

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
Minutes of the Professional Association Liaison Committee Meeting
Held in Reno, Nevada, September 6, 2019

Chairman, Gregory P DeSart, PE, via video conference, called the meeting to order at 9:00am in Ed and Mary Alice Pine Boardroom at 1755 East Plumb Lane, Suite 258, Reno, Nevada. Committee members present were Patty Mamola, Executive Director. Also, present were Jasmine Bailey, Licensing Specialist; Murray Blaney, Compliance Officer; and Susan Fischer, Lobbyist, McDonald Carano. Joining via video conference were Dr David James, PE, representing the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) and the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE); and Joy Guinn representing American Public Works Association (APWA).

1. Meeting conducted by Committee Chair Greg DeSart, call to order and roll call to determine presence of quorum.

Meeting called to order at 9:00am.

2. Public comment period

There was no public comment.

3. Introductions

Those present introduced themselves:

Joy Guinn, American Public Works Association

Dr David James, University of Nevada Las Vegas and Nevada Society of Professional Engineers

4. Approval of July 11, 2019, Professional Association Liaison Committee meeting minutes

PAL 19-05 A motion was made by Ms Mamola, seconded by Mr DeSart to approve the July 11, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion of changes to Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Code 625 and 329 to update laws and rules

Ms Mamola said that the changes to NAC 625 (went into effect January 30, 2019) and NRS 625 (went into effect July 1, 2019) are posted as links from the board's website.

Ms Mamola also said that she would forward members of the PAL Council the proposed amended language to NRS 625.530 for consideration and feedback. (ACTION Item)

6. Discussion of October 10, 2019, Reconnect, continuing education event in Reno

Mr Blaney said that registration for the Northern Nevada ReConnect event opened on August 8, 2019. He said that sales for the time period since the portal opened were on par with last year's event.

7. Discussion of board's Strategic Plan goal of Outreach and possible role of Professional Association Liaison committee

Mr DeSart said that public outreach by the board would bring a greater purpose to the PAL participants to share their strategic initiatives to determine how the board and other members can work together to amplify messages that are of interest to the professions and the general public. He said that social media platforms would be an integral part of the outreach and partnerships would be developed with professional associations that already have social media engagement in place to learn from their experiences in what has been successful and what hasn't.

Ms Guinn suggested the board connect with the social media contacts for APWA. She also made recommendations on how the social media accounts should be set-up to make for easier connection to other user groups.

Dr James said he would forward Ms Mamola the social media contact information for NSPE and would look into who the contacts are at the UNLV engineering program.

8. Discussion on assignment of professional development hours for certain activities, such as mentoring activities, committee activities, and authoring/publishing papers; Nevada Administrative Code 625.470

Mr DeSart said that this item stemmed from a request by Mr Tull on behalf of NSPE at the last PAL meeting. Mr Tull had noted that the Idaho PE Board was now accepting mentoring hours as accruable for professional development hours and asked if it was something the Nevada board would consider. Mr DeSart said that the item was on the board meeting agenda for discussion and possible action at the September 12 meeting in Elko, NV.

9. Nevada State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors activities

Ms Mamola said that board would be involved with the digital signatures workshop on September 19, in conjunction with ASCE and APWA, and then the following month would be hosting the 2019 ReConnect event in Reno. She also said the legislative committee was compiling a list of regulations and statutes for review and possible amendment by the board. Ms Mamola added that

any proposed changes would be presented to the PAL Council members for review and feedback during the amendment process.

10. Professional association / industry activities

Ms Guinn (APWA) and Dr James (NSPE) gave updates on the activities of their respective organizations.

11. Open discussion topics

Dr James asked for direction regarding the presentation of senior projects produced by students in the final year of the civil engineering program at UNLV. Dr James said he was seeking guidance so as to not to be violation of professional engineering laws and regulations.

Mr DeSart recommended that Dr James make a presentation to the board at the January meeting to be held in Las Vegas. Ms Mamola agreed and said she would add the item to the January 16, 2020 board meeting agenda. (ACTION Item)

12. Next meeting date and location

Mr DeSart said that the next meeting date would be Thursday November 7 at 9:00am. The meeting will be held by video conference from the Reno board room.

13. Public comment period

There was no public comment.

14. Adjourn

Mr DeSart adjourned meeting at 10:02am.

Respectfully – Patty Mamola
Executive Director