAR 820-010-0227(2). After review of the information provided, it was determined that Mr. Vermulen would be granted an extension no further than the March 2008 Board meeting, due to CPEES taking an extended amount of time to complete his course-by-course evaluation. Staff will respond to Mr. Vermulen accordingly.

Appeals in Process

April 2007 OR 4-Hour Exam—John Heaton

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.