

CLARB Annual Meeting Report – Defend, Adapt and Innovate

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CLARB's 46th Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA kicked off this year on September 21st. A slightly different format hosted a variety of member-led discussions combined with special presentations about real life events and trends in regulation. The completed task analysis proved to be valuable information for not just our professional organizations to utilize but has application for every landscape architect in the profession. The easiest take-away to share with Kansas membership is this: graduates are NOT getting accurate information about licensure and the



process. THE PROCESS HAS CHANGED since many of us became licensed. If you are responsible for mentoring or sharing information with new professionals in your work environment, please be sure you are sharing correct information. The simplest way to ensure you're sharing the most up-to-date information is to check the CLARB website but here are three quick tips to get started:

1. THERE IS NO LONGER A WAITING PERIOD BEFORE TESTING CAN BEGIN.
2. Statistics show a much higher pass rate on Section 1 of the exam, if it is taken immediately upon graduation.
3. Educate yourselves, and then inform and educate those around you!

For the benefit of the membership, here is a recap of the most pertinent details:

- **Heard** how CLARB and the other organizations are preparing for the future of regulation. Many states are being threatened with deregulation and are taking action in solid and creative ways. Using health, safety and welfare is key but in the current political climate, promoting the economic benefits to states with licensed professionals has recently had success in Texas.

- **Learned** how some members are adapting their communications efforts to be more relevant. Our own Executive Director, Shelby Lopez, contributed in a panel discussion about how to best communicate with our state's licenses to provide relevant information. The online newsletter has had a facelift. Check it out, if you have not seen it this year! Do you want to receive messages via Facebook? LinkedIn? Let us know.



- **Heard** about several successful attempts at legislation updates and licensure defense. If you were unaware, licensed landscape architects and geologists were under attack this year in Arizona. Landscape architects and students in landscape architecture showed up in full force and were able to defeat the deregulation of our profession. Geologists were less fortunate. This is a reminder to all of us to remain vigilant and informed.
- **Thought** about how we can assess the performance of boards. Some strategic planning sessions allowed us to explore operations and functions of other boards relative to Kansas. The good news is I discovered the Kansas Board has a healthy balance of board time spent on strategy and policy vs. management and operations.
- **Discussed** the importance of tracking and reporting discipline and how we might do that better moving forward.
- **Heard** how FARB (Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards) is working on our behalf to defend licensure, adapt to changes in the environment and innovate for the future of regulation. CLARB became a member of FARB this year. This now puts in the same company with NCARB (architects) and many other licensed professionals across a wide variety of disciplines. The activities of FARB have been very instrumental in maintaining vigilance on our behalf.
- **Provided** input into the Model Law drafting process. A model law is a proposed series of laws that the states may choose to adopt or reject, in whole or in part. The CLARB Model Law is extremely outdated and Phil Meyer and others were charged with working to complete the updates this year and roll it out next fall.
- **Weighed** in on the challenges and opportunities for regulating ethics. This will continue to be an issue worth discussing. Can license and renewal applications include the question “Have you ever been convicted of a felony”?
- **Heard** the results of the 2016 member research.
- **Learned** how the exam will change as a result of the 2016 Task Analysis. The Task Analysis gathered information both nationally and internationally with 58 countries participating. The list of tasks that landscape architects complete is impressive and worth reviewing and sharing with legislators. More sub-sections are anticipated in the new exam.

- **Reflected** on the accomplishments from the past year and
- **Glimpsed** what's to come in 2017. Next year's meeting is in Boise, Idaho Sept. 14-16.
- o See the video for upcoming locations leading to CLARB's 50th Anniversary celebration in New York, New York in 2020!
- o https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uTt0qWIM_xc&feature=youtu.be

CLARB Election Results

[Board of Directors](#) - [The CLARB Board of Directors](#) is responsible for setting organizational direction, allocating adequate resources to achieve its goals and ensuring that sufficient progress is being made. They exercise fiduciary responsibility of the organization's resources and establish strategy and policy.

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2016 NCEES Annual Meeting

DELEGATES ATTENDING THE 95TH NCEES ANNUAL meeting addressed a range of issues related to the organization and to engineering and surveying licensure. The following summarizes key actions taken at the August 19–22 meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana. Full details of the meeting will be included in the official minutes, which will be published later this year.

NCEES member licensing boards voted to amend its policy on exam charges to lower the price for the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) and Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exams by \$50 to \$175 beginning January 2018. Delegates also set a price for the computer-based Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) exam. None of the PE exams, which NCEES offers in 24 disciplines, is currently administered through computer-based testing (CBT), but the organization is preparing for future transitions to CBT. The earliest that the new price of \$375 for computer-based PE exams could take affect is January 2018. Delegates also approved an amendment to the financial policy on exam charges to require that examinees pay NCEES directly for all exams, whether CBT or pencil-and-paper format, beginning May 2017. Direct payment to NCEES is already required for all CBT exams. With PE exams moving from pencil-and-paper to CBT, the change will provide a consistent payment method during the transition. “NCEES and its member boards are committed to reducing barriers to licensure,” NCEES Chief Executive Officer Jerry Carter explained. “Therefore, the organization wanted to lower the price of the fundamentals exams—the first exam for engineering and surveying licensure—to ensure that cost is not a prohibitive factor in starting on the path to licensure.”

NCEES adopts new professional policy and position statements

Among other actions taken at the annual meeting, delegates voted to adopt a professional policy on the Model Law Engineer, Model Law Structural Engineer, and Model Law Surveyor designations.

The development of the professional policy follows a 2015 vote to charge a committee to consider whether these designations should be removed from the Model Rules and adopted as a professional policy. The NCEES Advisory Committee on Council Activities was charged this year with developing this policy statement. “NCEES wanted to move these definitions because they are specific to NCEES, not individual state licensing regulations,” explained CEO Carter. “They are intended for the NCEES Records program to help expedite applications for licensure by comity, so the Council felt they belonged in a professional policy, not in our model documents.” Delegates adopted a position statement on remote sensing technologies. The statement says that the use of these technologies, such as light detection and ranging (LiDAR), photogrammetry, and unmanned aircraft systems, as well as other emerging technologies should be under the responsible charge of a licensed professional in order to safeguard the public. Delegates also adopted a position statement on sustainability. The new statement says, in part, “NCEES recommends that professional engineers and professional surveyors incorporate the principles of sustainability to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the public now and in the future.” “Engineers and surveyors have a leading role in ensuring a sustainable future, so NCEES wanted to address this issue and formalize its position,” CEO Carter said. The full text of the newly adopted professional policy on NCEES Model Law designations and position statements on remote sensing and sustainability is available online at ncees.org/PP5.

2016 NCEES Annual Meeting Cont'd

Parallel model language for structural engineering voted down

The NCEES Committee on Uniform Procedures and Legislative Guidelines proposed amendments to the Model Law and Model Rules to add language for structural engineers parallel to that which is currently included for professional engineers. After debate, delegates voted not to accept the new language. NCEES member boards maintain the Model Law and Model Rules as best practice manuals. The documents are a resource for U.S. states and territories, which set their own licensing laws and rules.

Funding changes for NCEES meetings

Delegates approved changes to funding for the annual meeting and interim zone meetings, which are held each spring. They voted to amend Financial Policy 4, Zone Contribution, to state that the Council will grant each zone an equal sum of money each year for attendance of up to 75 members to the zone interim meeting and \$200 per member for attendance above 75 members. Delegates also amended Financial Policy 3, Travel Expenses, to annually fund a minimum of three delegates from each member board to the NCEES annual meeting and respective zone interim meeting. Previously, NCEES generally funded the meeting registration, travel, and lodging expenses of up to two voting delegates from each board to attend these meetings.

NCEES President-Elect Pat Tami Visits Kansas

NCEES recently launched a member board visitation program to improve communication, increase awareness of the range of services and leadership opportunities within the organization, address questions and dispel any misconceptions. The KSBTP was pleased to host President-Elect Pat Tami in September. The visit was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about how NCEES supports the efforts of its member boards and to ask questions of NCEES and share information regarding Professional Engineering and Professional Surveying in Kansas.



Renewals

Landscape Architects and Business Entities with names A-L

Watch for your Renewal Notice!

Landscape Architects whose last names begin with A-L should receive notice of renewal in early November. Your license will expire on December 31, 2016. Renew your license online on the Board's website at www.ksbtp.ks.gov.

Business Entities whose names begin with A-L should also receive notice of renewal in early November. The KSBTP Certificate of Authorization will expire on December 31, 2016. Renew on the Board's website at www.ksbtp.ks.gov.

Only you can ask to have your "address of record" changed in our system. Address corrections received from returned mail will not be substituted for the last address you provided to the Board Office. License cancellations often occur because of an outdated mailing address.

Do you have a current address listed with the Board Office? Renewal notices are mailed to the address on record. If you have moved or changed jobs since your last renewal and have not notified the Board of your new address, do so now! Be sure to notify the Board office whenever your mailing address needs to be updated. "It's the law." K.S.A. 74-7025 states ". . .The licensee shall notify the board in writing of any change of address within 30 days after the date of such change. . . ." Changes can be made during your open renewal period or by submitting a change of address form to our office. The form can be found at <http://ksbtp.ks.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/address-change-request.pdf?sfvrsn=0>.

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Oops! I forgot to renew

The Kansas State Board of Technical Professions provides two renewal notices to individuals licensed in one of the Technical Professions in Kansas. This notice is provided as a reminder to the licensee that it is time to renew his/her professional license. The first renewal notice is mailed to the licensee's preferred address at least 30 days prior to the date of expiration. If necessary, a second renewal notice is mailed out about two weeks after the expiration date to the licensee's second address on file. The Board makes an effort to forward returned renewal notices to an alternative address if one is provided by the U.S. Post Office. The Board cannot be held responsible if the licensee fails to change their mailing address.

What happens if I forget to renew?

If you forget to pay your renewal fees or provide a completed form by the Board's deadline, your license will be canceled and you would be practicing illegally. It is necessary to file an application for reinstatement of your license to be current and in good standing in Kansas again. It is your responsibility alone to renew your professional license.

How do I apply for reinstatement of my Kansas license?

In order to apply for reinstatement of your Kansas license, you will be required to pay a \$100 reinstatement fee and complete a reinstatement application on forms approved by the Board. You would also be required to provide a list of projects you have worked on since your license has lapsed and the required Continuing Education documentation. The Board also requires that you provide references from at least three individuals currently licensed in the same profession in which you received your license. Your completed application will be presented to the Board for their review.

Why don't you accept a council record?

A council record will not be accepted in lieu of the requested reinstatement documentation. Information provided in the council record is not always the most current information. We require current references, job lists and continuing education information to ensure you are meeting Kansas requirements for reinstatement.

Can I just submit an application for a new license?

No. Once you are licensed in your profession, you cannot get a second license to bypass the reinstatement process. You can only reactivate your license by applying and being approved for reinstatement of your professional license.

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KSBTP - By the Numbers

License Type	10/31/2015	10/31/2016
<u>Professions</u>	<u># of Licenses</u>	<u># of Licenses</u>
Architect	2,656	2,822
Engineer	11,675	12,278
Landscape Architect	377	384
Surveyor	661	680
Geologist	606	625
TOTAL	15,975	16,789

<u>Business Entities</u>	<u># of Licenses</u>	<u># of Licenses</u>
Architect	663	670
Engineer	1,607	1,722
Landscape Architect	66	73
Surveyor	172	182
Geologist	91	98
TOTAL	2,599	2,745

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-resident</u>
Architect	31%	70%
Engineer	33%	67%
Landscape Architect	37%	63%
Surveyor	54%	46%
Geologist	56%	44%



A.R.E. 5.0 is Here!

After years of anticipation and development, NCARB has launched A.R.E. 5.0. If you have questions about preparing for and transitioning to the new exam, NCARB has answers! Visit their website at www.ncarb.org.

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The Mission of the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions is to provide maximum protection of the health, safety, property and welfare of the people of Kansas by assuring that the practice of architecture, engineering, geology, landscape architecture and surveying in the state is carried out only by those persons who are proven to be qualified as prescribed by the statutes and rules and regulations of the Board.

Upcoming Deadlines

Renewal Dates

Landscape Architects Renewals Due Last name beginning with A - L	December 31, 2016
Business Entities Renewals Due Last name beginning with A - L	December 31, 2016

Upcoming Dates

PE, SE Exam	October 28, 2016
KSS Exam	January 16, 2017
FG, PG Exam	March 17, 2017
Board Meeting	December 16, 2016

Exam Date	Board Filing Date
Professional Engineering	January 15, 2016
Professional Surveyor	January 15, 2016
Kansas State Specific	December 16, 2016
Fundamentals of Geology & Professional Geology	December 15, 2016

Changes to the Kansas State Specific Exam schedule

The Kansas Board will start to offer more dates throughout the year to administer the Kansas State Specific Exam. Look for updates [on our website](#) regarding upcoming dates.

Updates to the L.A.R.E. in April 2017

Beginning with the April 2017 L.A.R.E. administration, the exam blueprint will be updated to provide greater detail within each section of the exam and will introduce new content focusing on maintenance, historical preservation, performance metrics and specialty plans. These updates will align the exam with current practice.

The updates to the L.A.R.E. that will go into effect in April 2017 will have no impact on candidates who have already successfully completed sections of the exam. All exam sections, through the December 2016 administration, will remain equivalent to the exam sections that will be administered in April 2017. CLARB believes candidates will find great value in having more detail in each section while also knowing their previously completed exam sections will remain equivalent.

Candidates should have already been notified of the Task Analysis results and upcoming updates to the L.A.R.E. Any candidate wishing to complete the L.A.R.E. prior to these updates taking effect may register for the December administration until November 28.

CLARB has compiled a list of FAQ's for use in addressing candidate questions.

**KSBTP Certificates of Authorization
for Business Entities
August 23, 2016 - November 2, 2016**

ENGINEERS

Mott MacDonald, LLC	E-2722
McClure Engineering Co.	E-2723
Ring Consulting Group, P.C.	E-2724
The BDB Engineering Group, LLC	E-2725
Red Plains Professional, Inc.	E-2726
Echols, Lindsey & Moore Structural Engineers Inc.	E-2727
CG Engineering, LLC	E-2732
Audubon Field Solutions, LLC	E-2728
Sperry Consulting, LLC	E-2729
Professional Environmental Engineers, Inc.	E-2730
The Transtec Group, Inc.	E-2731
EDM Incorporated	E-2733
LK Engineering Inc	E-2734
Tomlinson Fire Protection Services LLC	E-2735
Maguire Iron, Inc	E-2739
Liberty Engineering, LLC	E-2736
KL&A Inc	E-2738
Royal Inspections and Consulting Services, LLC	E-2737
NEC, Inc.	E-2740
Squan Construction Services, LLC	E-2741
Environmental Resources Management, Inc.	E-2743
Campbell Consulting Engineering, LLC	E-2742
SEL Engineering Services, Inc.	E-2744
JQ Engineering, LLP	E-2748
A2H, Inc.	E-2745
STL Engineering, LLC	E-2746
Newground International Inc	E-2747

ARCHITECTURE

Hoke Ley, LLC	A-1133
Stanley, Beaman & Sears, Inc	A-1135
Wilson Architects Inc.	A-1136
Dille & Travel, LLC	A-1137
Newground International Inc	A-1138

SURVEYING

GeoSource, LLC	LS-317
Topographic Land Surveyors of Oklahoma	LS-318

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

SWT Design, Inc.	LA-116
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GEOLOGY

Environmental Resources Management, Inc	G-144
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NAME CHANGES

Holzheimer Bolek+Meehan Architects LLC	A-897
TO: HBM Architects, LLC	
CB&I Stone & Webster, Inc.	E-805
TO: WECTEC Global Project Services, Inc	
ATC Group Services Inc	E-1080
TO: ATC Group Services LLC	

REINSTATEMENTS

Eskenazi & Farrell Associates, LLC	E-1512
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