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AELS Board Tentative Agenda for Meeting May 5 - 6

The Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Corporations, Business & Professional Licensing Board (AELS Board) will meet at Sophie's Station, Zach's Board Room, in Fairbanks May 5 – 6, 2016. Meetings call to order at 9am both days, and public comment is scheduled for 1:15pm on May 5. The conference call number is 1-800-315-6338, access code 51676.

Agenda highlights are noted below; refer to the AELS Board website for a complete copy of the agenda and minutes of previous meetings: <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofArchitectsEngineersandLandSurveyors.aspx>

Thursday, May 5, 2016

10am Regulation Update

- A. Change to 12 AAC 36185 Use of Seals. New sections g and h. Adopted at the February 2016 meeting and in approval process.
- B. Changes to 12 AAC 36.063 Engineering Education and Work Experience and Requirements, 12 AAC 36.108 Application for Registration as a Structural Engineer, 12 AAC 36.180 Seal, 12 AAC 36.185 Use of Seals, and 12 AAC 36.990. Tabled at the February meeting and awaiting board action.
- C. 12 AAC 36.050 Application Deadlines. Public notice has ended and is awaiting board action.

11:15am Board Correspondence Re-

ceived Since February 2016

- A. CLARB
- B. NCARB
- C. NCEES
- D. AELS Board Appointments

11:35am Correspondence Sent since February 2016

- A. Chair's Letter to Mr. Hozey re travel
- B. Board nomination of Brian Hanson for Zone VP

11:40am Old Business

- A. 2016 Western Zone meeting in Anchorage
- B. Arctic Engineering Requirement Evaluation

- C. Bill to make LSA seat permanent, voting seat
- D. FE/FS regulation changes
- E. Board officer election

1:15pm Public Comment

2:15pm Executive Session (application review until end of day)

Friday, May 6, 2016

10am New Business

- A. ABET EAC Criterion Changes
- B. AS 08.48.311 Exemptions (a) (9) re surveyors
- C. Questions from DNR – email

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NCEES Releases 2015 Squared

The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) has published its second issue of *Squared*. *Squared* is the official NCEES source for engineering and surveying licensure statistics. Some tidbits are provided below; the complete report is available on the NCEES website at https://ncees.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/NCEES-Squared_web.pdf.

The publication provides an introduction to NCEES, and the exam development process and exams; a snapshot of international activities; an overview of NCEES Records Program; and statistics for engineering, surveying, and licensure over all, including statistics on the number of US licenses since 1937.

In addition to administering tests throughout the US, NCEES has agreements to administer its exams in Canada, the Emirate of

Sharjah, Egypt, Japan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Taiwan, and Turkey.

Engineering statistics include PE and FE pass rates by specialty,

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*Greg Scheff
Thomas Siekawitch
Kyle Braun
Sarah Glaves*

NCEES Publishes 2015 Licensure Statistics in 2014-2015 Squared

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and a breakdown to show statistics for takers with EAC/ABET Bachelor's Degree versus Others; top 10 test centers and top 10 universities based on FE exam volume; and average age of examinees. It notes that examinees with four years of engineering experience after graduation have the greatest probability of success on the PE exam.

Since 2009, NCEES has sponsored an Engineering Award for Connecting Professional Practice and Engineering, which offers a \$25,000 grand prize and five \$7,500 prizes to recognize engineering programs that encourage collaboration between college students and licensed engineers.

Surveying statistics include FS and PS pass rates, and average age of examinee. It notes that the average age of examinee has been fairly steady over the past 5 years but the number of surveyors taking the exam has decreased significantly. In response, the Future of Surveying Task Force was formed in 2014, and recently issued its first report. Its work is ongoing.

NCEES also voted to implement a new initiative to support surveying education at the college level. The program will recognize up to 10 professional surveying programs of distinction each year, awarding each up to \$10,000.

The number of engineers licensed in Alaska in 2015 was 2,624 Resident and 2,916 Nonresident.

The number of surveyors licensed in Alaska in 2015 was 382 Resident and 122 Nonresident.

The numbers of engineers and surveyors licensed nationwide has grown from 2005 to 2015 as follows: Engineers from 617,725 to 852,953; Surveyors from 44,253 to 53,588. ❖

Carroll Joins Stantec

Stantec is pleased to announce that Becca Carroll, PE, has joined the firm as mechanical engineering manager in its Anchorage office. She has more than a dozen years of in-state industry experience and is an associate of the firm.

Carroll's experience includes design throughout Alaska, construction administration, commissioning and building energy modeling for a variety of project types, including schools, libraries and the Alaska State Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory in Anchorage. For the crime lab, she designed a ventilation system that includes individual room pressurization control and air-handling units with heat recovery to support the unique needs of various labs.

"Becca brings a wealth of experience and creative energy to our Alaska buildings team," said Greg Liebl, PE, Stantec principal. "She has done outstanding work for a variety of clients all across Alaska. Her project experience and skills fit perfectly with our direction as a firm. We are excited about what Becca offers to our Alaska-based Stantec offices."

At Stantec, Carroll will provide senior design leadership for building projects, overseeing a team of five mechanical engineers and designers.

Carroll is a member of the Greatland Section of the Society of Women Engineers, currently serving as the chairwoman of the scholarship committee, and the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, Air-Conditioning Engineers. She is a graduate of the Milwaukee School of Engineering, with a degree in architectural engineering with building mechanical systems specialty.

About Stantec: We're active



members of the communities we serve. That's why at Stantec, we always design with community in mind. The Stantec community unites more than 15,000 employees working in over 250 locations. Our work — professional consulting in planning, engineering, architecture, interior design, landscape architecture, surveying, environmental sciences, project management, and project economics — begins at the intersection

of community, creativity, and client relationships. With a long-term commitment to the people and places we serve, Stantec has the unique ability to connect to projects on a personal level and advance the quality of life in communities across the globe. ❖

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- D. Regulation Process
- E. Annual Report

1:15pm Read Applications into the Record

1:30pm Review Calendar of Events Confirm Board Meeting Dates

- August 4 - 5, Anchorage
- November 3 - 4, Anchorage
- February 8 - 9, 2017
- May 4 - 5, 2017

National Meeting Dates

- NCEES Western Zone, May 19 - 21, 2016, Anchorage
- NCARB Annual, June 15 - 18, 2016, Seattle
- NCEES Annual, August 24 - 27, 2016 Indianapolis
- CLARB Annual, September 22 - 24, 2016, Philadelphia

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In Memory



Greg Scheff

Thomas Siekawitch

Kyle Braun

Sarah Graves

The APDC extends condolences to the families, friends, co-workers, and associates of seven people who perished and another who was critically injured in two airplane crashes in April. Within the design community, the loss of four surveyors in one month is especially difficult for our ASPLS members, and sustaining member firms R&M Engineering and TerraSond Ltd.

Wrangell residents Greg Scheff, 61, and Thomas Siekawitch, 57, died in a crash on Admiralty Island April 8. Pilot David Galla, 60, of Wrangell also died, and a third passenger, Morgan Enright from Ketchikan, was critically injured. The *Wrangell Sentinel* quoted Mayor David Jack, "It's a tragedy. It really impacts the whole community. Everybody in town knew them and they were pretty well liked."

Scheff and Siekawitch were employees of R&M Engineering, and Enright was an employee of Ketchikan Ready-Mix & Quarry. The passengers were traveling for work to the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities upcoming ferry terminal project in Angoon.

Kyle Braun, 27, and Sarah Graves, 36, died in a crash shortly after take-off April 20 from Birchwood Airport on their way to the first day of a survey project next to JBER. Pilot George Kobelnyk, 64, and co-pilot Christian Bohrer, 20, also died in the crash.

Braun and Graves were employees of TerraSond in Palmer, where co-workers were shocked and devastated. Scott Schillinger, general counsel to TerraSond, was quoted in the Alaska Dispatch News, "Both of them really are irreplaceable." According to the ADN, Braun grew up in Butte, loved outdoor activities and photography, and was caring for his mother after his father's death last year; and Graves was an avid painter and musician who moved from Oregon in 1988 to attend Kenai Peninsula College, and later earned a Geomatics degree from UAA.

These tragic accidents are somber reminders of the fragility of life, and the dangers inherent in our daily home, work, and recreational activities. We need to be attentive to personal safety and safety of those around us at all times, and appreciate that attention to safety doesn't always preclude accidents.

These tragedies also remind us how important it is to "be here now," to live each day to its fullest, mindful that it might be the only opportunity to enjoy present company, views, sounds, and aromas. ❖



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MCG Appoints Grieve as Interior Designer

Anchorage, Alaska, April 27, 2016 – McCool Carlson Green announces the appointment of Melissa Grieve, NCIDQ, ASID, CDT, as an interior designer to expand the firm's interior design department.

"MCG is thrilled to have Melissa join our collaborative team. Her ability to transform client needs into inspiring solutions is evident in her design process and past projects. Melissa's passion for design is communicated through her ability to bring 'inspiration' to the forefront of the design conversation without sacrificing budget and timeline. Her work with ASID Alaska Chapter has helped advance the interior design profession and will continue to grow MCG's interior design department," says Cara Mazurek, MCG Director of Interior Design.

Melissa has 8 years of professional interior design experience and is driven to create, which has led her to a career focused on the way in which the interior environment interacts with its individuals. Clients trust her because she listens carefully to their needs. She is currently working on renovations at Alaska Regional Hospital. Melissa's design philosophy emphasizes the fusion of creativity and functionality

within the built environment, while recognizing the importance of appropriate, durable, and sustainable finishes.



As the immediate past president of the Alaska Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers, Melissa supports the growth of her local interior design community. She is an advocate for sustainable change in the built environment and has recently become a member International Living Future Institute.

About McCool Carlson Green: MCG (www.mcgalaska.com) is an Alaskan-owned firm providing planning and design services in Alaska and beyond for more than 40 years. The firm focus is the design of high-quality civic, public, educational, and healthcare facilities that flourish in complex Alaskan environments and reflect the unique spirit of our state. MCG has accomplished some of Alaska's largest and most significant projects, including the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport C Terminal Expansion; Nesbett Courthouse in Anchorage; Clark Middle School; and the Alaska Airlines Center at University of Alaska Anchorage. Numerous MCG projects have been recognized with state, national, and/or international

design awards, often noted for their thoughtful design and community engagement. ❖

This Newsletter is a Forum for Your News

Alaska Designs is a place for APDC Member Organizations and Sustaining Members to share announcements with the Alaska design community such as meetings, conferences, or continuing education opportunities, and new hires, anniversary celebrations, awards, or tragedies. We welcome information that matters beyond your corporate or organizational structures.

Please submit articles and photos by the 20th of the month for the next month's newsletter *if possible*, or coordinate with the editor for later delivery to assist in planning to accommodate later arrivals. Late-breaking news will be accommodated if possible.

The first issue of *Alaska Designs* was published in May 1978. The newsletter was mailed in hard copy for many years. *Alaska Designs* is published electronically now, formatted to print on letter-size paper, and posted on the APDC website at www.apdc-ak.org.

We rely on contacts in the Member Organizations to forward the link each month to their members, and issues remain posted on the website for at least a year.

Member organizations are encouraged to submit articles and photos each month – each organization is entitled to a page each month.

APDC also provides business classifieds and a job board on the website, and will host links, contact information and announcements for member organizations. Contact the editor at sterlingtouch@gci.net or Info@apdc-ak.org. ❖

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Alaska Society of Professional Engineers (ASPE)
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American Institute of Architects Alaska Chapter (AIA)
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American Society of Landscape Architects Alaska Chapter (ASLA)
American Council of Engineering Companies of Alaska (ACEC)
American Society of Interior Designers Alaska Chapter (ASID)
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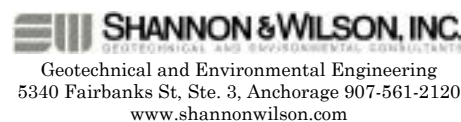
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Alaska Professional Design Council Calendar

Monday, May 2, 2016

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

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

ITE Alaska Anchorage Chapter, Noon, Aviation Heritage Museum (1st Tues except June, July & August) (Note, meetings will move to the BP Energy Center in September)

Thursday, May 5, 2016

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

APDC, Noon, CRW Engineers and via teleconference (1st Thurs)

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

ACEC Board, 4:00 p.m., Shannon & Wilson, Anchorage (2nd Tues)

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

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

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

ITE Alaska Fairbanks Chapter, Noon, DOT McKinley Building (2nd Wed except June, July & August)

SEAAK Noon, BP Energy Center, Rich Giessel, Unintended Consequences of Change Orders (every other month, usually 2nd Wed)

Thursday, May 12, 2016

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

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

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

ASPLS Anchorage, 5:30pm at Lone Star (3rd Tues with even months at Noon at the BP Energy Center and odd months at 5:30pm at Lone Star)

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

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)

Friday, May 20, 2016

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

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

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

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

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

Thursday, June 2, 2016

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

APDC, Noon, Atwood Building 6th Floor, Anchorage (1st Thurs)

Monday, June 6, 2016

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

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

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

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

Thursday, June 9, 2016

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

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

ACEC Board, 4:00 p.m., Shannon & Wilson, Anchorage (2nd Tues)

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

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, June 20, 2016

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

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

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

ASPLS Anchorage, Noon, BP Energy Center (3rd Tues with even months at Noon at the BP Energy Center and odd months at 5:30pm at Lone Star)

Tuesday, June 28, 2016

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

Wednesday, June 29, 2016

ASPLS Valley, Noon, Windbreak, 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.