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FROM THE PRESIDENT

David Knowles, P.E., PLS

At National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) meetings the phrase "The three E's" is frequently used when referring to requirements for licensure as either an engineer or surveyor. These "E's" stand for Education, Experience, and Examination. Through a very complicated and involved process NCEES provides examinations. It is up to the individual states and their registration boards, however, to address education and experience.

The NCEES Model Law for surveying, which has been adopted in part by many states, requires a formal education (4-year degree) for licensure. At present, Arkansas Law allows experience with no education. While most Arkansas surveyors appreciate the value of education and encourage young men and women to obtain a surveying degree, most applications are still based exclusively on experience.

And here is the dilemma, since the Board no longer requires an interview, it has to base decisions solely on the application. On most applications, over the past few years, the experience section, of both the Fundamentals of Surveying (LSIT) and the Land Surveying applications, has been woefully incomplete and inadequate. This is true even though Instruction 4 on both applications gives explicit instructions which state "Complete the experience sheets fully". The Board is not familiar with your work, so your experience must be judged and evaluated on the information you furnish".

When filling out the experience record it is important to keep in mind that in Arkansas we license Land Surveyors, and that the four and six years of experience must be in land surveying – not engineering surveying such as construction lay-out and topo mapping. Most firms do both boundary and engineering surveys. Consequently, it is important for the applicant to differentiate between the two.

As a result of this experience record problem, I have decided that any application lacking a complete and detailed record will be personally rejected. This could very well result in an applicant having to submit another application and having his or her admission to the exam delayed by six months.

We want to license qualified people; however, we are not going to rely entirely on just one of the "E's" – Examination. Please advise and help anyone that you know who will be making application. The application deadline for the fall exam is August 1st.

FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Tom Webb, PLS

Results from the October 2000 exams are in and it appears that having a technical degree is a significant advantage in taking the surveying exams.

In 1999 NCEES introduced a new Fundamentals of Surveying exam (LSIT) with "knowledge based" questions replacing "experience based questions". Knowledge based questions are those which a surveying education would best prepare an applicant to answer. Since then, the overall pass rate for the test has dropped, particularly for would-be registrants without a technical degree. The national pass rate for the LSIT exam was 45%. Arkansas administered the exam to 32 individuals with 11 passing, which reflects only a 34% passing rate.

There are three ways that applicants are qualified to take our exam: experience, an associate degree in surveying, or a degree in Civil Engineering with requisite surveying courses. In Arkansas the pass rate for those who qualified by experience was 17%, for those with an associate degree the rate jumped to 50%. Whereas those with an engineering degree it was even higher at 75%! Nationally the rates for these 3 categories are: 34%, 47%, and 76% respectively. It's probably safe to predict that pass rates for those on the experience route to a license won't improve.

Experience counts for a lot on the Principals and Practice (PLS) exam, but test takers without a technical education are still at a disadvantage. National results show a pass rate of 43% for those with no degree, 49% for those with a 2 year degree, 53% for graduates of 4 year surveying degree programs, and 66% for those holding an engineering degree.

In light of these statistics, any individual who wants to have a career in Land Surveying should plan on making a serious effort to obtain a degree.

NOTICE !!!

All potential applicants for the Principles and Practice of Engineering, Examination who do NOT have an ABET (EAC) DEGREE must file a completed application on or before June 30, 2001.

Under the current rules, those who file an application (and are found qualified by the Board) will be admitted to future examinations for a maximum of six (6) times. Please share this notice with your associates and friends who may not currently receive this newsletter, so that they may not miss this last opportunity.

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by J.T. Clements, Jr.

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Changes to the Engineer & Surveyor Laws (Act 591 of 2001) – Changes include (1) extending the time which a complaint against an engineer must be heard, (2) removing the registrant renewal dates, and (3) the removal of all reference to fees. These changes would (1) allow the Board to improve the quality of our investigations, (2) permit the Board to establish a common renewal date for dual registrants and (3) after proper notice, permit the Board to establish fees. There are a few other changes which remove conflicts between the engineer and land surveyor laws, making them more consistent. These changes will take effect 90 days after the end of the 83rd Legislative Session. Because of these changes, the Board must revise its rules. This process should begin in early summer. However it must not be completed until the changes in the law become effective. You will be hearing more about this later.

Our Website – We update the online roster of Active Licensees (including individuals exempt from CPC requirements) on a regular basis. To determine if your renewal has been processed, check the year date beside your name. For those engineers who did not receive a renewal form, a downloadable version is available. You may also read this newsletter a few weeks before you receive it in the mail.

Spring Exams – We anticipate 100 P&PE, 100 FE, 32 FLS, 9 P&PLS and about 20 Arkansas Law Examinees. We have added an additional site for the FE exam on the campus of Arkansas Tech University at Russellville. Current locations include U of A Fayetteville, ASU Jonesboro and Little Rock.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

taken by the Board since September 13, 1999

1. 11/9/99 – In the matter of PSI, an Alabama Corporation charged with the practice of engineering without a license, the Board agreed to assess a \$1,000.00 civil penalty, plus the requirement that the Corporation obtain an Arkansas Certificate of Authorization.
2. 11/9/99 – In the matter of Dynatek Development Services, Inc., charged with the practice of engineering without a license, the Board agreed to assess a \$2,000.00 civil penalty plus the requirement that the Corporation obtain an Arkansas Certificate of Authorization.
3. 11/9/99 – In the matter of Franklin Lewis Price, EI #4928, charged with three (3) violations of practicing engineering without a license, the Board found him guilty and assessed a \$1,500.00 civil penalty.
4. 2/9/00 – In the matter of Billy D. Cochran, PLS #601, charged with violations of the Minimum Standards, the Board agreed to an admission of violation, a \$1,000.00 civil penalty, and a refund of the clients \$600.00 fee.
5. 6/13/00 – In the matter of J.W. Lucas, non-registrant, charged with violating ACA §17-30-101, the Board directed the Executive Director to issue a letter requesting that he no longer hold himself out as an engineer.
6. 6/13/00 – In the matter of William Grant Brawner, PLS #1198, charged with violating the Minimum Standards, the Board accepted an admission of violation, assessed a \$3,000.00 civil penalty and a six (6) month probation period, during which, all surveys must be submitted to the State Surveyor's office for review.
7. 8/15/00 – In the matter of Aubrey Scott, Jr., non-registrant, charged with multiple violations of practicing engineering without a license, the Board accepted a Consent Agreement which contained an admission of guilt and a \$9,500.00 civil penalty.
8. 8/15/00 – In the matter of B.T. Armstrong, PE #1402, charged with violating the Code of Professional Conduct, the Board and Mr. Armstrong entered into a Consent Order which contained an admission of violation and a \$1,000.00 civil penalty.
9. 11/14/00 – In the matter of W.J. Jewell, PE #2312, charged with multiple violations including improper use of a seal, A.C.A. §12-80-104 (seismic statement), and practicing beyond the scope of his expertise, after a formal hearing, the Board found him guilty and assessed a \$800.00 civil penalty.
10. 1/9/01 – In the matter of Newton Land, PLS #1178, charged with multiple violations of the Minimum Standards, after a formal hearing which Mr. Land did not attend, the Board found him guilty, revoked his license, and assessed a \$2,000.00 civil penalty.
11. 1/9/01 – In the matter of Robert J. Bailey, non-registrant, charged with improper use of an engineer seal, in lieu of a formal hearing, the Board accepted a Consent Agreement which assessed a \$1,400.00 civil penalty.

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2001 UPCOMING BOARD EVENTS

April 20 PE & PLS Examinations 7:30a-5:00p
21 FE & FLS Examinations 7:30a-5:00p
May 8 Board Meeting 8:30a
May 17-19 Southern Zone Meeting, Birmingham, AL
June 30 Land Surveyor Renewals Due
July 10 Board Meeting 8:30a

August 1 - 4 Annual NCEES Meeting Little Rock, AR
September 11 Board Meeting 8:30a
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