

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

Grand D Meeting Room
Holiday Inn Kansas City Coco Key Water Resort
9103 East 39th Street
Kansas City, Missouri
Monday, August 4, 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, August 4, 2014. A quorum being present, Chairman Skibiski declared the meeting open for business.

Members Present

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

Others Present

Dawn Wilde, Board Investigator
Sandra Robinson, Processing Technician Supervisor
Curt Thompson, Board's General Counsel

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

Mr. Adewale made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2014 Professional Engineering Division Open Meeting. The motion was seconded by Chairman Skibiski and carried with Ms. Cramm abstaining from voting because she was not present at the May 5, 2014 meeting.

Discuss Japan PE/FE Examiners Council's (JPEC) proposal of the procedure for the Exchange of Work Experience Record as per Article 3.6 of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

The Members of the Professional Engineering Division discussed Japan PE/FE Examiners Council's (JPEC) proposal of the procedure for the Exchange of Work Experience Record as per Article 3.6 of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Upon discussion, Mr. Adewale made a motion directing Ms. Kempker to respond to Mr. Gene Hirose advising that the Board has reviewed his email and is prepared to respond to his questions as follows:

1. In case the P.E. holder wishes to work in your State and/or work for a company who develops business in your State, and eventually equivalent to work in your State even if stationing in Japan, what additional procedures be required? Is a working visa required?

ANSWER: A working visa or a passport identification number is required if the applicant does not have a Social Security Number.

2. Is SSN required or not?

ANSWER: As stated above and pursuant to Section 324.024, a citizen of a foreign country applying for licensure with the Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects shall be required to submit his or her visa or passport identification number in lieu of the Social Security number.

3. Is criminal history record check (finger prints) required or not?

ANSWER: No, it is not required.

4. The application with fee is required?

ANSWER: Yes.

5. Any verification of English ability?

ANSWER: Since the examination will be given in English, the applicant will need to be proficient in English.

6. Is anything else required?

ANSWER: All applicants shall use the application forms prescribed by the Missouri Board and must meet the Missouri Board's requirements for licensure which includes the following:

a. Education – Is a graduate of and holds a degree in engineering from a school of engineering accredited by Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (“ABET”) or acceptable evaluation from NCEES Credentials Evaluation Services.

b. Exams – Passed both the FE and PE exams.

c. Experience – Four (4) years of satisfactory engineering experience obtained after graduation and the submission of three professional letters of reference by Professional Engineers (who can be PEs in Japan) and two personal letters of reference. The four years of experience must be verified. Since the Missouri Board does not have the tools to verify licensure of any of the Professional Engineers listed as references and/or supervisors, nor does it have the tools to verify if any of the companies that an individual lists in his/her application are in fact engineering companies rather than construction companies, it will rely on assistance from JPEC for this verification.

It should be noted that Ms. Wilde departed the meeting at approximately 8:20 a.m.

Discuss the Summary of Motions for the NCEES 2014 Annual Meeting

The Members of the Professional Engineering Division discussed the Summary of Motions for the NCEES 2014 Annual meeting which is to be held on August 20, 21, 22, and 23, 2014 in Seattle, Washington. This material was provided for informational purposes; however, one motion was of particular interest to the Division Members. That motion was from the Oklahoma Board regarding Model Law 2020. The Oklahoma Board thinks the current definitions of Model Law Engineer and Model Law Structural Engineer reflect the highest education standard required by any jurisdiction for licensure and should be considered Model Law for licensure for professional engineers. The Oklahoma Board thinks it is premature to rely on a definition of Model Law Engineer and Model Law Structural Engineer that exceeds any jurisdictions' highest education standard currently used for licensure. After much discussion, the Professional Engineering Division Members decided to vote “No” on the Oklahoma motion.

Review and discuss the Microsoft Excel one day seminar from Fred Pryor Seminars which has been submitted as meeting the requirements for Professional Development Hours (PDHs)

The Members of the Professional Engineering Division reviewed and discussed the Microsoft Excel one day seminar from Fred Pryor Seminars which has been submitted as meeting the requirements for Professional Development Hours (PDHs). Mr. Adewale stated that his company offers a course similar to this one to its employees, but it is not used for PDH credit. Ms. Cramm stated that Excel is a good calculation tool but should not be given PDH credit. Chairman Skibiski stated that he would like to see the continuing education rule to be amended to require all Professional Engineers to obtain 3 hours of engineering ethics. He stated that he will ask the full Board to form a committee to review and possibly update continuing education rules for all four professions.

Discuss email from Mr. Ming Xu, PE-2014017043, wherein he asks to take an additional Professional Engineer examination because he is moving to a discipline-specific state in the future and will practice in both chemical engineering and mechanical engineering. (NOTE: He has already taken and passed the PE examination in chemical engineering.)

The Professional Engineering Division Members discussed the email from Mr. Ming Xu, PE-2014017043, wherein he asked to take an additional Professional Engineering examination because he is moving to a discipline-specific state in the future and will practice in both chemical and mechanical engineering. The Division Members noted that Mr. Xu has already taken and passed the PE examination in chemical engineering. Upon discussion, Mr. Adewale made a motion directing Ms. Kempker to send an email response to Mr. Xu stating that the Missouri Board is not set up for its applicants to take the PE exam multiple times in different disciplines. Therefore, the Board recommends that he apply and take the exam in a state that is discipline specific. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cramm and unanimously carried.

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

The Members of the Professional Engineering Division discussed possible changes to Chapter 327 RSMo and Board Rules. Other than asking the Board to form a committee to review continuing education rules for all four professions, the Division Members had no other changes to recommend at this time. This matter was presented for informational purposes and no further action was taken.

Motion to Close

At 8:55 a.m., Chairman 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. Mr. Adewale 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 Ms. Cramm. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried. Chairman Skibiski asked that all visitors leave the room. There being none, the meeting was declared closed to the general public.

Reconvene in Open Session

At approximately 3:50 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 3:50 p.m..

ATTEST:

Executive Director

Date Approved:_____