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Rep. Sam Kito III, left, APDC board member Michele Elfters, and Kito staff member Bianca Carpeneti look on as Gov. Bill Walker signs HB 48. Photo courtesy of the Office of Governor Bill Walker.

Governor Signs Bill Extending Board

By Michele Elfters, ASLA

Governor Bill Walker signed House Bill 48 on June 16th, extending the termination date of the State Board of Registration Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors (AELS) to June 30, 2025, and adding a Landscape Architect as a permanent voting member of the board. The bill extends the AELS board the maximum period allowed, 8 years,

which saves the state and all of us, as supporters, time and money by not going through the process more than necessary.

Landscape Architects have been licensed in Alaska since 1999 and active on the board holding a temporary, non-voting seat. When licensure was first granted, there was uncertainty as to how many

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Gov. Bill Walker displays the signed HB 48 with Rep. Sam Kito III, left, APDC Board Member Michele Elfers, and Kito staff member Bianca Carpeneti in attendance. Photo courtesy of the Office of Governor Bill Walker.

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Landscape Architect's would become licensed in Alaska and so the seat was designated as temporary and non-voting. Today, there are 58 licensed Landscape Architects in the state and we are now represented with a permanent, voting seat on the board.

Thanks to Representative Sam Kito III (Juneau), Chair of the Labor and Commerce Committee, for introducing the bill and guiding it through the house and senate; it passed with unanimous approval. Representative Kito is a licensed

Civil Engineer and is represented by this board.

As a Landscape Architect, I am especially grateful for the passing of this bill, to me it means that our input on the board and among licensed professionals is valued. We have served on the board for many years and paid our dues to the state and now we have equal representation.

Special thanks to Colin Maynard and Dale Nelson, who put their time into public hearings, advocacy, and support for this bill and for Landscape Architects. ❖

Help Wanted

Position Openings

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Coffman Announces New P.E.

ANCHORAGE (July 5, 2017) –Coffman Engineers is pleased to announce Aaron Morse has obtained his Alaska Professional Engineering (P.E.) license in Civil Engineering.

Morse is a civil/structural engineer in the Anchorage office. He received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in 2009. His first five years after college were concentrated in construction management and engineering, including work at two combined-cycle natural-gas-fired power plants in Canada. Morse's industrial background as a construction field engineer includes supervision of ironworker and boilermaker crews erecting structural steel and performing structural welding, supervision of industrial painters, crane lift plans, quality control, calculating cost projections, and generating RFIs. In 2014 Morse transitioned from construction management to design engineering. His structural design experience has been concentrated mostly in the Oil & Gas sector, including steel pipe support design, reinforced concrete foundation design, and deep foundation design.

As Morse moves forward in his career as an engineer at Coffman Engineers he voices his excitement and says, "I'm relieved to finally have the test results, thankful for everyone that supported me along the way, and excited for the future opportunities and growth as an engineer within a dynamic company."

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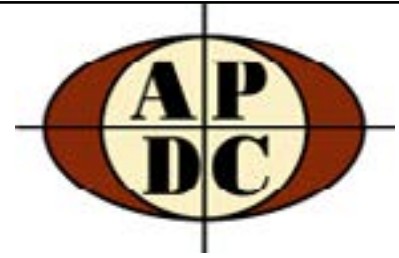
February 12-16, 2018

Planning is Under Way for 52nd Annual ASMC

Planning is under way for the 52nd annual Alaska Surveying and Mapping Conference (ASMC), which will be February 12-16, 2018, at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel. The conference theme is *Decades of Discovery*.

The planning committee meets at noon on the second Monday monthly at the conference planner's office in Anchorage and via teleconference. Surveying and mapping professionals statewide who are interested in participating on the committee should contact Vicky Sterling, ASMC executive secretary, for details and to be added to the email distribution list.

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The conference is expected to draw at least 400 geospatial professionals from throughout the state and world to gather for a week filled with educational and networking opportunities. The agenda will include nearly 100 hours of short courses presented by local and worldwide experts in their fields; the GeoJam, which features 3 days of shorter presentations that highlight geospatial projects and applications of technology; social receptions; a keynote luncheon; and, of course, an exhibit hall where attendees can see the latest technology, tools, and services.

ASMC member organizations

are the Alaska Society of Professional Land Surveyors (ASPLS), Alaska chapter of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS), Alaska chapter of the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA), and the Alaska Section (affiliate of AAGS). The ASMC is planned in cooperation with the Alaska Arc Users Group (AAUG) and the University of Alaska Anchorage Geomatics Student Association (UAA GSA). Faculty and staff in related professions at UAA and the University of Alaska Fairbanks also contribute to the planning process and as presenters at the conference. ❖

Member Societies

Alaska Society of Professional Engineers (ASPE)
Alaska Society of Professional Land Surveyors (ASPLS)
American Institute of Architects Alaska Chapter (AIA)
American Society of Civil Engineers Alaska Section (ASCE)
American Society of Landscape Architects Alaska Chapter (ASLA)
American Council of Engineering Companies of Alaska (ACEC)
American Society of Interior Designers Alaska Chapter (ASID)
Institute of Transportation Engineers Alaska Chapter (ITE)
Structural Engineers Association of Alaska (SEAAK)

Answers to Registration Questions

Become Familiar with AELS Board Website

The State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors (AELS Board) consists of two civil engineers, two land surveyors, one mining engineer, one electrical or mechanical engineer, one engineer from another branch of the engineering profession, two architects, one landscape architect, and one public member.

Board members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature. They serve a 4-year term that rolls over on March 1, and keep the position until their term ends or a successor has been appointed.

The board adopts regulations to carry out its mission to protect the public health, safety, and welfare through the regulation of the practice of architecture, engineering, land surveying, and landscape architecture. Visit the website to stay current on exam dates, regulation projects, board meetings, and more: <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofArchitectsEngineersandLandSurveyors.aspx>. ❖

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Alaska Professional Design Council Calendar

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

ACEC Board, 4:00 p.m., PDC, Inc., Anchorage (2nd Tues)

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

ASCE Juneau Branch and ASPE Juneau Chapter jointly hold membership meetings at Noon at the AEL&P 2nd Floor Conference Room from September through May (2nd Wed)

ASLA Alaska Board, 12:10 p.m. in the URS 3rd floor conference room (2nd Wed)

ITE Alaska Fairbanks Chapter, No Meeting (2nd Wed except June, July & August)

SEAAK Noon, BP Energy Center, Regular meeting, presenter TBA (every other month, usually 2nd Wed)

Thursday, July 13, 2017

ASPE Anchorage, Noon, BP Energy Center (2nd Thurs)

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

ASCE Anchorage, Noon, Moose Lodge on Arctic Blvd. (3rd Tues)

ASPLS Anchorage No Meeting in July (3rd Tues with even months at Noon at the BP Energy Center and odd months at 5:30pm)

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

ASCE Mat-Su Branch, Noon at the Mat-Su College (Mile 2 Trunk Road) in Room FSM 206 (3rd Wed)

ASCE Fairbanks, Noon, WestMark (3rd Wed)

Thursday, July 20, 2017

Deadline for the August issue of *Alaska Designs* (20th of each month, or Monday)

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

ASPLS Fairbanks, Noon, WestMark Hotel (4th Tues)

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

ASPLS Valley, Noon, Troutfitters, Wasilla (last Wed)



Tuesday, August 1, 2017

ITE Alaska Anchorage Chapter, No Meeting (1st Tues except June, July & August)

Thursday, August 3, 2017

ASPE Anchorage Directors, 7 a.m., McDonald's, 800 W Northern Lights Blvd. (1st Thurs)

APDC, Noon, Bettisworth North, 2600 Denali St, Suite 710, Anchorage (1st Thurs)

Monday, August 7, 2017

ASPE Fairbanks, Noon, WestMark Hotel (1st Mon)

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

ACEC Board, 4:00 p.m., PDC, Inc., Anchorage (2nd Tues)

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

ASCE Juneau Branch and ASPE Juneau Chapter, No Meeting. Joint membership meetings are held from September through May (2nd Wed)

ASLA Alaska Board, 12:10 p.m. in the URS 3rd floor conference room (2nd Wed)

ITE Alaska Fairbanks Chapter, No Meeting (2nd Wed except June, July & August)

Thursday, August 10, 2017

ASPE Anchorage, Noon, BP Energy Center (2nd Thurs)

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

ASCE Anchorage, Noon, Moose Lodge on Arctic Blvd. (3rd Tues)

ASPLS Anchorage, 5:30 pm social, 6 pm meeting, 49th State Brewing Co. (717 W 3rd Ave, formerly Snow Goose) (usually 3rd Tues with even months at Noon and odd months at 5:30pm)

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

ASCE Fairbanks, Noon, WestMark (3rd Wed)

ASCE Mat-Su Branch, Noon at the Mat-Su College (Mile 2 Trunk Road) in Room FSM 206 (3rd Wed)

Monday, August 21, 2017

Deadline for the September issue of *Alaska Designs* (20th of each month, or Monday)

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

ASPLS Fairbanks, Noon, WestMark Hotel (4th Tues)

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

ASPLS Valley, Noon, Troutfitters, Wasilla (last Wed)

Send calendar notices/updates by the 20th of each month to Vicky Sterling, sterlingtouch@gci.net.



When and Where

Always check locally to confirm meeting times and locations. Some organizations suspend or reschedule meetings in summer months. The newsletter publication calendar generally does not allow time to include holiday and last-minute schedule changes.



Alaska Designs welcomes articles and letters on subjects of interest to design professionals. The deadline is the 20th of each month for the following month's issue. Items may be edited for length or content and will be published as space is available. Submit items to the editor, Vicky Sterling, via email at sterlingtouch@gci.net and expect confirmation of receipt.