

PE/PS COMMITTEE MINUTES

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF TECHNICAL PROFESSIONS
900 SW JACKSON, STE 507, TOPEKA KS 66612
February 6, 2015

The meeting was called to Order by Chair Bowersox at 8:00 a.m.

Members present were:

Maurice Bowersox, P.E., Chair
George Barbee, Public Member by phone
Steve Brosemer, L.S.
Forrest Erickson, P.E.
Larry Graham, P.E., P.S.
Timothy R. Sloan, L.S.

Members Absent:

Richard Hayter, P.E.

Others present were:

Mark Bennett, Attorney for the Board
Mary Leigh Dyck, Executive Director
Melissa Graham, Assistant Director
Roger Ludke, Guest with Mr. Bennett

I. MINUTES

By motion of Mr. Sloan, seconded by Mr. Graham, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2014 meeting.

II. APPLICATIONS

A. Discussion of applications not approved by letter ballot

1. Ballot 15-54 PE License by Comity- Bowersox

a. Frank J. Miller

By motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Sloan, the Committee voted to approve Mr. Miller's license by comity application.

2. Ballot 15-68 PE License by Comity-Hayter

a. Daniel T. Schultz

By motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Brosemer, the Committee voted to approve Mr. Schultz's license by comity application.

b. Jason L. Suelter

By motion of Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Sloan, the Committee voted to approve Mr. Suelter's license by comity application.

3. Ballot 15-76 PE License by Comity-Bowersox

a. Brent P. Ballweg

By motion of Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Sloan, the Committee voted to approve Mr. Ballweg's application for license by comity.

b. Ahmed S. Issahek

By motion of Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Graham, the Committee voted to approve Mr. Issahek's application for licensure by comity.

4. Ballot 15-75 PE License by Exam-Graham

a. Lucy K. Munz

By motion of Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Sloan, the Committee voted to request two (2) or more additional references to be provided by the April Board Meeting. Ms. Munz will not be eligible to take the April 2015 PE Exam.

5. Ballot 15-77 Fundamentals of Survey Exam-Brosemer

a. Jesse A. Noll

By motion of Mr. Brosemer, seconded by Mr. Sloan, the Committee voted to approve Mr. Noll's application to take the Fundamentals of Surveying Exam.

6. Ballot 15-79 PS License by Exam-Sloan

a. Christopher F. Ihde

By motion of Mr. Sloan, seconded by Mr. Brosemer, the Committee voted to approve Mr. Ihde's application to take the Professional Surveying Exam.

B. Approval for exam retakes

1. Matthew Smith

By motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Erickson, the Committee voted to approve Mr. Smith's request to retake the PE exam.

2. Zachary Baker

By motion of Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Sloan, the Committee voted to approve Mr. Baker's request to retake the PE exam.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Surveyor Task Force report

The Surveyor Task Force reported that progress is being made on surveyor issues referred to the Task Force.

B. Minimum Standards class OUTCOMES requirements and discussion

It was determined to table this topic for further discussion at the April 17, 2015 Board meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Surveyor Question Writing Workshop on February 21, 2015

Mr. Brosemer reported the Workshop will be held at the Kansas Board of Technical Professions Office. The Workshop will be a Question Writing Workshop for the State Specific Exam only conducted by Dr. Richard Elgin.

B. Review of Minimum Standards revisions as presented by Norm Bowers

A letter from Norman Bowers, P.E., P.S., with revisions to the Minimum Standards will be considered by the Surveyor Task Force. A letter of response will be sent to Mr. Bowers requesting additional time for review of the proposed revisions to the Minimum Standards.

C. Oklahoma State University -Associate in Applied Science online Surveying Technology Degree – Alan M. Zumbrunn seeking approval of degree program

By motion of Mr. Brosemer, seconded by Mr. Graham, the Committee voted to recommend to the full Board to approve the curriculum and include in the list of approved curriculum for surveyors to pursue education requirements.

D. Software Engineering discussion – Grant Damas

By motion of Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Graham, the Committee voted to suggest to Mr. Damas to use the existing process of the “Exemption” form to provide references from Professional Engineers for his PE Exam application. The healthcare company Mr. Damas is employed by does not offer engineering services to the public. There are no licensed Software Professional Engineers at the company. Mr. Damas would need to follow the application guidelines and the application would then need to be approved by the Board.

E. Fire Protection consideration – Spencer Tomlinson

By motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Erickson, the Committee voted to suggest Mr. Tomlinson provide an application to the Board for a PE license by Comity. The Board will review the application once it is submitted. Kansas does not license by discipline, and also requires an ABET/EAC accredited engineering bachelor’s degree. The Board reviews these applications on a case by case basis.

F. Skycatch Workmode Drones – practice of surveying

A discussion was held regarding the information provided on the use of drones for surveying purposes. The drone is a ‘tool’ and can have many uses.

G. Report from national or state meetings or committees/discussion of issues

1. Request from Mike Conzett, P.E. for NCEES Committee preferences for 2015-16

Committee members were reminded of the deadline for showing interest in NCEES Committee assignments.

2. NCEES National Awards nominations letter from Ted A. Sack, P.L.S., Chair

Committee members were reminded of nominations for these awards.

3. KSLS/Salina Seminar – January 8, 9 and 10, 2015 – Report from Mr. Brosemer and Mr. Graham

Mr. Brosemer and Mr. Graham reported that the two hour presentation was well received by those in attendance and that many questions were answered regarding the Board.

4. NCEES Joint Zone Meeting, April 30 – May 2, 2015, Hershey, PA

Those Board Members attending the Central Zone meeting will be Mr. Sloan (funded by NCEES), Mr. Bowersox (funded by NCEES), Mr. Erickson, Mr. Brosemer, Mr. Graham and Mr. Barbee. Dr. Hayter may also attend.

5. House Committee Hearing Report

Mike Vento, Administrative Specialist, reported on a hearing of the House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee at the Capitol regarding the University Engineering Initiative Act. An update on the program was presented by Blake Flanders, Workforce Development Section of the Kansas Board of Regents. It is a program to increase the number of engineering graduates at three Kansas universities.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

There is none.

VI. ADJOURN

The Committee adjourned at 9:36 a.m. to join full board meeting.

Prepared by:

Attest:

Mary Leigh Dyck
Executive Director

Maurice Bowersox
PE/PS Committee Chairperson