

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS**  
**Minutes of the Professional Association Liaison Committee Meeting**  
**Held in Las Vegas, Nevada, May 9, 2019**

Chairman, Gregory DeSart, PE; declaring a quorum present, called the meeting to order at 8:00am, in the Holsum Bread Building 241 W Charleston Blvd, Suite 130, Las Vegas, Nevada. Committee members present were Robert LaRiviere, PLS; Patty Mamola, Executive Director; Angelo Spata, PE. Also present were David Alexander, Construction Management Association; Annette Russell, American Public Works Association; Jonathan Tull, Nevada Society of Professional Engineers; Michael Ross, Nevada Society of Professional Engineers. Ganesh Kadam, ASCE, joined via teleconference. Murray Blaney, Compliance Officer; and Louisa Kern, Administrative Assistant were also present.

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Public Comment Period**

There was no public comment.

**3. Introductions**

Those present introduced themselves:

David Alexander – Construction Management Association  
Annette Russel – American Public Works Association  
Jonathan Tull – Nevada Society of Professional Engineers  
Michael Ross – Nevada Society of Professional Engineers  
Ganesh Kadam – American Society of Civil Engineers

**4. Approval of March 14,2019 Professional Association Liaison Committee Meeting minutes**

PAL 19-03 A motion was made by Ms Mamola, seconded by Mr Alexander to approve the meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Discussion of changes to Nevada Revised Statues and Administrative Codes 625 to update laws and rules (Discussion Only)**

- a. Clark County bill draft request, Assembly Bill 2, related to NRS 625.530 that proposes increasing public works qualification based selection requirement from \$35,000 to \$100,000

Mr DeSart said that the board had formally taken a position to oppose AB2. Ms Mamola said the bill draft never made it out of committee and is currently considered dead. She said that the board's bill SB 407 has made it through the initial stages and now needs to go through a work session before the final stage of approval. Mr DeSart reviewed the contents of the bill for those who were not familiar.

#### **6. Discussion of March 27, 2019, digital/electronic submittal workshop hosted by NSPE**

Mr DeSart said that NSPE held a workshop at the Springs Preserve in Las Vegas on March 27 and that it was very well attended and he estimated over 100 people were in attendance. He said there was a robust discussion and it highlighted the differences of opinion and the degree of confusion currently out there regarding the topic. Mr DeSart added that he thought it brought some clarity between the difference of a digital signature and electronic submittal. Mr Tull said that the full event was videoed by NSPE and following editing it would be available for viewing from the NSPE Nevada platform. Mr DeSart suggested that the video also be linked from the board's website. (ACTION Item) Mr DeSart added there was planning underway for a similar workshop in northern Nevada.

Ms Mamola said that ASCE in the north has volunteered to partner with the board to host a workshop. She said that Mr Rice is helping to coordinate a date for late July or the first week in August. (ACTION Item)

#### **7. Discussion of Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) report recommending elimination of the professional engineer licensure exemption for public utility work**

Mr DeSart said the catalyst for this was based on gas line explosions in Boston about a year ago. The NTSB review pointed to some issues with the engineering of the gas line system and made a recommendation that the exemption from licensure for public utility work be removed from state laws.

Ms Mamola said that NCEES sent a letter out to state boards regarding the recommendation at the request of the NTSB. Ms Mamola continued to say that she has shared that letter and the full NTSB report with Mr Kalina of Southwest Gas. She added that the board has not taken a position on the issue as of yet.

#### **8. Discussion of October 10, 2019, Reconnect, continuing education event in Reno**

Mr Blaney said the list of speakers for the event has been finalized and he was drafting the event schedule. He said the program would be pre-released to the PAL group prior to the next committee meeting in July. Mr Blaney added that a "save-the-date" e-blast would go out to Nevada resident and neighboring state licensees later in July and event registration would open early in August. (ACTION Item)

Ms Mamola said that the speaker lineup is one that that you don't normally hear on the Nevada industry speaking circuit, they are national and international speakers who are of keynote level.

#### **9. Discussion of boards strategic plan goal of Outreach and possible role of PAL committee**

Mr DeSart said that from the board's strategic planning session in 2017, four main goals were identified; outreach, licensure, regulation and operation excellence. As part of the outreach goal, one of the main action items was to have a social media presence. Mr DeSart continued by saying, along with social media, actually physically being out and presenting information is another, if not more important aspect of outreach, and said that the board wanted to let PAL members know that board members are available as speakers at event luncheons or seminars on topics relating to board business, present and future regulations etc. He added that Ms Mamola would be the contact for arranging a board member to attend. Mr Alexander said that CMAA would be in contact with Ms Mamola to arrange for a board member to speak at a future event.

#### **10. Discussion of video conferencing of PAL committee meetings to increase northern and southern Nevada professional organization participation**

Ms Mamola said that the new Reno office move would be complete by the time of the next PAL committee meeting, meaning that we would now be capable of video conferencing the meeting from both the board's Las Vegas and Reno offices. She said that PAL members at either end of the state could now easily join meetings from their desktop or devices. Ms Mamola said that she hoped it would add to the collaboration between association members in the north and the south, and that members could join all the meetings and not just those in their area.

#### **11. NVBPELS Activities**

Mr DeSart reported that the board was licensing an average of 10 initial licensees per month and averaging around 100 new licensees by comity monthly.

Ms Mamola said that the board Reno office relocation would occur on Friday, May 31, and that the office would be closed that day due to the communications systems being relocated. She said a notice would be posted on the website.

Mr DeSart reminded the members to make use of the Professional Associations master calendar on the board website to post events. He said it also functions to help the various groups avoid scheduling events on conflicting dates. He added that event notices can be forwarded to Ms Mamola and staff would post to the calendar.

#### **12. Next Professional Association Activities**

Mr Tull said that NSPE was looking for new board members for the southern Nevada chapter as a couple of current members had relocated out of state. If the members know of anybody they should be directed to the chapter website at [nspenv.org](http://nspenv.org) to apply. Mr Tull said that NSPE has its

STEM outreach in classroom presentations, which are very popular, and supports the middle school math counts programs.

Mr Alexander reported that CMAA just had a golf tournament that raised around \$5800 for scholarships for the UNLV Construction Management Program. Mr Alexander said that he was involved with the recruiting board for UNLV regarding the CE and Construction Management programs where school age children are identified as being interested in engineering. He asked the members about suitable engineering presentation resources. Ms Mamola said that NCEES had very good resources available through NCEES.org.

Ms Russell reported the APWA spring conference had just finished and it was well attended, in particular the workshop session on writing. She also said that APWA would also be interested in linking with the NSPE workshop video on digital signatures. Mr DeSart commented that APWA had been successful recruiting younger professionals in its membership drive with their “YP” programs.

### **13. Open discussion**

There were no additional topics presented for discussion.

### **14. Next Meeting Dates**

Ms Mamola said the next meeting would be at 8 AM on July 11, 2019 in the new Reno office location and that the video and audio link would be emailed out. Mr DeSart asked that the zoom meeting information be sent separately from the appointment calendar email. (ACTION Item)

### **15. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **16. Adjournment**

Mr DeSart adjourned meeting at 8:32am, May 9, 2019.

Respectfully – Patty Mamola  
Executive Director