

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS**  
**Minutes of the Professional Association Liaison Committee Meeting**  
**Held virtually, Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 11:00 AM**

Committee and board members participating were committee chairman, Matthew Gingerich, PLS and Lynnette Russell, PE. Also joining was Patty Mamola, Executive Director.

Participating from professional associations and public entities were:

*Doa Ross, Las Vegas Valley Water District & Southern Nevada Water Authority*  
*Nas Diallo, Las Vegas Valley Water District & Southern Nevada Water Authority*  
*Gerald Gunny, City of Henderson | Building and Fire Safety*  
*Dave Rowe, SEASN*  
*Leslie Long, Clark County Water Reclamation District*  
*David James, UNLV and NSPE*  
*Trisha Sakaguchi, NSPE | Southern Nevada Chapter*  
*David Alexander, Construction Management Association of America | Southern Nevada Chapter*  
*William Brown*  
*Jamie Fitzgerald, City of Henderson | Public Works*  
*Frank Wittie, NALS | Southern Nevada Chapter*  
*Jason Higgins, NALS*  
*Brian Coombs, City of Henderson | Utility Services*  
*Luis Morales, City of Las Vegas*  
*Brian Kalina, NSPE*  
*Bob LaRiviere*

**1. Meeting conducted by Matt Gingerich, call to order and roll call to determine presence of quorum.**

Mr Gingerich called the virtual meeting to order at 11:00am.

**2. Public comment period**

There was no public comment.

**3. Introductions**

Those participating in the committee meeting introduced themselves.

**4. Approval of May 19, 2021, Professional Association Liaison Committee meeting minutes.**

PAL-03 A motion was made by Ms Russell, seconded by Mr Fitzgerald to approve the May 19, 2021 committee meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Discuss creation of Quality of Plan Submittal Task Force and possible meeting dates.**

Mr Gingerich stated that the discussion with quality of plans is good, but it seems to dominate the PAL meetings. He said that he would like to create a separate task force to address the issue. He added the board's role is to foster the discussion and creating a specific task force would allow that dialogue to continue.

Ms Mamola said she would work on creating the task force and schedule a meeting. (ACTION Item)

#### **6. Discussion of potential future bill draft request to update Nevada Revised Statute 338.173 related to certificates of eligibility.**

Ms Mamola said the board is considering a BDR to revise NRS 338.173, and the item was added to the committee agenda to get initial feedback from professional associations and public entities. She said the statute was introduced 10 years ago in a bill sponsored by one of our legislators (John Lee) to give preferential treatment to Nevada small businesses. It mandates that the board creates certificates of eligibility to provide to entities during the request for proposal process. The problem is, we (the board) can't do that the way the law is written. The board attempted to promulgate regulations, but issues were identified during that process and the concerns were brought to the attention of the legislative commission. The commission advised the board to take no further action and then tabled creating regulations until further notice. Nothing has been heard since. Ms Mamola said the board expected them to either go back to the bill sponsor and modify the language or get back to us on how we could promulgate regulations and they never have. So now there's a law in the books and entities refer to it in their proposal process – a request for a *Certificate of Eligibility* – and the board office is contacted by licensees requesting something that cannot be facilitated. It creates confusion for all involved. She said to clean things up, the law either needs to be modified or removed from the books. And at this point, I think its best it be repealed. Ms Mamola asked for questions or comments from the professional associations. There were none.

Ms Mamola said she would contact ACEC for their comment. (ACTION Item)

#### **7. Discussion of how board can assist Clark County with utilizing engineers and/or land surveyors for expedited plan reviews as it relates to Clark County's "Permit Now" and "Customer Driven Consultant Services"**

Ms Mamola said this item was requested by Clark County, but the person introducing the issue was unable to attend the meeting. She added the item will be pushed to a future committee meeting date. (ACTION Item)

#### **8. Nevada State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors activities.**

Ms Mamola gave an overview of the successful amendments associated with AB 173. She added that relating to the removal of the exemption for gas pipeline work that will be done by utility companies, the PUC would be drafting regulation amendments. Her understanding was the proposed changes were in the public process with drafts about to be released and the small business impact surveys underway. She added that anyone interested in the process should contact Ms Mullen at the Nevada Public Utilities Commission.

## **9. Professional association/industry activities.**

Participants gave updates on their activities.

### **- SEASoN**

Mr Rowe said that SEASN takes a break during the summer, but that they'll start up again in September for their monthly meetings. He said that they typically do lunch meetings that are announced on the second Tuesday of the month. He asked everyone if they know of a space available for SEASN to meet.

### **- NSPE (S NV)**

Ms Sakaguchi said that they are looking for people to sit on the panel to discuss issues and key topics during the September 21 NSPE luncheon. She added that they will try to make the panel in-person as well as virtual, but that it will mainly be in person. She said to reach out to her if anyone is interested in being on the panel. Ms Sakaguchi said NSPE is planning on having another utility coordination and standards of practice luncheon on November 16, 2021.

### **- NALS (S NV)**

Mr Wittie said that Southern Chapter of NALS has an in person meeting on July 29, 11:30 AM at Fogo de Chao and that the guest speaker will be the North Las Vegas Mayor, John Lee. Mr Wittie added that the mayor will discuss the past, present, and future of the city of North Las Vegas.

### **- NALS (N NV)**

Mr Higgins said that NALS is having their board meeting in Reno tomorrow and that Thursday will be a full day workshop, with a luncheon in the middle, a dinner, and their 2019 and 2020 awards banquet, a sendoff to Steve Parish, and possibly a scholarship auction. He added that on Friday there will be a golf tournament

### **- CMAA (S NV)**

Mr Alexander said that CMAA elected a new board chapter president, vice president, and secretary treasurer. He added that they are starting in-person meetings this month. He said that there is an in-person meeting on July 21, 7:00 AM at Blueberry Hill located at Flamingo and Decatur, and that there will be a speaker. He said that they have two speakers lined up for the next three months. Mr Alexander added that they raised \$7,000 for the UNLV engineering construction management program at a golf tournament.

## **10. Open discussion topics**

Ms Long asked how she could participate in the quality of plan submittals task force.

Ms Mamola asked that those interested email her to indicate their interest and they would be added to the task force calendar invite list. (ACTION Item)

## **11. Next meeting date and location.**

Mr Gingerich said the next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2021, at 8am. Meeting invites will be emailed to those on the PAL participation list.

**12. Adjourn**

Mr Gingerich thanked those joining for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 11:35am.

Respectfully, Patty Mamola  
Executive Director

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