

**MINUTES**

**STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS  
Wednesday, May 15, 2019  
At 8:30 a.m. in Room W064  
Indiana Government Building South, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204**

**Members Present:**

Vincent Drnevich  
Stephen Gillman - Chair  
Opal Kuhl – Vice Chair  
Harold Snead

**Members Absent:**

**Attending Administrative Staff:**

Amy Hall - Board Director  
Donald ‘Ned’ Hannah - Board Counsel

**Court Reporter:**

Circle City Reporting – None

**CALL TO ORDER** – Steve Gillman called to order the meeting at **8:32 a.m.**

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** – A motion was made and seconded to adopt the amended agenda.

Motion made by Opal Kuhl and seconded by Harold Snead to approve the agenda.

Motion passes 4/0/0

Vincent Drnevich	Yay
Stephen Gillman	Yay
Opal Kuhl	Yay
Harold Snead	Yay

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2018 BOARD MEETING**

Motion made by Vince Drnevich and seconded by Opal Kuhl to approve the agenda.

Motion passes 4/0/0

Vincent Drnevich	Yay
Stephen Gillman	Yay
Opal Kuhl	Yay
Harold Snead	Yay

## **REPORT FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

Jennifer Barth provided a report from the attorney general's office of current complaints 10 open and closed complaints. Complaints and activity have increased. Jennifer brought a chart of historical data from 2015 through 2019 with consumer complaint filings. This chart is a comparison chart with surveyors and architects as well. Vince stated he still has concerns over the lack of complaints that have been submitted.

## **IV. PERSONAL APPEARANCE - NONE**

### **Meredith Lizza – Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs**

#### **1. Recent Legislation**

Meredith appeared to discuss the recent legislation session. She discussed HB1269. She provided a summary of the LSA digest for the bill. There is a standardization of the boards that operate under IPLA. General provisions were discussed with the board. The number of active licenses was a determination in the size of the board. The board will not change in size due to having over 15,000 licenses within the profession.

HB1245 – The emergency rules that passed are to remain in place and will readopt their criminal convictions renamed convictions of concern.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

### **1. James Corvin Dalton – Cause No: 2019SBRPE0002 Proposed Findings of Fact – Proposed Settlement**

There was a discussion about the settlement agreement since his license has been expired since 2012 and he has never submitted his continuing education hours. In the proposed settlement there is a fine and he and a probationary status. His license must be made active prior to the probationary period becoming active.

Motion made by Harold Snead and seconded by Opal Kuhl for the approval of the proposed settlement agreement.

Motion Carries 4/0/0

Vincent Drnevich	Yay
Stephen Gillman	Yay
Opal Kuhl	Yay
Harold Snead	Yay

## **II. APPLICATION REVIEW**

1. **Rouzbedth Khajehdeih**

Motion to approve the application of Rouzbedth Khajehdeih made by Vince Drnevich and seconded by Harold Snead.

Motion carries 4/0/0

Vincent Drnevich	Yay
Stephen Gillman	Yay
Opal Kuhl	Yay
Harold Snead	Yay

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**NCEES Central Zone Meeting Report –**

Harold Snead reported to the board about the new NCEES headquarters. They had to plan around all the sporting events at Clemson, in their current offices. NCEES is happy to be moving from the Clemson Campus to their new building in Greenville, SC. Opal Kuhl reported about exam attendees and no shows to the exams. NCEES is making money off the exam candidates not showing up for their exams – \$646,000.00.

Accepting technology degrees was a huge topic. Only 39% of the Central Zone automatically accepts technology degrees whereas 76% in the Northeast Zone accepts them, but there are additional requirements involved. Indiana Board reviews technology degrees as non EAC ABET degrees. Indiana reviews by requirements it has established in its rules.

Decoupling is a huge topic. Discussion about decoupling and exam timing. The Indiana Board accept comity applicants, no matter when they took the PE Exam though exam applicants to the Indiana Board must fulfill all experience requirements before they apply to take the exam. More to come on this after the NCEES Annual Meeting.

Licensure as a structural engineer was once again a discussion topic, a push for more states offering the SE license. This is considered specialty license i.e., PE-SE. for example. There is an 82% commonality in material covered between the PE and SE exams.

**Arizona Licensing**

Automatically gives license if you become a resident of Arizona, have no disciplinary on your license, license in good standing in another jurisdiction, and have been licensed for over two years.

## **CE Audit Status**

Currently, three-quarters of the people audited have submitted their continuing education records. There are still 35 people that have not submitted them. An additional notice was sent after April 30, 2019 for those who have not responded to earlier audit notices.

Vince did reach out to Purdue about the continuing education certificates for Road School courses and what is required by the Board on the certificates. Purdue will change the certificates to comply with information required by the Board.

## **INTERIM REPORT OF THE FE EXAM TASK FORCE**

Vince Drnevich reported on the number of FE Exams and his analysis. Indiana has not been tracking national trends. Vince reached out to Purdue regarding this, since Purdue appeared to be the culprit of the reduction in the number of FE Exams taken since the introduction of CBT in 2014. On May 13, Vince met with the Associate Dean and the Associate Heads of all the Schools within the College of Engineering. Since 2014 the number of FE Exam takers at Purdue has decreased, well below the state and national averages. Vince used the occasion to increase the knowledge of these administrators about engineering licensure. Purdue administrators were unaware of the situation and pledged to institute a number of measures to get student participation to levels that exceed national averages.

**INDUSTRIAL EXEMPTIONS** –US Legislators are deliberating on a new law to remove exemption for engineering licensure for those involved in designing gas distribution pipelines. This is response to the explosion that took place in the Merrimack Valley, Massachusetts last September. Indiana requires these people to be licensed and has no exemptions for state and federal employees.

Vince Drnevich supplied copies of the article “The Enigma of Engineering’s Industrial Exemption of Licensure: The Exception that Swallowed A Profession” by Paul M. Spinden. This article gives a comprehensive review of professionalism, professional societies, and professional registration in the United States.

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## **AUDIT CASE –**

Civil Engineer professor who worked at Purdue, then worked for Iowa State until he retired. Recently took a job with Notre Dame. He does maintain an active license. He teaches courses, has a patent, and is very involved and active in the profession. He has over 120 PDH’s of qualifying continuing education but does not have ‘signed’ certificates for some of the claimed PDH’s but has provided substantial proof of claimed continuing education credits, e.g. Patent certificates, journal publications, course class listings, etc. He appears to lack just the one PDH on Indiana Statutes and Rules.

Motion to adjourn made by Opal Kuhl and seconded by Vince Drnevich.

Motion 4/0/0

Vincent Drnevich	Yay
Stephen Gillman	Yay
Opal Kuhl	Yay
Harold Snead	Yay

**ADJOURNMENT 10:20 a.m.**