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EXAMINATIONS & QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

August 15, 2014

Members present:

Jason Kent, Chair

Steven Burger

Shelley Duquette

William Boyd

Staff present:

Mari Lopez, Administrator

Jenn Gilbert, Executive Assistant

Matt Bryan

Brianna Weekly

Others present:

Katharine Lozano, Assistant Attorney General

Oscar Zuniga, Board Member Observer

The meeting of the Examinations and Qualifications Committee meeting was called to order at 9:25 a.m. in the OSBEELS Conference Room at 670 Hawthorne Avenue SE, Suite 220, Salem, OR 97301. The Committee adjourned several times to accommodate the other Committees meeting that day.

Public Comment

Since the meeting began a few minutes early chair, Jason Kent moved the public comment to the end of the agenda.

New Business

Fluery, Scott – Mr. Pieter Smeenk completed a reference form for applicant Scott A. Fluery. On the form he indicated that potential practice violations may have occurred. After review and discussion the Committee found that the reference form submitted did not warrant an LEC review. However, the committee suggested staff to inform Mr. Smeenk that he can file a complaint with evidence to the Board office in order to pursue his concerns.

Lagos, Nicholas – Mr. Lagos submitted a Chemical PE application for registration by comity. The verification received from Florida indicated a letter of guidance was issued against his

engineering business there. It was also found that Mr. Lagos did not disclose that any disciplinary action had occurred in another jurisdiction on his application. After discussion, the Committee determined that the language on the OSBEELS application may be somewhat ambiguous with regard to prior discipline against firms of applicants, as opposed to against their individual registration, and directed Staff to mail the page of the comity application that addresses discipline in other jurisdictions back to Mr. Lagos, note that the Board did receive a report of discipline from Florida (letter of guidance), and give him an opportunity to identify and amend the application error. After discussion, the Committee directed Staff to request that Mr. Lagos submit his corrected application and explanation within two weeks. The committee will conduct a further review and consideration during the October meeting.

Rickard, William M. – William M. Rickard submitted a petition to add the petroleum engineering discipline to the branches examined by the Board as described in OAR 820-010-0450. **After discussion, it was moved and seconded (Body/Duquette) to recommend the Board add Petroleum engineering to the branches examined by the Board.** The Board also directed staff to notify Mr. Rickard of their decision and of the next steps in the process.

Sorensen, David – David L. Sorensen completed a reference form for applicant Garrett L. Hedrick. In the form, Mr. Sorensen referred to himself as “Chief Engineer,” And “PE.” Further, his is listed as “Chief Engineer” on the company website. Mr. Hedrick is located in Oregon and Oregon is his primary place of business. Mr. Sorensen is not currently registered in the State of Oregon. He is, however, currently registered in the State of Utah, but employed no parenthetical notation of his state of jurisdiction with his title or signature. **After discussion, the Committee made a motion to recommend that the reference form completed by Mr. Sorensen be forwarded to the Regulation Department for further review of possible title violations.** Mr. Hedrick’s application for examination will not be impacted by Mr. Sorensen’s reference form.

Review of Applications

Examination Applications

Gaffney, Kyle P. – Mr. Gaffney submitted an application for the October 2014 NCEES Professional Land Surveying (PLS) and Oregon Specific Land Surveying examinations. References submitted with his application verify eleven years and six months of experience. Eight years and five months of that experience is verified by supervisory PLS references. He submitted a request for a waiver of references (OAR 820-010-0213(1)(c)(C)). Mr. Gaffney also provided a Joint Services Transcript (JST) to be considered by the Committee demonstrating his course work (OAR 820-010-0228(3)). **After discussion, the Committee recommends the Board approve Mr. Gaffney’s request for a waiver of the supervisory PLS references, and to approve the conversion of a portion his course work listed in his JST into six months of experience using the two-to-one ratio.**

Pantier, Ryan – Mr. Pantier submitted an application to take the October 2014 Mechanical PE examination. He provided an official transcript from St. Martin’s University demonstrating his ABET accredited Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Civil Engineering, and a non-ABET accredited Master of Science (MS) degree in Engineering Management. Based on the transcripts submitted, Mr. Pantier’s MS in Engineering Management does not meet requirement outlined in OAR 820-010-0230(3) to substitute one year of experience for education. Mr. Pantier requested

special consideration of his MS degree. After discussion, the Committee directed Staff to request that Mr. Pantier submit official descriptions from St. Martin's University of the following courses: MEM 660, MEM 615, and MEM 611 within two weeks. The committee will conduct a further review and consideration during the October meeting.

Stewart, Michael – Mr. Stewart submitted an application to take the October 2014 NCEES Fire Protection PE examination. References submitted with his application verify eleven years and nine months of experience. Two years and eight months of that experience is verified by supervisory PE references. He submitted a request for a waiver of references (OAR 820-010-0212(1)(c)(C)). After discussion, the Committee directed Staff to request that Mr. Stewart submit an updated official transcript demonstrating his MS degree and date of conferral by the October meeting for review.

Re-applications

It was moved and seconded (Duquette/Kent) to approve the Reapplications for the following individuals:

- *Griffith, Collette*
- *Ketelsen, Jordin*
- *Kowalczyk, Paul*
- *Passage, Sean*
- *Svicarovich, Kristin*
- *Wilson, Cheri*

The motion passed unanimously.

There was additional discussion concerning the following individuals, but the Committee approved these individuals, as they all demonstrated additional exam preparation:

- *Morgan, BJ* – Mr. Morgan applied for the Lateral portion of the 16-hour NCEES SE examination. He has applied for this examination five times and has failed the examination four times. His last attempt was during the October 2013 administration. Since his last attempt, Mr. Morgan has been engaged in a combination of the requirements listed in OAR 820-010-0465(1). After discussion, it was moved and seconded (Burger/Boyd) to approve his reapplication for the Lateral portion of the 16-hour NCEES SE examination for October 2014.
- *Simescu, Andreea* – Ms. Simescu applied for the NCEES Civil PE examination. She has applied for this examination nine times and has failed the examination six times. Her last attempt was during the April 2014 administration. Since her last attempt, Ms. Simescu has been engaged in a combination of the requirements listed in OAR 820-010-0465(1). After discussion, it was moved and seconded (Boyd/Burger) to approve her reapplication for the NCEES Civil PE examination for October 2014.
- *Yin, Thareth* – Mr. Yin applied for the NCEES Civil PE examination. He has applied for this examination five times and has failed the examination four times. His last attempt was during the April 2014 administration. Since his last attempt, Mr. Yin has been engaged in a

combination of the requirements listed in OAR 820-010-0465(1). After discussion, it was moved and seconded (Duquette/Boyd) to approve his reapplication for the NCEES Civil PE examination for October 2014.

Comity Applications

Hodge, William– Mr. Hodge submitted an application for registration as a civil engineer by comity. Mr. Hodge applied for registration in April 2012 and was denied registration by comity in October 2012. However, the Committee determined that he could submit a new application after the probationary period imposed upon him by the Wisconsin Board had ended (September 2013). Staff presented updated information regarding the status of his probation in Wisconsin, demonstrating that his probation was successfully completed. It was moved and seconded (Boyd/Burger) to place Mr. Hodge's name on the Comity list for approval. Committee member Duquette voted to deny it. The motion passed by majority vote.

Moore, Ehlam– Ms. Moore submitted an application for registration as a civil engineer by comity. Her official NCEES Credential Evaluation indicated that her BS in civil engineering degree from Sharif University of Technology had an academic deficiency in math and basic sciences, specifically general chemistry. Using the two-to-one conversion ratio, the Committee determined that she met the qualifications listed in OAR 820-010-0200 based on the experience submitted with corresponding references. **After discussion, the Committee recommends by consensus that the Board accept the education and experience submitted as meeting the minimum qualifications for registration.**

Rito, Edward – Mr. Rito submitted an application for registration as a civil engineer by comity. His official verification from the State of California indicates that he passed a California state-specific FE examination in 1973 and the California state-specific (civil) PE in 1974. At that time, OSBEELS administered the NCEES FE and PE examinations. The California Board provided correspondence informing OSBEELS that they consider their state specific examinations equivalent to the NCEES examinations given at that time. **After discussion, the Committee recommends by consensus that the Board consider those California state specific FE and PE examinations that Mr. Rito passed in 1973 and 1974 as substantially equivalent to the NCEES FE and PE examinations required by OSBEELS during that time, and Mr. Rito's application be approved.**

1st Registration Applications

Kim, Sungheon– Mr. Kim submitted an application for registration as a civil engineer by 1st registration. His official NCEES Credential Evaluation indicates that his BS in civil engineering degree from Korea University had an academic deficiency in math and basic sciences, specifically general chemistry. Using the two-to-one conversion ratio, the Committee determined that he met the qualifications listed in OAR 820-010-0204 based on the experience submitted with corresponding references. **After discussion, the Committee recommends by consensus that the Board accept the education and experience submitted as meeting the minimum qualifications for registration and approve Mr. Kim's application.**

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Files Subject To Monitoring

The Registration Department staff provided a list of files currently be monitored. These files are in various stages of the Notice of Intent process, with the Regulation Department for review, or have requested a hearing with the Office of Administrative Hearings. The Committee reviewed the list and had no comment. There was no further discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.