

General Session Minutes
State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers
May 8, 2006

The State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers met in their offices at 300 Capitol Street - Suite 910 Charleston, WV on May 8, 2006. Those present for the general session were:

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| Leonard J. Timms, Jr. | President |
| Bhajan S. Saluja | Secretary |
| Richard E. Plymale | Member |
| William E. Pierson | Member |
| Lesley L. Rosier-Tabor | Executive Director |
| Don Johnson | Board Investigator |
| Debra Hamilton | Legal Counsel |

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

The Board meeting minutes of March 20, 2006 (both executive and general session) were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Pierson, seconded by Mr. Plymale. Motion carried.

The minutes from the March 8, 2006 Special Session were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Pierson, seconded by Mr. Plymale. Motion carried.

The 2007 Budget was reviewed in detail. Ms. Rosier addressed all of the Board's questions. A motion to approve the 2007 Budget was made by Mr. Plymale, seconded by Mr. Saluja. Motion carried.

The Board budget summary for March and April 2006 was received and reviewed. A motion to approve the expenditures and purchasing card transactions was made by Mr. Plymale, seconded by Mr. Saluja. Motion carried.

Ms. Rosier presented the Executive Director's report and addressed all Board questions and comments.

Absenteeism at the April exams was discussed. There is a concern about students signing in for the exam and immediately leaving. Some departments at WVU require their students to attend the exam but not necessarily pass. Mr. Timms volunteered to discuss the issue with the WVU faculty.

The on-line renewal enhancements are ready for use. The renewal forms will be mailed on May 18th and should arrive immediately after the Northeast Zone meeting to be held here in Charleston.

The recent changes in Workers Compensation system were discussed. There are still some problems related to the change from a state operated system to a private insurer. For this renewal cycle each company applying for a COA renewal will be checked for compliance with the Insurance Commissioner's database. A copy of their record will be attached to the renewal form. This is being done in case the Board is audited.

Ms. Rosier reviewed the presentations she made to various organizations since the last Board meeting. A busy slate of summer speaking engagements is developing for both Ms. Rosier and Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Pierson moved to enter into executive session, seconded by Mr. Plymale. Motion carried.

The Board recessed the executive session for a hearing.

The executive session continued after the hearing was completed.

At the conclusion of the executive session, Mr. Pierson moved to enter into general session with a second by Mr. Saluja. Motion carried and the Board took the following actions:

1. The Board directed Ms. Hamilton to begin the collection process on complaint C2004-4 and authorized Ms. Hamilton to negotiate a consent agreement on complaint C2006-8. No Board action needed.
2. The Board denied the company's request to stay the investigation on Inquiry I2006-8.
3. Mr. Plymale moved that Inquiry I2006-11 be received and filed as Board-initiated complaint C2006-10. Motion was seconded by Mr. Saluja and carried.
4. Mr. Pierson moved that Inquiry I2006-12 be received and filed as Board-initiated complaint C2006-11. Motion was seconded by Mr. Saluja and carried.
5. Mr. Pierson moved that Inquiry I2006-13 be received and filed as Board-initiated complaint C2006-12. Motion was seconded by Mr. Saluja and carried.

The Board took the following actions on Special Cases for Board Action:

1. Rocky C. Costello's request for comity application was approved.

The upcoming Northeast Zone meeting being held in Charleston May 18-20, 2006 was reviewed in detail. Full attendance and participation by Board and staff was encouraged.

Ms. Rosier reviewed several items that will be addressed at the Northeast Zone meeting. Most items are related to lack of reporting by NCEES on collusion analysis, exam cheating and exam scoring problems.

Mr. Timms and Ms. Rosier discussed several problems that occurred during the April exam administration. There were problems with heat at one facility and noise at the other facility. There were also security concerns regarding how exams were passed out. Ms. Rosier will discuss these issues with ELSES and attempt to resolve prior to the October exam.

Problems with the declining pass-fail rates for both the FE and PE exams were discussed, along with a number of ideas for improving the passage rates. The Board will review the results from the April 2006 exam. Based on that and other available data the Board will decide if meeting with the various universities is warranted. The exam fee waiver policy will be continued.

The September Board meeting was tentatively rescheduled to September 5, 2006 due to Board member schedule conflicts. The date will be finalized at the August meeting.

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday August 1, 2006, at 9:00 a.m.. The meeting will take place in the office of the WV State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, 300 Capitol Street – Suite 910, Charleston, West Virginia.

Upon motion by Mr. Pierson, seconded by Mr. Plymale, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.. The Board members will be compensated one day per diem plus travel expenses.

Leonard J. Timms, Jr., P.E.
Board President

Bhajan S. Saluja, P.E.
Board Secretary