

STATE OF NEVADA
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
Minutes of the Professional Association Liaison (PAL) Council
held in Reno, Nevada, November 8, 2017

Gregory P. DeSart, PE, called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. in the Ed and Mary Alice Pine Boardroom, Suite 130, 1755 E. Plumb Lane, Reno, Nevada. Committee members present were Board Chairman Robert O. LaRiviere, PLS; and Patty Mamola, PE, Executive Director. Also present was Murray Blaney, Compliance Officer and Sarah Wiley, Administrative Assistant.

1. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

2. Introductions

Introductions were made. The following persons representing professional organizations were in attendance.

Rudy Edgington, PE	American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)
Greg Phillips, PLS	Nevada Association of Land Surveyors (NALS)
Mike Willhelm, PE	American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
Scott Plummer, PE	American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)
Joy Guinn,	President of American Public Works Association (APWA) and Director of Marketing for Nichols Consulting Engineers (NCE)

3. Nevada State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Activities

Mr. LaRiviere discussed several items that the Board has been activities the Board has been working on this year:

- Strategic Planning Session
- Obtaining a Las Vegas office for the Board
- Regional Mobility Agreement with Nevada and Wyoming signing an MOE agreement for seeking Comity
- SB69 was approved by the Governor and the Board staff has implemented a faster turnaround for Comity applications of less than 30 days from application date to licensure with an average 7 day turnaround
- Michael Kidd and a committee of 10 Nevada Professional Land Surveyors are currently working on updating the 2 hour state specific PLS exam
- Scheduling an Ethics Seminar regarding Professional Development Hours in the early 2018 in Reno and Las Vegas

Mr. DeSart said the Board is exploring ways to facilitate international licensing mobility. He also explained that the Board will now include a PAL Corner section of the quarterly newsletter to discuss important issues that any of the organizations would like to be included in the newsletter.

Ms. Mamola presented a draft of the calendar that will be established on the Board's website to share information of events offered by organizations pertaining to Engineering and Land Surveying.

4. Professional Association/Industry Activities

Mr. Edgington discussed ACEC's interest in the Legislative bills being reviewed and spoke of their concerns. He also stated his appreciation for the Board reviewing the Southern RTC RFP that is on the agenda at the Board meeting tomorrow.

Ms. Guinn expressed her concerns with the Washoe RTC RFP process, how it required financial information and concerns of possible violation with QBS.

Mr. DeSart explained that with the Board expediting Comity applications it provides more time during Board meetings to discuss any issues organizations may have that the Board may offer their opinion or a decision on.

Mr. Edgington said that ACEC plans to better define what constitutes a design-build request for proposal (RFP).

Mr. DeSart encouraged ACEC and other organizations that are involved with Legislation to work together and support the Board. He asked that the Board's proposed Legislation be read and for organizations to put those proposals on their radar for possibly supporting those changes.

Mr. Edgington and Ms. Mamola discussed the need for organizations to communicate with each other during these Legislative sessions to work together on proposals being submitted and show the support of each other. Ms. Mamola explained that with the assistance from NSPE and their support, a bill that negatively affected licensure was tabled during the recent legislative session and was not given a hearing because of the overwhelming response against the bill.

Mr. Phillips discussed new activity that NALS has had during this year in the chapter and state level:

- The NALS state board has been reorganized for 2018
- Joint conference to be held in February 2018
- Local student competition through Great Basin Community College
- NALS held a successful seminar with 58 attendees
- Request support during the January meeting regarding NRS 327

Mr. DeSart suggested that during the Legislative session, our lobbyist Susan Fisher attend the PAL meetings. It was then discussed by all members regarding any possible conflict of the lobbyist representing other organizations similar to the Board. It was decided that Ms. Mamola would ask Susan Fisher if there could be a possible conflict.

Mr. Willhelm discussed activity that ASCE has had during this year:

- ASCE has 700 members in the South region and 1200 in the North
- January 12th, 2018 Region 8/9 Leadership Conference will be held in Las Vegas
- Updating ASCE info structure report card which is issued every 4 years. This report card is a tool used to solicit additional funds and support for tax initiative
- Officer installation was conducted in Las Vegas and terms have begun for each officer

Ms. Guinn discussed activity that APWA has had during this year:

- Increase of memberships by 22% through the end of August
- National awards to be submitted by March 1st
- Two younger members have been chosen for their emerging leader group
- Request for Board attendance at APWA conferences and luncheons
- Possibly hosting PWX national conference and discussing what location to hold it
- APWA will complete an article for the Board's newsletter PAL Corner

5. Open Discussion Topics

There were no open discussion comments.

6. Next Meeting Date and Location

The next meeting will be held in Las Vegas at the Clark County Department of Building and Fire Prevention on Wednesday, January 10, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.

7. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

8. Adjournment

There being no further discussion. Mr. DeSart adjourned the meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Patty Mamola, PE
Executive Director