

**General Session Minutes
State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers
September 5, 2006**

The State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers met in their offices at 300 Capitol Street - Suite 910 Charleston, WV on September 5, 2006. Those present for the general session were:

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

The Board meeting minutes of August 1, 2006 (both executive and general session) were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Saluja, seconded by Mr. Plymale. Motion carried.

The Board budget summary for July 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. Ms. Rosier reviewed the presentations she made to various organizations since the last Board meeting and discussed a very busy schedule of upcoming activities.

The results from the April exams were discussed. Pass rates increased for both the FE and PE exams but are still below the national average. The exam data supplied by NCEES, sorted by each WV ABET institution/program, was distributed for review by the Board members.

The annual renewal process continues with only 25 days remaining in this cycle. Current renewal numbers show a much higher response rate likely due to the multiple electronic e-mail reminders.

Future plans for changes and improvements with the license renewal process were discussed. Biennial renewal of licenses will be considered as part of the code update being discussed.

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

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

1. Mr. Robinson moved that Complaint C2006-16 be dismissed in its entirety unless the Board is provided a more definitive statement in regard to unprofessional conduct. Motion was seconded by Mr. Saluja and carried. Ms Hamilton was directed to draft this dismissal letter to be approved and signed by the Board President.

The Board took the following actions on Special Cases for Board Action based on a motion by Mr. Robinson and second by Mr. Plymale:

1. Angel DeAngelis Lowery's request for comity was denied.
2. Christopher Stevenson's request for comity was approved.

The upcoming agenda and conference reports for the 2006 NCEES Annual Meeting to take place September 13-16, 2006 was discussed. Several motions and action items in the conference reports were reviewed in detail to understand the impact of those resolutions on the West Virginia Board. The Board discussed their voting strategies recognizing one of the five Board members would not be in attendance.

President Timms proposed that a small sub-committee of the Board review the West Virginia Code in detail and make recommend changes, following the model law to the extent practical, to present to the full Board at a later date. The Board members concurred with this approach. Committee members are President Timms, Ms. Rosier, Ms. Hamilton and Mr. Johnson. The committee will meet on November 13, 2006 to begin the review.

A brief discussion ensued regarding upcoming leadership opportunities within NCEES. President Timms indicated an interest and will be clarifying roles and responsibilities at the Annual Meeting in Anchorage. An official nomination will need to take place prior to 2007 should he be interested.

A motion was made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Plymale authorizing Ms. Rosier to send a letter to ELSSES/NCEES addressing seating problems that occurred during the April exam. The motion passed unanimously.

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday November 14, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will take place in the Dean's Conference Room of the LCN College of Engineering, WVUIT Campus, Montgomery, WV.

Upon motion by Mr. Plymale, seconded by Mr. Robinson, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 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