

**OPEN MINUTES**  
**Professional Engineering Division of the**  
**Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers,**  
**Professional Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects**

Monday, January 27, 2014, 8:00 A.M.  
Lincoln Room  
Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center  
415 West McCarty  
Jefferson City, Missouri

The Professional Engineering Division of the Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects was called to order by Chairman Kevin C. Skibiski at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, January 27, 2014. A quorum being present, Chairman Skibiski declared the meeting open for business.

**Members Present**

Kevin C. Skibiski, Chair of the Division  
Abiodun "Abe" Adewale, Member of the Division  
Kelley Cramm, Member of the Division

**Others Present**

Sandra Robinson, Licensing Technician Supervisor

To better track the order in which items were taken up on the agenda, each item in the minutes will be listed in the order it was discussed in the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Adewale to approve the minutes for the November 4, 2013 Professional Engineering Division Open Meeting and the November 5, 2013 Professional Engineering Division Open Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cramm and unanimously carried.

**Election of Division Chair, Vice Chair, Exam Chair and PDH Audit Chair**

Mr. Adewale nominated Mr. Skibiski for Professional Engineering Division Chair. Ms. Cramm seconded the nomination and it unanimously carried. Next, Ms. Cramm nominated Mr. Adewale for Vice Chair of the Professional Engineering Division. Mr. Skibiski seconded the nomination and it unanimously carried. Mr. Adewale nominated Ms.

Cramm as Exam Chair for the Professional Engineering Division. Mr. Skibiski seconded the nomination and it unanimously carried. Mr. Adewale nominated Ms. Cramm as PDH Audit Chair for the Professional Engineering Division. Mr. Skibiski seconded the nomination and it unanimously carried.

**Review and discuss the agreement with Japan PE/FE Examiners Council (JPEC) where the Missouri Board will accept the licensure applications for Professional Engineer for engineers who have passed the PE exam administered by NCEES/JPEC in Japan**

Ms. Cramm said that she had not completely edited the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as she had some questions to ask of the Division Members. Ms. Cramm is not comfortable with the language in paragraph 3.4 of the MOU. After much discussion, the Division directed Judy to contact the NCEES contact person and ask (see the Kentucky Board's example section 3, #4 (3.4)) why was it worded this way and why allow references from other countries and not just Japan? The Division was unsure what licensure processes are in place for other countries.

**Possible Changes to the Board Rules and/or Chapter 327 RSMo (For information and/or discussion)**

The Members of the Professional Engineering Division stated they had no additional changes to Chapter 327, RSMo or to the Board's Rules. Mr. Skibiski reported that he had lunch with Senator Jay Wasson and Representative Kevin Elmer (at their request) to discuss the proposed legislation. Representative Elmer wanted an explanation about the expiration date, which Mr. Skibiski explained that a license would expire on December 31, but the Board would allow 3 months to get their license without penalty. He also pointed out to Representative Elmer that if not renewed by December 31, the license was expired and the individual cannot practice his/her profession.

**Discuss who will attend the NCEES Central/Western Zones joint interim meeting, which will be held May 15, 16 and 17, 2014 at the Embassy Suites in downtown Lincoln, Nebraska**

The Division Members discussed who will attend the NCEES Central/Western Zones joint interim meeting, which will be held on May 15, 16, and 17, 2014. Both Messrs. Skibiski and Adewale wish to attend the meeting. However, if the Division of Professional Registration will only allow one Professional Engineering Division member to attend the meeting, Mr. Skibiski would bow out and let Mr. Adewale attend since he will be making a report for the committee on Uniform Procedures and Legislative Guidelines. It should be noted that Mr. Skibiski does wish to attend the meeting if more than one division member is allowed to attend this meeting.

Mr. Bruce Wylie, Executive Director for the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers joined the meeting at approximately 8:25 a.m.

The Professional Engineering Division Members brought Mr. Wylie up on all the topics discussed earlier in the day. Mr. Wylie asked about the Board's view on the early taking of the Professional Engineering examination. Mr. Adewale advised Mr. Wylie that NCEES has adopted the early taking of the PE exam as Model law, but he was concerned when candidates apply by comity to a state that doesn't allow the early taking of the PE examination. The Division Members felt there were many issues to be solved before Missouri could move forward with adopting the early taking of the PE exam.

Mr. Skibiski advised the Professional Engineering Division Members that he had been involved in a Round Table Discussion at the Engineers Club in St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Skibiski, along with former Board Member Cheri Leigh, P.E. and two other Professional Engineers led the discussion regarding "Licensure as a Structural Engineer." Mr. Skibiski stated that he had discussed this issue in the Board's most recent newsletter. Since the newsletter had been posted, Mr. Skibiski had received approximately 25 responses to the question, "Should Missouri allow the early taking of the PE exam?" Out of those 25 responses, 12 were in favor of the early taking of the PE exam; 11 were not in favor of the early taking of the PE exam, and 2 were indifferent. Mr. Skibiski stated that the Professional Engineering Division had discussed this matter and decided to wait until NCEES has completely computerized their exam which is approximately 5 to 6 years away. It was also noted that issue would require a change to Chapter 327.

The Members of the Professional Engineering Division thought it would be a good idea if Professional Engineers currently licensed by the Board, report to the Board their primary and secondary areas of expertise. The Division Members thought that this could be accomplished when licensed Professional Engineers next renew their license with the Board. Since this will be a topic for future discussion, the Division Members asked Ms. Kempker to think of ways Professional Engineers could report their primary and secondary areas of expertise, such as through their renewal application.

Mr. Wylie departed the meeting at approximately 8:50 a.m.

### **Motion to Close**

At approximately 8:50 a.m., Mr. Skibiski then called for a motion to close the meeting to the general public for the purpose of discussing confidential or privileged communications between this agency and its attorney as well as to discuss pending litigation and complaint matters. Ms. Cramm made a motion that the meeting be closed

to the general public pursuant to Chapter 610.021 subsection (14) and 324.001.8 and 324.001.9, RSMo for the purpose of discussing investigative reports, complaints, audits and/or other information pertaining to licensees or applicants; Chapter 610.021 subsection (1) RSMo for the purpose of discussing general legal action, causes of action or litigation and any confidential or privileged communication between this agency and its attorney, and for the purpose of reviewing and approving closed meeting minutes of one or more previous meetings under Chapter 610.021 RSMo which authorizes this agency to go into closed session during those meetings. The motion was seconded by Mr. Adewale. A roll call vote was taken and the motion unanimously carried. Mr. Skibiski asked that all visitors leave the room. After Mr. Wylie's departure, Mr. Skibiski then declared the meeting closed to the general public.

**Reconvene in Open Session**

At 2:27 p.m., the Professional Engineering Division Members reconvened in Open Session for the purpose of adjourning.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Adewale, seconded by Ms. Cramm and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Executive Director

Date Approved:\_\_\_\_\_