

Board Meeting – December 12, 2005

The Board held a special meeting on December 12, 2005 in Room 111 of the Kingstree Building in Columbia, South Carolina.

It was noted for the record that official notification of the meeting had been sent to the Offices of LLR-Communications and Governmental Affairs and LLR-General Counsel; appropriate newspapers; WIS-TV as well as the South Carolina Society of Professional Engineers (SCSPE).

Vice-Chairman Mitchell S. Tibshrary, P.E., called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Other members present at this meeting were Gaye Garrison Sprague, P.E.; Gene L. Dinkins, P.E.; Anderson Kinghorn, Jr., PE; Cecil Huey, Jr., PE.; Public Member Preston Young. Members of the SC Architecture Board, Barry Jenkins and Dennis Ward, attended this meeting as well. Chairman, Andrew Gillette and Member Miller Love, Jr. were not able to attend this meeting.

Also present were Jan Simpson, Board Administrator; Stacy Johnson, Administrative Assistant; Todd Bond, Investigator; Sharon Dantzler, Advice Counsel.

Administrator Simpson reviewed the agenda.

Revisions to the Engine Act proposed by LLR were reviewed. There was discussion regarding areas of responsibility, authority, allocation of funds, confidentiality of complaint information and hearing procedures. Some Members of the Board believe the Board should retain authority over investigations, funding and some license application issues.

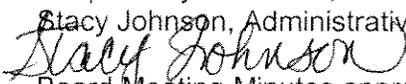
Advice Counsel, Sharon Dantzler, explained LLR's viewpoint and agreed to discuss issues raised with other Boards regarding Administrative responsibilities. Sharon also noted that the quality of disciplinary cases and investigations has improved under the Office of Investigations and Enforcement. In addition to that, she noted that 2/3 of the cases currently before the Administrative Law Court center, on procedural issues.

The Board accepted compliance reports presented by Investigator Todd Bond. Motion was duly made by Member Kinghorn and was seconded by Member Dinkins. Consent agreements presented were for Russ Courtney and Chad Epple, with Almanac Consulting Engineers Inc., for practicing without a license.

The Board clarified the existing Policy, on the use of seals which currently states, "Any document to permitting agencies must be signed and dated under or across the seal" to approve acceptance of faxed documents or PDF documents. The policy will be revised to reflect this modification.

The meeting adjourned around 2:45pm

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Johnson, Administrative Assistant


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