

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

Terrace Meeting Room
Holiday Inn South Butler Hill
4234 Butler Hill Road
St. Louis, Missouri
Monday, May 5, 2014

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 Skibiski at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, May 5, 2014. A quorum being present, Chairman Skibiski declared the meeting open for business.

Members Present

Kevin Skibiski, Chair of the Division (via conference call)
Abiodun "Abe" Adewale, Member of the Division

Member Absent

Kelley P. Cramm, Member of the Division

Others Present

Robert N. Hartnett, Chair of the Landscape Architectural Division
Robert S. Shotts, Member of the Landscape Architectural Division
Sandra Robinson, Processing Technician Supervisor

To better track the order in which items are 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

Mr. Adewale made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2014 Professional Engineering Division Open Meeting. The motion was seconded by Chairman Skibiski and unanimously carried.

Discuss who's attending NCEES Annual meeting on August 20, 21, 22, and 23, 2014 in Seattle, Washington

The Professional Engineering Division Members discussed who is attending the NCEES Annual meeting on August 20, 21, 22, and 23, 2014 in Seattle, Washington. Mr. Adewale stated that his schedule would not permit him to attend the NCEES Annual meeting this year. Chairman Skibiski said that he would be attending the NCEES Annual meeting. It was also noted by the Division Members that Professional Land Surveying Division Member Mike Freeman will be attending the NCEES Annual meeting as well.

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

The Professional Engineering Division discussed possible changes to Chapter 327 RSMo and Board Rules. The Division Members did not have any additional changes to Chapter 327 and Board Rules. Chairman Skibiski stated that HCS SCS SB 809, which contains changes to Chapter 327, is currently moving right along through the Legislature and was expected to be truly agreed to and finally passed before the end of this Legislative Session. This matter was presented for informational purposes and no further action was taken.

Additional Agenda Item: Discuss the percentage of Missouri candidates taking the FE CBT compared to other states

The Professional Engineering Division Members discussed the percentage of Missouri candidates taking the computer based testing (CBT) of the Fundamentals of Engineering examination (FE) and how the average compared with other states. The Division Members were pleased that so far, Missouri has 88% of the historical averages of candidates taking the examination via CBT compared to the paper administration of the examination administered in April 2013. The Division Members believed the percentage is high because Missouri was proactive in getting the word out to Deans of Engineering of accredited schools/programs in Missouri as well as placing articles in the Board's newsletter and a notice on the Board's web site encouraging people to access the NCEES website in order to obtain additional information regarding the changes in the format, specifications, and administration of the FE examination. This matter was presented for informational purposes and no further action was taken.

Motion to Close

At approximately 8:25 a.m., Chairman Skibiski 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. Mr. Adewale made a motion that the meeting be closed to the general public

pursuant to Chapter 610.021 subsection (14) and Sections 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 these meetings. The motion was seconded by Chairman Skibiski. A roll call vote was taken and the motion unanimously carried. Chairman Skibiski asked all visitors to please leave the room. There being none, Chairman Skibiski then declared the meeting closed to the general public.

Reconvene in Open Session

At approximately 11:45 a.m., the Professional Engineering Division Members reconvened in Open Session for the purpose of meeting with the Members of the Professional Land Surveying Division in the Terrace Meeting Room to discuss matters of mutual interest.

Please note that at approximately 11:45 a.m., Messrs. Mike Freeman, Dan Govero, Mike Flowers, Ms. Judy Kempker, and Ms. Laurie Koelling joined the meeting.

Discuss task list and helpful notes for host boards and zone leaders for 2016 NCEES Zone meeting

The Professional Engineering and Professional Land Surveying Division Members discussed an email from Ms. Trish McAlister, CMP, Manager of Meetings and Outreach Logistics for NCEES, regarding Missouri hosting the Central Zone Meeting on May 5, 6, and 7, 2016. Ms. McAlister stated that she usually begins the site selection process two years prior to the meeting with the goal of having a signed contract in place within a month. Therefore, she asked if the Missouri Board had a particular city in mind to hold the meeting and for a list of hotels in that particular city which would be able to accommodate NCEES. The Division Members discussed the matter and unanimously came to the conclusion that Branson, Missouri would be a good meeting location and recommended the following hotels as possible sites to hold the meetings: First Choice: Hilton Promenade at Branson Landing; Second Choice: Radisson Hotel Branson; and, Third Choice: Chateau on the Lake Resort Spa and Convention Center. The Professional Engineering and Professional Land Surveying Division Members also discussed possible activities for attendees while in Branson such as the Showboat Branson Belle and Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede. The Division Members also discussed possibilities for educational tours such as, Table Rock Dam and fish hatchery; the City of Branson's infrastructure; and, Marvel Cave at Silver Dollar City. Mr. Skibiski suggested that Ms. McAlister contact Ms. Lisa Rowe for more information on Marvel Cave. Mr. Skibiski also stated that he would be willing to provide a list of activities and asked that Ms. Kempker send him a reminder to do so upon her return to the Board office.

Discuss endorsement of Mike Konzett for NCEES President-Elect

The Professional Engineering and Professional Land Surveying Division Members reviewed and discussed a letter and summary biography from Ms. Jennifer Klein, PE, Chair of the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects endorsing its member, Mr. Michael J. Konzett, PE, as the Central Zone’s nominee for NCEES President Elect for 2014-2015. It was noted by the Division Members that Mr. Konzett has always taken an active part in the NCEES Central Zone and is presently the Central Zone Vice President. He has also served on numerous NCEES committees and is very active in his community of Omaha, Nebraska. Therefore, the Professional Engineering and Professional Land Surveying Division Members of the Missouri Board unanimously agreed to endorse Mr. Michael J. Konzett for NCEES President-Elect.

Motion to go back into Closed Session

At approximately 12:11 p.m., Chairman Skibiski called for a motion to go back into closed session to continue discussing pending litigation and complaint matters as well as any confidential or privileged communication between this agency and its attorney. Mr. Adewale made a motion to go back into closed session to continue discussing pending litigation and complaint matters as well as any confidential or privileged communication between this agency and its attorney. Mr. Flowers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken unanimously carried. Chairman Skibiski asked that all visitors leave the room. There being none, Chairman Skibiski declared the meeting closed to the general public.

Reconvene in Open Session

At approximately 2:55 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 Chairman Skibiski and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2014.

ATTEST:

Executive Director

Date Approved:_____