

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
Minutes of the Professional Association Liaison Committee Meeting
Held at 1755 E Plumb Lane, Suite 258, Reno, Nevada 89502 on November 7, 2019 at 4pm

Committee members present were Greg DeSart, PE, and Matthew Gingerich, PLS. Via telephone conference were David Salter, representing ACEC; Kahnani Espinoza, of Rowe Law Group representing ACEC, and Jonathan Tull, representing NSPE. Also present were Murray Blaney, Compliance Officer; Susan Fischer, Board Lobbyist; and Louisa Kern, Administrative Assistant attended.

1 Meeting to order

Committee chair, Gregory DeSart called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

2 Public Comment Period

There was no public comment

3 Introductions

Those present introduced themselves.

David Salter, representing ACEC

Kahnani Espinoza, representing ACEC

Jonathan Tull, representing NSPE

4 Approval of September 6, 2019, Professional Association Liaison Committee meeting minutes

PAL 19-06 A motion was made by Mr Salter, seconded by Mr Gingerich to approve the September 6 2019 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

5 Discussion of changes to Nevada Revised Statutes 625 and Nevada Administrative Code 625 to update laws and rules and consider other updates to NRS/NAC related to land surveying

Mr DeSart said that this item is regarding bill (AB 2) put forward by Clark County relating to NRS 625.530. He said there had been some discussion at the board level and there was some concern about the proposed monetary threshold for QBS being increased but there was no definitive opinion. He continued to say legislative committee of the board had yet to set an agenda for the next legislative session and that it would be timely for PAL council members to get feedback on any proposed statute or regulatory changes.

Mr DeSart asked if ACEC had an stance relating to the proposed amendment by AB 2. Mr Salter and Ms Espinoza said they were not aware if ACEC had taken an official position

Mr DeSart said that since ACEC represents consultants, and consultants would likely be the licensees most directly impacted by any suggested changes that the board makes, he would ask that the ACEC board review the proposed amendment and report back on their the recommendation at the next PAL council meeting. (ACTION)

Mr Tull said he believed the federal government maintains a project threshold at \$25k/\$35k range relating to qualifications-based selection and anybody reviewing the proposed amendment may want to research federal contracting as a comparison or benchmark.

Ms Espinoza asked if the county was considering bringing the proposed legislation again.

Ms Fischer said she had not heard of any confirmation but could reach out to them to find the status. (ACTION)

6 Discussion of Digital Signature/Electronic Submittal Workshop held in Reno September 19, 2019

Mr DeSart reported on the workshop held on September 19, 2019 in Reno, NV.

Mr Gingerich said that there is still a degree of confusion regarding digital signatures but the appetite to move forward in cohesive manner seemed to be there.

Mr Blaney said that Ms Mamola is involved in spearheading a state-wide taskforce to keep the implementation discussions moving forward.

7 Discussion of October 10, 2019, ReConnect continuing education event in Reno.

Mr Blaney reported on the ReConnect event held on October 10, 2019 in Reno, NV.

Mr Gingerich said he attended and said the speakers were excellent and the event was very well received.

Mr DeSart said that he would recommend to the Public Outreach Committee that the event be continued for another south-north cycle.

8 Nevada State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors activities

Mr DeSart said the board has hired a creative firm to put together a communications outreach plan – primarily a social media campaign – across a number of different platforms. He said a big part relates to the PAL council participant organizations where we’re going to attempt to cross pollinate relevant content to encourage a greater overall interaction and engagement across the industry and with the Nevada public. Mr DeSart continued to say the board would be looking for feedback from the professional associations and would appreciate if the contact information for social media account administrators could be forwarded to Ms Mamola.

Mr DeSart said that the Legislative Committee of the board was about to start its review of statutes and regulations and if any PAL member associations had an legislative concerns that they’d like the board to

consider to let board staff know so it can be added to the initial list for review. I list of things we look at. That's about it.

9 Professional association / industry activities

Mr Tull reported the most significant happening is that NSPE Nevada is transitioning to a modified membership model on the national level which allows the local chapter to receive different tiers of service from the national organization. He said that chapter continues to do regular local membership outreach and host monthly meetings. Mr Tull added the NTSB had recently released its findings on the Florida pedestrian bridge collapse and that a position statement from NSPE national was likely to follow.

Mr Salter said that he didn't have anything to report at the moment but would give an update in activities at the next PAL meeting.

10 Open discussion topics

There were no discussion topics put forward.

11 Next meeting date and location

Mr DeSart said the next PAL meeting will likely be the morning before the January 16, 2020 board meeting in Las Vegas, NV – but confirmation of the date and time would be emailed to PAL members.

12 Public comment period

There was no public comment.

13 Adjourn

Mr DeSart adjourned meeting at 4:52 PM, November 7, 2019.

Respectfully,

Patty Mamola
Executive Director