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EXAMINATIONS & QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

April 13, 2012

Members present:

Amin Wahab

James Doane

Steven Burger

John Seward (excused absence)

Grant Davis (excused absence)

Staff present:

Mari Lopez, Executive Secretary

Jenn Gilbert, Executive Assistant

Amanda Sloan

Jennifer O'Neill

Joy Pariante

Matt Bryan

Others present:

JoAnna Tucker-Davis, Assistant Attorney General

In the absence of Chair Davis, Mr. Wahab called the meeting of the Examinations and Qualifications (E&Q) Committee to order at 9:40 a.m. in the conference room of the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying (OSBEELS) office at 670 Hawthorne Avenue SE, Suite 220, Salem, OR 97301.

New Business

NCEES Engineering Education Standard

The Committee reviewed an email dated March 8, 2012 from Stef Goodenow, Manager of National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Credential Evaluations, regarding the NCEES Engineering Education Standard. Information in the email provides that the recent amendment to the NCEES Education Standard allows state boards to determine if they would like to see an individual's education compared to the NCEES Standard. There was no further discussion.

Registered Continuing Education Program

The Committee reviewed a memo from staff dated March 20, 2012, regarding the NCEES Board of Directors opting to end their partnership with the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) regarding the operation of the Registered Continuing Education Program (RCEP). As a result, NCEES transferred all elements of RCEP to ACEC effective immediately. After discussion, the Committee determined that Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 820-010-0635(6)(b) be forwarded to the Rules and Regulations (R&R) Committee for revision.

Exam Irregularity Report

The Committee reviewed a memo from staff dated March 27, 2012, regarding examination irregularity reports that are received from NCEES. After a brief discussion, the Committee directed staff to invite an NCEES representative to discuss the concerns expressed by members during the March 13, 2012 Board Meeting regarding the NCEES examination irregularity reports.

October 2011 Examination Results

The Committee reviewed a memo from staff dated March 27, 2012, regarding the release of Ziyang Liu's October 2011 Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) examination results. After reviewing Ms. Liu's transcripts and credential evaluation, the Committee determined that Ms. Liu qualified to receive her results in accordance with OAR 820-010-0225(3)(d). Staff will respond accordingly.

Oregon Specific Forest Engineering Examination Syllabus

The Committee reviewed the Oregon Specific Forest Engineering Examination Syllabus. Staff briefly noted that the information was formatted consistent with the Acoustical and 4-hour syllabus. After a brief discussion, **the Committee will recommend the Board adopt the syllabus during the May 8, 2012 Board Meeting for further consideration.**

Informational

ANSI Recognizes NCEES Model Law Structural Engineer Standard

The Committee reviewed a news release dated February 7, 2012 from NCEES, regarding the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and their recent approval of the Model Law Structural Engineer (MLSE) standard developed by NCEES. There was no further discussion.

Review of Applications

Comity Applications

Marc Grunert – The Committee reviewed a comity application from Marc Grunert for professional registration as a civil engineer. Mr. Grunert submitted a written request for the Committee to consider the lack of a specific discipline of his Professional Engineering (PE) examination. Mr. Grunert also provided a detailed experience record describing 25+ years of qualified civil engineering experience and 5 references verifying his engineering experience. Additionally, Mr. Grunert provided an official verification from the State of Wisconsin verifying his successful passage of the NCEES FE and PE (combined) examinations. After a brief discussion, **the Committee determined that Mr. Grunert met the minimum requirements for registration and will place him on the list of comity applications for approval by the Board during the May 8, 2012 Board Meeting.** Staff will inform Mr. Grunert accordingly.

Richard Halecky – The Committee reviewed a comity application from Richard Halecky for professional registration as an electrical engineer. Mr. Halecky provided an official transcript demonstrating a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree from the Pennsylvania State University in June 1976. Mr. Halecky also provided an official verification from the State of Pennsylvania demonstrating successful passage of the Pennsylvania state specific FE examination in May 1976, as well as successful passage of the NCEES 8-hour PE examination in the Electrical discipline in April 1993. Additionally, Mr. Halecky provided a detailed experience record demonstrating 30+ years of qualified engineering experience, 5 references verifying his engineering experience, and correspondence from the State of Pennsylvania regarding the examinations in which Mr. Halecky successfully passed. After a brief discussion, **the Committee determined that Mr. Halecky met the minimum requirements for registration and will place him on the list of comity applications for approval by the Board during the May 8, 2012 Board Meeting.** Staff will inform Mr. Halecky accordingly.

Keith Kesner – The Committee reviewed a comity application from Keith Kesner for professional registration as a structural engineer. Mr. Kesner submitted a written request for the Committee to consider his Structural Engineering (SE) examination in which he successfully passed as qualifying for a professional structural registration. Mr. Kesner also provided an official transcript demonstrating a BS degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Connecticut in May 1992 and an official transcript demonstrating a Master of Science (MS) degree in Structural Engineering from Cornell University in January 1998.

Mr. Kesner also provided an official verification from the State of Connecticut demonstrating successful passage of the NCEES FE examination in April 1992, the NCEES SE I examination in April 2009, and the NCEES SE II examination in October 2009. In addition, an official verification from the State of Virginia demonstrating successful passage of the NCEES PE examination in October 1996 and an official verification from the State of Hawaii demonstrating current registration in the SE discipline was provided.

Furthermore, Mr. Kesner provided a detailed experience record demonstrating 12+ years of qualified engineering experience and 5 references verifying his engineering experience. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee determined that Mr. Kesner does not qualify for professional registration as a structural engineer in accordance with Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 672.148 and OAR 820-010-0200(3). The Board previously approved Mr. Kesner for registration as a professional engineer especially qualified in the civil discipline during the March 13, 2012 Board Meeting.

Karen Kornher – The Committee reviewed a comity application from Karen Kornher for professional registration as a structural engineer. Ms. Kornher provided an official transcript from Washington State University demonstrating a BS degree in Civil Engineering in May 1987 and a MS degree in Civil Engineering in May 1989. Ms. Kornher also provided an official verification from the State of Washington demonstrating successful passage of the NCEES FE examination in April 1988, the NCEES PE examination in October 1992, and the Western States Structural examination in October 1994. Additionally, Ms. Kornher provided a detailed experience record demonstrating 20+ years of qualified engineering experience and 5 references

verifying her engineering experience. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee determined that Ms. Kornher does not qualify for professional registration as a structural engineer in accordance with ORS 672.148 and OAR 820-010-0200(3); however, **the Committee determined that Ms. Kornher met the minimum requirements for a civil registration and will place her on the list of comity applications for approval by the Board during the May 8, 2012 Board Meeting.** Staff will notify Ms. Kornher accordingly.

Medhat Nakhla – The Committee reviewed a comity application from Medhat Nakhla for professional registration as a fire protection and mechanical engineer. Mr. Nakhla had been disciplined by the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration for signing and sealing a set of incomplete designs to meet project deadlines and did not stamp the designs “preliminary and/or not for construction and/or not for recording.” Additionally, the Nevada State Board of Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors issued a Stipulated Agreement as a reciprocal action of the disciplinary actions made by the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration. After a lengthy discussion, **it was moved and seconded (Doane/Burger) to recommend the denial of Mr. Nakhla’s comity application pursuant with ORS 672.148(4) and OAR 820-020-0015(2). The motion passed.**

Joel Petty – The Committee reviewed a comity application from Joel Petty for professional registration as a civil engineer. Mr. Petty had been disciplined by the Idaho State Board of Licensure of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors for failing to clearly communicate with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) his plan to obtain and utilize a county building permit to begin construction of a building to house water treatment equipment, while waiting for DEQ approval. After a lengthy discussion, **it was moved and seconded (Doane/Burger) that the disciplinary actions did not rise to a level of concern in Oregon and to place Mr. Petty on the list of comity applications for approval by the Board during the May 8, 2012 Board Meeting. The motion passed (Wahab opposed).** Staff will inform Mr. Petty accordingly.

Stephen Sacco – The Committee reviewed a comity application from Stephen Sacco for professional registration as a civil engineer. Mr. Sacco provided an official transcript from St. Louis Community College demonstrating an Associate in Applied Science degree in Civil Engineering Technology in May 1978 and an official transcript from University of Missouri demonstrating a BS degree in Civil Engineering in December 1980. Mr. Sacco also provided an official verification from the State of Missouri demonstrating successful passage of the NCEES FE examination in October 1980 and the NCEES PE (Combined) discipline examination in October 1985. Additionally, Mr. Sacco provided a detailed experience record demonstrating 12+ years of qualified engineering experience and 5 references verifying his engineering experience. After a lengthy discussion, **the Committee determined that Mr. Sacco met the minimum requirements for registration and will place him on the list of comity applications for approval by the Board during the May 8, 2012 Board Meeting.** Staff will inform Mr. Sacco accordingly.

Kenneth Savage – The Committee reviewed a comity application from Kenneth Savage for professional registration as a civil engineer. Mr. Savage had been disciplined by the Nevada State Board of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors for performing

professional engineering services after his license as a professional engineer had expired. After a lengthy discussion, **it was moved and seconded (Doane/Burger) to recommend the denial of Mr. Savage's comity application pursuant with ORS 672.148(4) and ORS 672.045(1).**

Gary Truyens – The Committee reviewed a comity application from Gary Truyens for professional registration as a civil engineer. Mr. Truyens provided an official credential evaluation of his Bachelor of Engineering degree in Civil Engineering from Cape Peninsula University of Technology in South Africa. This evaluation demonstrated deficiencies in 23 semester credit hours in mathematics and basic science as well as 13 semester credit hours in humanities and social science. Mr. Truyens also provided an official verification from the State of California demonstrating successful passage of the NCEES FE examination in October 2009 and an official verification from the State of Washington demonstrating successful passage of the NCEES PE examination in April 2011. Additionally, Mr. Truyens provided a detailed experience record demonstrating 8+ years of qualified engineering experience and 5 references verifying his engineering experience. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee determined that Mr. Truyens does not qualify for registration as a civil engineer; however, he may qualify for registration as a civil engineer upon completion of the 23 deficient semester credit hours in mathematics and basic science or by obtaining 4 additional years of qualified engineering experience. Staff will inform Mr. Truyens accordingly.

Eun Yu – The Committee reviewed a 1st registration application from Eun Yu for professional registration as a mechanical engineer. Eun Yu provided an official credential evaluation from the NCEES of the Mechanical Engineering degree from Kyung Hee University in February 2004. This evaluation demonstrated deficiencies in 5 semester credit hours in math/basic sciences. Eun Yu also provided an official verification from NCEES demonstrating successful passage of the NCEES 8-hour FE examination in October 2009 and the NCEES 8-hour PE examination in October 2010. Additionally, Eun Yu also provided a detailed experience record demonstrating 7 years and 10 months of qualified engineering experience and 5 references verifying the engineering experience. After a lengthy discussion, **the Committee determined that Eun Yu's education and qualified engineering experience are substantially equivalent to the minimum requirements for registration and will place Eun Yu on the list of 1st registration applications for approval by the Board during the May 8, 2012 Board Meeting.** Staff will inform Eun Yu accordingly.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.