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New Year, New Board Officers

Pursuant to the relevant Illinois Statute for the respective profession, each Board is required to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair annually. The following changes recently took place and are shared for public knowledge.

- At the scheduled November 4, 2022 meeting, the Architect Board re-elected Mr. E. William Reichert as Chair and re-elected Ms. Michelle Gillette-Murphy as Vice-Chair for the 2023 calendar year.
- At the scheduled November 16, 2022 meeting, the Structural Engineer Board re-elected Mr. Chad Hodel as the Chair and elected Ms. Christine Freisinger as the Vice-Chair for the 2023 calendar year.
- At the scheduled November 17, 2022 meeting, the Professional Engineer Board elected Mr. Brian Berg Jr. as the Chair and elected Mr. Kevin Burke as Vice-Chair for the 2023 calendar year.
- At the scheduled November 18, 2022 Board Meeting, the Professional Land Surveyor Board elected Ms. Kimberly Lyons as Chair and elected Mr. Gale Hake as Vice-Chair for the 2023 calendar year.

These individuals will generally preside over the meeting for the respective Board and may be tasked by the Division or Design Licensing Manager to provide a cursory review of unique items to determine if involvement of the Board is recommended.

On behalf of the Division, I wish to congratulate all of these officers on their respective appointments.

With Respect,

Kyle Lazell
Design Licensing Manager

Administrative Rule Amendments

The Rules for the Administration of the Architect, Land Surveyor, Professional Engineer and Structural Engineer professions have recently been updated. There were profession-specific changes for each one and additional changes made by DPR as part of universal changes made to the Administrative Rules when a profession is being updated.

The changes are effective as of January 6, 2023; however, they will not be listed on the Illinois General Assembly website until they are published in the Illinois Register which should be on or around January 20, 2023.

The following pages provide the changes that took place.

ARCHITECT

The comprehensive packet of rule changes is available here:

[2022 Rule Changes for the Administration of the Illinois Architecture Practice Act](#)

Numerous changes took place; however, most were non-substantive.

The major changes are listed below for your reference and those with whom you work with or mentor.

- Illinois will now accept NCARB's Foreign Architect Program for Initial licensure.
- Illinois will now accept the IPAL program for initial testing/licensure.
- Illinois will now accept NCARB's Education Alternative Program for Endorsement licensure.
- Illinois will now accept NCARB's Foreign Architect Program for Endorsement licensure.
- The restoration of license threshold changed from three years to five years of non-active practice.
- The Continuing Education requirements have changed to include that one hour of the 16 Health, Safety and Welfare hours required must pertain to High-Wind or Natural Disasters (beginning with the 2024 renewal).
A reminder that a total of 24 CE hours are required for renewal.

Please also note, although not part of the Rule amendments, Illinois will now accept NCARB Mutual Recognition Agreements from Australia, Canada, Mexico, New Zealand and the United Kingdom (when ratified in 2023).

Administrative Rule Amendments... Continued

LAND SURVEYOR

The comprehensive packet of rule changes is available here:

[2023 Rule Changes for the Administration of the Illinois Professional Land Surveyor Act](#)

Numerous changes took place; however, most were non-substantive.

The major changes are listed below for your reference and those with whom you work with or mentor.

- **Examination Approval Process**

The Illinois Professional Land Surveyor Board (Board) is now known as a “decoupled” Board with NCEES. Going forward, satisfying the examination requirement will no longer be tied to meeting the education or experience requirements for Surveyor Intern Enrollment or Licensure as a Professional Land Surveyor. In short, Board pre-approval is no longer required for any exam candidate.

- An exam candidate in the senior year of an approved Baccalaureate degree program and any other candidate who has a conferred degree meeting the requirements of the Approved or Non-approved Sections may now directly register with NCEES for the Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) examination.

- Any exam candidate who has a conferred degree meeting the requirements of the Approved or Non-approved Sections and has passed the FS exam may now directly register with NCEES for the Principles and Practice of Surveying (PS) examination and CTS for the jurisdictional exam to take the intended exam.

- **Application Process Change**

With the changes mentioned above, all applicants will now be required to satisfy the examination, education, and applicable experience requirements prior to applying to the Division for enrollment as a Surveyor Intern or Licensure as a Professional Land Surveyor.

- **Approved Program Education Criteria**

Section 1270.14 - Approved Program specifications have been added and current educational programs approved by the Board are listed. Eight Baccalaureate degree programs in Land Surveying/Geomatics and one Baccalaureate degree program in Construction Management – Surveying specialization have been specified in the newly created section.

- **Non-Approved Program Education Criteria**

Section 1270.15 - The mathematics requirement was revised by request of IPLSA. An option has been added for applicants to satisfy the math requirement by complete a course in Calculus I (or above) and statistics.

- **Minimum Standards**

Section 1270.56 was revised to be in line with current professional practices.

- **Standards of Professional Conduct**

Section 1270.57 was revised to be in line with the NCEES Model Rules.

- **Certificate of Correction**

Section 1270.59 - A new section was added per statutory requirements.

Administrative Rule Amendments... Continued

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

The comprehensive packet of rule changes is available here:

[2023 Rule Changes for the Administration of the Illinois Professional Engineering Practice Act](#)

Numerous changes took place; however, most were non-substantive.

The major changes are listed below for your reference and those with whom you work with or mentor.

- **Examination Approval Process**

The Illinois State Board of Professional Engineering (Board) is now known as a “decoupled” Board with NCEES. Going forward, satisfying the examination requirement will no longer be tied to meeting the education requirements for Engineer Intern Enrollment or Licensure as a Professional Engineer. In short, Board pre-approval is no longer required for any exam candidate.

- An exam candidate in the senior year of an EAC/ABET Baccalaureate degree program and any other candidate who has a conferred degree meeting the requirements of the Approved or Non-approved Sections may now directly register with NCEES for the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) examination.

- Any exam candidate who has a conferred degree meeting the requirements of the Approved or Non-approved Sections and has passed the FE exam may now directly register with NCEES for the Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) examination.

- **Application Process Change**

With the changes mentioned above, all applicants will now be required to satisfy the examination, education, and applicable experience requirements prior to applying to the Division for enrollment as an Engineer Intern or Licensure as a Professional Engineer.

- **Non-Approved Program Education Criteria**

Section 1380.220 - Any applicant who does not possess an EAC/ABET Baccalaureate degree, must complete an NCEES Credential Evaluation and meet the NCEES Engineering Education Standard to satisfy the education requirement for enrollment as an Engineer Intern or to be licensed as a Professional Engineer.

- This change brings the Board into alignment with the national standard.

- **Approved Experience Changes**

Section 1380.230 - An acceptable post-graduate degree in Engineering may now receive experience credit if gained concurrently with work experience to satisfy the experience requirement.

- **PDH Course Requirements**

Section 1380.325 - Beginning with the November 30, 2023, renewal and every renewal thereafter, a minimum of 1 hour of Illinois Statutes and Rules for Professional Engineering and a minimum of 1 hour of professional conduct and/or ethics are required.

- **Carryover of PDH Hours**

Section 1380.325 - A maximum of 15 qualifying PD hours gained within six months from the current renewal deadline and not used for the current renewal period may be carried over to the subsequent renewal period but shall not include the requirements for State Statutes and Rules, professional conduct and/or ethics, or sexual harassment prevention training, which must be satisfied during each pre-renewal period.

- **PDH Limitation**

Section 1380.325 - A maximum of 12 PD hours may be gained within a 24-hour period, where a period begins at midnight.

- **Standards of Professional Conduct**

Section 1380.300 - Revised to be in line with the NCEES Model Rules.

Administrative Rule Amendments... Continued

STRUCTURAL ENGINEER

The comprehensive packet of rule changes is available here:

[2023 Rule Changes for the Administration of the Illinois Structural Engineering Practice Act](#)

Numerous changes took place; however, most were non-substantive.

The major changes are listed below for your reference and those with whom you work with or mentor.

- **Examination Approval Process**

The Illinois Structural Engineering Board (Board) is now known as a “decoupled” Board with NCEES. Going forward, satisfying the examination requirement will no longer be tied to meeting the education requirements for Structural Engineer Intern Enrollment or Licensure as a Structural Engineer. In short, Board pre-approval is no longer required for any exam candidate.

- An exam candidate in the senior year of an approved Baccalaureate degree program and any other candidate who has a conferred degree meeting the requirements of the Approved or Non-approved Sections may now directly register with NCEES for the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) examination.

- Any exam candidate who has a conferred degree meeting the requirements of the Approved or Non-approved Sections and has passed the FE exam may now directly register with NCEES for the 16-hour Structural Engineering (SE) examination.

- **Application Process Change**

With the changes mentioned above, all applicants will now be required to satisfy the examination, education, and applicable experience requirements prior to applying to the Division for Board review and enrollment as a Structural Engineer Intern or Licensure as a Structural Engineer.

- **Approved Program Education Criteria**

Section 1480.110 - The foundational requirement of possessing 18 hour of structural engineering coursework may now be obtained from a combination of the Baccalaureate, Master, or PhD level.

- **Non-Approved Program Education Criteria**

Section 1480.120 - Any applicant who possesses an EAC/ABET Baccalaureate degree, a NAAB Accredited Architecture degree or a Baccalaureate degree meeting the listed course requirements in this section would satisfy the education requirement for enrollment as an Engineer Intern or to be licensed as a Professional Engineer.

- **Approved Experience Changes**

Section 1480.230 - An acceptable post-graduate degree with an emphasis in Structural Engineering may now receive experience credit if gained concurrently with work experience to satisfy the experience requirement.

- **CE Course Requirements**

Section 1480.185 - Beginning with the November 30, 2024, renewal and every renewal thereafter, a minimum of 1 hour of Illinois Statutes and Rules for Structural Engineering and a minimum of 1 hour of professional conduct and/or ethics are required.

- **Carryover of CE Hours**

Section 1480.185 - A maximum of 15 qualifying CE hours gained within six months from the current renewal deadline and not used for the current renewal period may be carried over to the subsequent renewal period but shall not include the requirements for State Statues and Rules, professional conduct and/or ethics, or sexual harassment prevention training, which must be satisfied during each pre-renewal period.

- **CE Limitation**

Section 1480.185 - A maximum of 12 CE hours may be gained within a 24-hour period, where a period begins at midnight.

- **Standards of Professional Conduct**

Section 1480.210 - Revised to be in line with the NCEES Model Rules.

NCEES Record Acceptance For Initial License

As a result of recent Rule changes for Professional and Structural Engineering, the department issued employment/experience forms (VE-PNG or VE-SEG) is no longer required, which means initial license applicants may now submit applicable experience as part of an NCEES Record to the Division.

Submitting an NCEES Record as supplemental documentation to an application eliminates the hassle of resubmitting academic transcripts, examination results, employment history and verifications each time someone applies for licensure in any jurisdiction.

The Division highly encourage all applicants to submit an NCEES Record as it will streamline the timeframe for application review. Please keep in mind; however, the respective Board may still require the VE form or additional documents if clarification is needed for any reason.

For more information about the NCEES Record, please visit: <https://ncees.org/records/>

CE/PD Carryover Form

As a result of recent Rule changes for Professional and Structural Engineering, the following forms are available for any licensee wishing to utilize the new "carryover" option and carryover certain hours gained during the current renewal window to the subsequent renewal window.

Professional Engineer: [PDH Carryover Form](#)

Structural Engineer: [CE Carryover Form](#)

Professional Design Firm Renewal

A reminder, the Professional Design Firm registration will renew on April 30, 2023. The email address of record for all ACTIVE design firms should receive a courtesy renewal reminder on our around February 1, 2023.

You may contact the Division at 1-800-560-6420 or log into your online account to verify the firm contact information.

The online portal is here: <https://online-dfpr.micropact.com/>

Monthly Enforcement Actions Taken

Information regarding disciplinary actions taken by IDFPR against unlicensed individuals and licensed professionals and businesses are public record and available on our website. Many of these actions are the final outcome of what began as a complaint submitted to the Department.

Recent Enforcement actions are available below.

September 2022

Mysiteplan.com, unlicensed - ordered to cease and desist the unlicensed practice of land surveying without a land surveyor professional design firm license and Ryan Crownholm, unlicensed, ordered to cease and desist the unlicensed practice of land surveying.

Travis Randolph, 061026634 - enrolled professional engineer intern certificate suspended for failure to file and/or pay Illinois state income taxes.

October 2022

David Bradley, 001016802 - architect license suspended for failure to file and/or pay Illinois state income taxes.

Upcoming Board Meetings

Members of the public are invited to attend the open session of Board Meetings to gain a better understanding of the current topics and issues prevalent in the respective professions as well as how the Board is working to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the public are being protected.

Note: As unforeseen issues may occur, always check the Department website to ensure that the Board is meeting and at what location.

January

Architect Board, 1/13/2023

Structural Engineering Board, 1/25/2023

Professional Engineering Board, 1/26/2023

Professional Land Surveyor Board, 1/27/2023

March

Architect Board, 3/24/2023

Structural Engineering Board, 3/29/2023

Professional Engineering Board, 3/30/2023

Professional Land Surveyor Board, 3/31/2023



CE/PDH CREDIT

State of Illinois

Continuing Education / Professional Development Credit

Reading this newsletter is worth credit toward your Illinois Design Profession license renewal requirement of Illinois state statutes and rules. This shall serve notice and certify that the person named below has earned .25 CE for Architects and Structural Engineers and .25 PDH for Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors.

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