

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
Minutes of the Professional Association Liaison Committee Meeting
Held virtually, Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 8:00am

Committee and board members participating were committee chairman, Brent Wright, PE/SE; Matt Gingerich, PLS; Lynnette Russell, PE; and Robert Fyda, PE. Also joining were Greg DeSart, PE; Susan Fisher, Government Affairs Liaison; and Patty Mamola, Executive Director.

Participating from professional associations and public entities were:

Michael Dishari / Las Vegas Valley Water District & Southern Nevada Water Authority

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Dave Rowe / SEASoN

Dr David James / UNLV and NSPE

Michael Dunning / Construction Management Association of America, Southern Nevada Chapter

Frank Wittie / NALS, Southern Nevada Chapter

Brian Coombs / City of Henderson

Shane Dyer / ACEC

1. Meeting conducted by Brent Wright, call to order and roll call to determine presence of quorum.

Mr Wright called the virtual meeting to order at 8:00am.

2. Public comment period.

There was no public comment.

3. Introductions

Those participating in the committee meeting introduced themselves.

4. Approval of July 13, 2021, Professional Association Liaison Committee meeting minutes.

PAL-04 A motion was made by Mr Russell, seconded by Mr Gingerich to approve the July 13, 2021 committee meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms Mamola reported that the quality of plans submittals issue has been moved from the PAL forum to a separate taskforce/working group which is being headed by the city of Henderson. The board will continue to participate, and Greg DeSart will be serving as board liaison and will be reporting back to the board on progress. Ms Mamola said the first taskforce/working group meeting was held this week and was very well attended – close to 50 participants. Future meetings will be held the second Tuesday of every month at three o'clock and if you are interested in participating send me an email

and I'll let city of Henderson know and they can add you to the distribution list.

Ms Mamola said the board will be considering its last group of updated regulations at tomorrow's board meeting. LCB file number R-141 is related to advisory committees where proposed updates move the advisory committees to the investigate phase. If no disciplinary action is taken, any findings of the committee will remain confidential, if disciplinary action is taken any findings would become public. Ms Mamola continued to say if the board approves the draft regulations tomorrow then a public adoption hearing would be scheduled in the next 60 days to hopefully get the amendments adopted before the end of the year.

Ms Mamola said the public utilities commission in Nevada is meeting October 12 at 9am to consider comments related to adopting rules or regulations around requiring a PE to stamp gas lines. The commission will determine when and what types of work will require PE stamping and they're going through the public comment process right now.

6. Professional association/industry activities.

Participants gave updates on their activities.

- SEASoN

Mr Rowe reported the SEASoN held it's first in-person meeting since the start of COVID. It was well attended with really good feedback, so we're trying to do another in-person meeting in October. He said they are having a little bit of trouble getting speakers just because of the current climate with COVID, but they're moving forward.

- CMAA (S NV)

Mr Dunning said CMAA resumed in-person meetings about three months ago and had some good turnouts. He agreed that getting speakers at the moment was an issue but just being able to get together and network has been very positive for the group.

- NALS (S NV)

Mr Wittie said that Southern Chapter of NALS has an in person meeting next Thursday at Fogo de Chao. Surveyors from NV Energy and the LVV Water District will be talking about what they do within their respective utilities. He added that their annual golf tournament coming up October 15th at the Boulder city golf club. If anybody's interested, contact us through the NALS website.

- NSPE (S NV) + UNLV

Dr James reported the Southern Nevada chapter has restarted monthly meetings with a combination of virtually and face-to-face as a hybrid. We are also working to restart the Northern Nevada chapter, with consideration for it being a virtual chapter considering the distribution of people across the middle and northern part of the state. He said a couple of people are interested to start a chapter board and they'll begin by attending our southern Nevada chapter meetings. Dr James said stem

outreach activities and restarting this month with another scheduled in October at the Summerlin Arts Fair.

Dr James said the UNLV entering freshmen class size was down about 5%, compared to the previous year, although the retention and progression are up for our 2015 entering cohort. We went from 21%, six-year retention progression to graduation to 29%. We think this is part due to having a first and second-year seminar classes for all engineering students, where all the students meet. NSPE and NALS will be participating in these seminars this fall.

- ACEC

Mr Dyer said the council has been active communicating with entities when issues have arisen with requests for qualifications and other things that were inappropriate. He added that the NDOT liaison committee is starting back up again to be proactive and improve communication.

7. Open discussion topics.

Ms Mamola said, relating to the certificate of eligibility discussion at the last PAL meeting, I'd like to have a discussion with ACEC about that regarding their position of support or otherwise to the proposed repeal of NRS 338. She asked if Mr Dyer would be willing to discuss and then report to the ACEC board to get their view.

Mr Dyer said he would be willing to present the issue and board and asked Ms Mamola for a brief narrative on the issues relating to the proposed repeal.

Ms Mamola said she would email the background information to Mr Dyer. (ACTION item)

8. Next meeting date and location.

Mr Wright set the next virtual PAL meeting for Thursday November 18 at 8:00 am.

Ms Mamola said she would send a calendar invite to the PAL master email list.

9. Public comment period.

There was no public comment.

10. Adjourn.

Mr Wright thanked those joining for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 8:25am.

Respectfully, Patty Mamola
Executive Director