

# Kansas State Board of Technical Professions

## STATUTE REVISIONS APPROVED BY BOTH CHAMBERS OF THE KANSAS LEGISLATURE

- Statute Revision Bill approved in both chambers of the legislature
- Executive Director to retire

The four-year project to revise Board statutes has cleared both the House and the Senate. It will be on the Governor's desk for his signature in the next few days. After some action in conference committee, what has been referred to as Senate Bill 54 has become SB 349. Watch the Board's website for an announcement of action by the Governor and a link to the final bill and a link to the final bill.

Following is a brief summary of changes to the statutes included in the bill.

- Definitions have been placed in alphabetical order. Some have been added and others rewritten. Definitions for all professions have been standardized.
- Authority has been added for the Board to adopt rules for cancelled,

inactive and emeritus license status.

- The profession title for surveyors is changed to "professional surveyor." The initials P.S. will be used as the profession designation.
- The profession title for geologists is changed to "professional geologist." The initials P.G. will be use as the profession designation.
- A penalty has been added for license renewal during the 60 day period after the expiration date of any license.
- "Direct supervision" has been changed to "responsible charge."
- Language has been added to clarify that a business entity must have a

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RETIRE

### NEW DIRECTOR NAMED

Jean Boline, Executive Director of KSBTP, will be retiring on Friday, April 25, 2014. Jean has been with the Board for more than 14 years, six as the Executive Director.



A reception will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 on April 25th in the Board office conference room.

Jean reports that she will enjoy her retirement spending more time with grandchildren, working in her yard, traveling with her husband, making quilts and generally doing what looks like fun.

Mary Leigh Dyck has been named as the new Executive Director. Mary Leigh has been the Assistant Director for the past six years and has been with the agency for eight years.



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## DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD

### IN THE MATTER OF JACOB LYNN PORTER, P.E.

Status: As reported in the July, 2013 newsletter, Mr. Porter's engineering license was placed on probation. Mr. Porter has now met all conditions of the Settlement Agreement and Consent Order and his license is now active and in good standing.

### IN THE MATTER OF E. TOM PYLE, JR., ARCHITECT

Status: In the April 2012 edition of this newsletter, it was reported that a Final Order had been issued in the matter of E. Tom Pyle, Jr. and that Mr. Pyle had filed a Petition for Judicial Review of Final Agency Action with the Shawnee County District Court. As a result of that petition, the Final Order of the Board was reversed by the court and all sanctions were set aside.

Disclaimer: Every effort has been made to ensure that the enforcement information is correct; however, this information should not be relied upon without verification from the Kansas Board office. It should be noted that the names of companies and individuals listed may be similar to the names of parties who have not had enforcement actions taken against them. Disciplinary orders are public information and copies may be obtained by contacting the board office.

## STATUTE SUMMARY continued

Certificate of Authorization to offer or provide technical professional services in this state.

- A requirement has been added stating that each office or place of business must have a licensed professional regularly supervising the work of that office.
- Revisions have been made to separate civil fines and the recovery of the Board's costs. Example: for a first violation an individual may be fined up to \$5000 and assessed the Board's costs in addition to that fine.
- There are multiple other changes including cleaning up and standardizing language and reorganizing some sections for clarity.

If signed into law by the Governor, these new statutes will go into effect on July 1, 2014.

Revisions to the Board's regulations will follow approval of the statutes.



View of the new capitol dome from the  
office window.

## NCARB REGIONAL SUMMIT

Submitted by: Vince Mancini, AIA

In preparation for the upcoming annual NCARB meeting in June, board members Wendy Ornelas, FAIA, and Vince Mancini, AIA, plus KSBTP Executive Director Jean Boline, and Mary Leigh Dyck, KSBTP Assistant Director, attended the NCARB Regional Summit in San Antonio, Texas March 6-8th. Dave Hoffman FAIA, Kansas Architect Board Member was also in attendance representing NCARB Region 5 (Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Wyoming).

There are 6 regions within NCARB and in past years regional meetings were held between 2 or 3 regions in differing parts of the country. This year, to save on meeting expense and time, it was proposed to have one meeting where member board members and member board executive directors from all 6 regions would meet before the annual NCARB June meeting. There were 53 of the 54 member boards represented at the San Antonio "Regional Summit."

Member board executive directors attended a day-long workshop on Thursday where they participated in leadership development discussions and roundtable discussion on several topics. Those topics included state employee advocacy, firm registration, board structure and criminal background checks. They also received an update from NCARB staff on the new member's only website.

At the group session, David Mockbee, an attorney from Mississippi with 37 years of construction law experience, spoke on the topic of "Ethics in Professional Regulation." His comments and observations noted:

Purpose of licensure regulation: Protection of Public Safety – Health Safety and Welfare, HSW; care of the built environment.

A conflict of interest is avoidable.

If you are thinking about a questionable situation choice, the answer usually is "don't do it."

Personal interest vs. others' interests: "It may be legal, but ethically that does not make it right."

Ethically there are always two chances to get it right: when the situation comes up and when someone else questions it. If you make a mistake, admit it and always do what is right.

Ethical conduct is good conduct, legally and morally acceptable.

During the meeting there were presentations from NCARB Committee Chairs on activities of this past year. We learned about the following proposed actions that are being considered:

Intern Development Program (IDP): allowing partial credit for intern experience submitted to NCARB after the six month reporting rule deadline.

An update on the timeline for transition from ARE 4.0 to ARE 5.0 (ARE 5.0 is anticipated to launch in 2016)

Exploring additional pathways to architecture licensure – possibly creating a potential "licensure at graduation" while still preserving IDP and the ARE examination.

We also learned about NCARB's new online legislative tracker service that will assist state boards with trends in licensure regulation.

During our Region 5 meeting we reviewed the 2014 draft resolutions A-E to be voted on at the annual meeting in June. These proposed resolutions may be viewed on the NCARB web site. They are titled:

Freeze of Member dues and Bylaw Amendments.

Incidental Bylaw changes

Bylaw change – Regional Directors

Certification Guidelines Amendment - Modification to the BEA Requirements.

Certification Guidelines Amendment – Modification to the Education Requirement.

Additional information on these resolutions, further discussions and the vote, will be reported after the annual meeting.

## NCARB REGIONAL SUMMIT cont.

Region 5 Director Dave Hoffman gave a report on NCARB activities at the Board of Directors level for the past year. He mentioned the continued good performance by CEO Mike Armstrong and staff, the development of architectural licensing data by the NCARB IT Department, and the progress in developing ARE 5.0.

Region 5 held an election of officers for the upcoming year. Those elected were:

Region 5 Director – Dave Hoffman, Kansas

Chair – Bayliss Ward, Montana

Vice Chair – Rick Engebretson, North Dakota

Secretary/Treasurer – David Hornbeek, Oklahoma

## NEW LOOK FOR ONLINE RENEWAL PROCESS

Licensees will see a new look for renewals of their Kansas licenses for the Board of Technical Professions. A new database has been implemented at the Board office to make licensing and renewals more secure and efficient for licensees. The new renewal process will allow the licensee to renew in much the same way as previously with some minor changes for logging into the secure system.

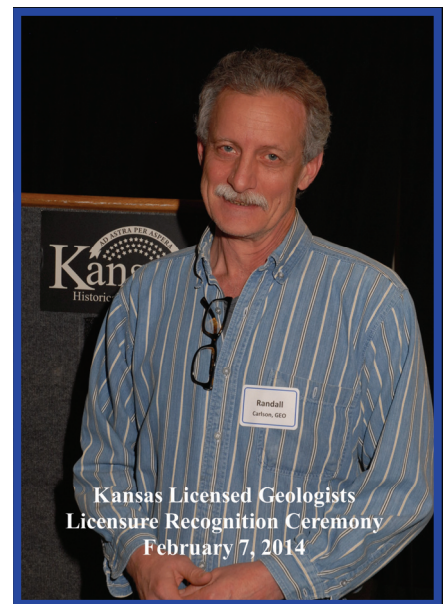
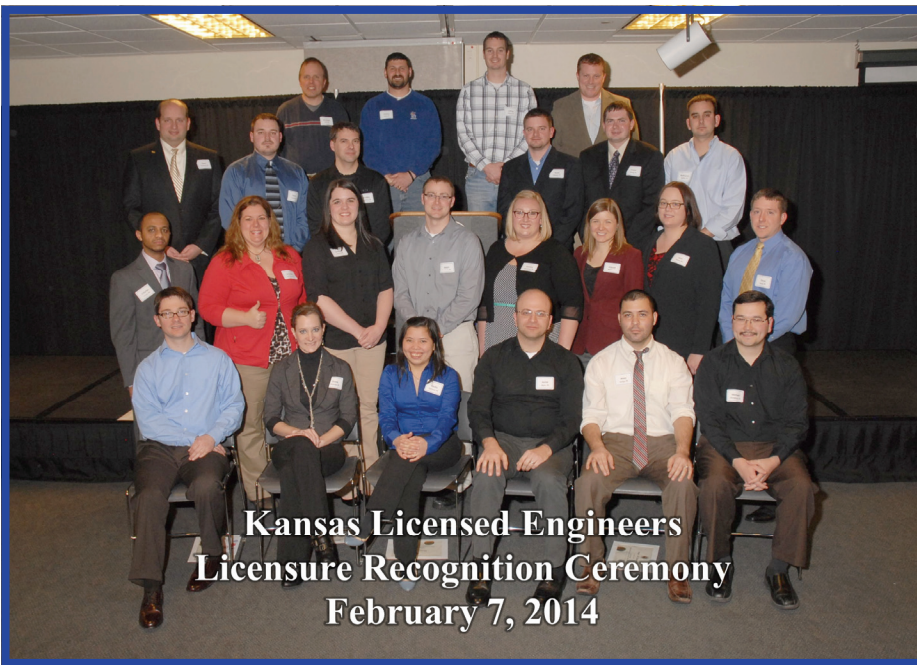
Specific renewal information will be included with the reminders sent to each licensee at the time of renewal. Check the NEWS ITEMS on the web page ([www.ksbtp.ks.gov](http://www.ksbtp.ks.gov)) for updates as the new renewal system launches in the next 60 days.



## LICENSURE RECOGNITION CEREMONY HELD FEBRUARY 7, 2014

On February 7, 2014, thirty-two new licensees gathered with their families, friends and co-workers to celebrate completing their licensing requirements. Representatives from the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers, American Institute of Architects Kansas, Kansas Society of Land Surveyors, Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists and Prairie Gateway Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects congratulated the new licensees. Forrest Erickson, Chair of the Board of Technical Professions presented them with their license certificate.

Keynote speaker was Clinton O. Robinson, Director of State & Local Government Affairs for Black & Veatch Corporation.



## REMINDER FOR SURVEYORS

### NEW REGULATION REQUIRES ALL MINIMUM STANDARDS CE ACTIVITIES BE PRE-APPROVED

The December 2013 revision of K.A.R. 66-14-1 requires that all activities offering continuing education credit on the “Kansas Minimum Standards for Boundary Surveys and Mortgage Title Inspections Standards of Practice” be pre-approved by the Board.

Those surveyors whose licenses expired on March 31, 2014 were not required to have these continuing education activities preapproved.

**Any continuing education activity taken after March 31, 2014 must be preapproved by the Board.**

At this time only one course has been approved by the Board. The KSLS Charitable Foundation on-line course has been approved. Other courses are under review. A list of approved providers will be maintained on the Board’s website.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

The Kansas State Board of Technical Professions is pleased to announce the following individuals have successfully passed all parts of the

### Architect Registration Examination

and are now licensed.

<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>
Russell J Arfmann	Lawrence	KS
Carmen M Simon-Phillips	Wichita	KS

## KSBTP BUSINESS ENTITIES – Cancelled 12/31/2013 (M-Z) for Non-Renewal

### Architecture Business Entities

- A-477 Ness Architects Inc
- A-857 R Keilman Associates Inc
- A-819 Realm Design LLC
- A-484 RNL Design Inc
- A-391 Slater-Paull Architects Inc
- A-611 Steven Langford Architects Inc
- A-718 Substance LLC
- A-726 TCI Architects/Engineers/Contractor Inc
- A-614 Visions in Architecture LLC
- A-840 Westlake Reed Leskosky Ltd
- A-550 Wright Heerema Architects Limited

### Engineering Business Entities

- E-1992 050 Engineering Company
  - E-1940 M C Dean Inc
  - E-2009 Master Design Inc
  - E-1913 McCullough Excavation Inc
  - E-230 McDonald & Warger Inc
  - E-193 Mikon Corporation
  - E-1019 Mustang Engineers and Constructors LP
  - E-1016 Northwest Tower Engineering PLLC
  - E-2154 OD Engineering LLC
  - E-1863 Oldcastle Precast Inc
  - E-2082 Orion Engineering Co Inc
  - E-601 OZ Automation Inc
  - E-1920 Patterson & Dewar Engineers Inc
  - E-2214 Pi-Tech Inc
  - E-1921 Powder River Development Services
  - E-1430 Quality Execution Inc
  - E-1873 Rader Engineering Inc
  - E-1953 RNF Consultants Inc
  - E-1898 S M Lawrence Company Inc
  - E-1831 Schmidt & Stacy Consulting Engineers Inc
  - E-1298 Schnabel Operations LLC
  - E-980 Science Applications International Corp
  - E-1866 Stone Environmental Engineering and Science Inc
  - E-1542 Subsurface Constructors Inc
  - E-1610 TCI Architects/Engineers/Contractor Inc
  - E-1525 Technical Power Services Oklahoma LLC
  - E-762 Tetra Tech EM Inc
  - E-1903 Texas Energy Engineers Inc
  - E-1977 The Fagan Company
  - E-1964 The Purdy Consultants
  - E-1607 Vertex Engineering & Utility Services Inc
  - E-1623 W Z Baumgartner & Assoc Inc
  - E-1683 Water Engineering LLC
  - E-1845 Water Wise Engineering LLC
  - E-2022 Westlake Reed Leskosky LTD
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## CANCELLED BUSINESS ENTITIES cont.

E-1436 Westwood Professional Services Inc  
E-328 Wilbur Smith Associates Inc  
E-1184 Woolpert Inc

### Landscape Architecture Business Entities

LA-93 Studio Outside LLC  
LA-86 Tanner Consulting LLC  
LA-45 Yung Design Group Inc

### Land Surveying Business Entities

LS-210 Mark Deal and Associates PC  
LS-229 MIDCO Services LLC  
LS-67 Story-Atlas Surveying Inc  
LS-196 Taliaferro & Browne Inc  
LS-264 Travois Environmental Services LLC  
LS-273 Universal Ensco Inc  
LS-137 Weiskirch & Parks Engineers Inc

### Geology Business Entities

G-67 Science Applications International Corporation  
G-16 SES Inc  
G-6 Tank Management Services Inc  
G-47 WSP Environment and Energy LLC

## NEW CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORIZATION FOR BUSINESS ENTITIES January 9 – April 8, 2014

### ENGINEERING

Cadecs Associates LLC	E-2346
Transmission & Distribution Services LLC	E-2347
McKinstry Essention LLC	E-2348
GeoEngineers Inc	E-2350
Barnes & Dodge Inc	E-2351
The Pronet Group Inc	E-2352
CG Power Solutions USA Inc	E-2353
RLS Structures LLC	E-2354
DJ Consulting Inc	E-2355
Benchmark Group Alliance PLLC	E-2356
Structural Integration LLC	E-2357
Glynn Geotechnical Engineering	E-2358
CEC Corporation	E-2359
New Tech Carr Environmental Group LLC	E-2360
Joseph Consulting Engineers LLC	E-2361
JMEG LP	E-2362
Sine Wall LLC	E-2363
Utley & Associates LLC	E-2364

Page Southerland Page Inc	E-2365
Forensic Consulting Group LLC	E-2366
Norvell & Poe Engineers LLC	E-2367
H & K Engineering LLC	E-2368
STV Energy Services Inc	E-2369
Turris Engineering Inc	E-2370
Modjeski and Masters Inc	E-2371
L'Acquis Consulting Enterprises Indianapolis LLC	E-2372
Stresscrete Inc	E-2373
Metro Development Inc	E-2374
Engineering Systems Inc	E-2375
Power Consulting Associates LLC	E-2376
Kerr-Greulich Engineers Inc	E-2377
Kleinschmidt Associates Inc	E-2378
The Environmental Compliance Group LLC	E-2379
Pennonni Associates Inc	E-2380
TEG Engineering LLC	E-2381
ARS Technologies Inc	E-2382
Lamb-Star Engineering LP	E-2383
RSP Architects LTD	E-2384
AKF Group LLC	E-2385
Cross Discipline Engineering LLC	E-2386
Amphion Analytical Engineering PA	E-2387
Civil Engineers of Southwest Ohio Inc	E-2388
Lake Superior Consulting LLC	E-2389
Technip Stone & Webster Process Technology Inc	E-2390
Mainstay Engineering Group Inc	E-2391
CAT Forensic Services LLC	E-2392

### ARCHITECTURE

Peckham & Wright Architects Inc	A-1000
Nielsen Architecture LLC	A-1002
Blue Star Studio Inc	A-1003
Benchmark Group Alliance PLLC	A-1004
Heiple+Wiedower Architects PLLC	A-1005
Rodney R Fager Architect LLC	A-1006
Page Southerland Page Inc	A-1007
Ennead Architects LLP	A-1008
Marlon Blackwell Architect	A-1009
Schultz Squared Architects LLC	A-1010
Civil Engineers of Southwest Ohio Inc	A-1011
MWM Architects Inc	A-1012
Kinslow Keith & Todd Inc	A-1013
TAP/The Architectural Partnership PC	A-1014

### LAND SURVEYING

Abbott Land Survey LLC	LS-287
QPS Engineering LLC	LS-288
Buescher Frankenberg Associates Inc	LS-289
Metro Development Inc	LS-290
Universal Surveying & Mapping LLC	LS-291

### GEOLOGY

Insight Environmental Engineering & Construction Inc	G-126
Geosyntec Consultants Inc	G-127

## BUSINESS ENTITY NAME CHANGES January 9 – April 8, 2014

Shaw Environmental Inc TO: CB&I Environmental & Infrastructure Inc. G-68	E-1076 &
Shaw Environmental & Infrastructure Inc TO: CB&I Government Solutions Inc	E-1293
Pike Energy Solutions LLC TO: UC Synergetic LLC	E-1818
RMT Inc TO: IEA Renewable Energy Inc	E-919
Mazzetti Nash Lipsey Burch Inc TO: Mazzetti Inc	E-1653
Titan Engineering Inc TO: Apex Titan Inc	E-1245
Stone & Webster Inc TO: CB&I Stone & Webster Inc	E-805
Pfefferkorn Design & Construction LLC TO: Pfefferkorn & Baldrige Engineering LLC	E-2251
Hayman Residential Engineering Services Inc TO: Hayman Engineering Inc	E-1826
AREVA NP Inc TO: AREVA INC	E-1006
Abener Ghenova Engineering Inc TO: Abeinsa Engineering Inc.	E-2098
DrJ Consulting LLC TO: DrJ Engineering LLC	E-1949

## REINSTATEMENTS January 9 – April 8, 2014

Black Corley Owens & Hughes PA	A-805
EPS Engineering & Design Inc	E-1658
PIE Consulting & Engineering	E-1161

## LOOKING BACK DID YOU KNOW In Kansas

The Board for Engineering was established in 1931.

The Architectural Registration Board held its first meeting in June 1949.

The Board for Landscape Architects was established in 1968.

The first land surveyor license was issued in January 1969.

These four professions were combined into the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions in 1976.

Geology licensure began on July 1, 1999 by legislative action.

## AGENCY MISSION

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.