

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS**  
**Minutes of the Professional Association Liaison Committee Meeting**  
**Held virtually, Wednesday, January 19, 2021**

Chairman Brent Wright, PE/SE, declaring a quorum present, held virtually. Also, present were Robert Fyda, PE; Matthew Gingerich, PLS; Patty Mamola, PE, Executive Director; Derek Vogel, Compliance/Communications.

Participating from professional associations and public entities were:

Michael Dunning / CMA  
Jonathan Tull / NSPE  
Dave James / UNLV  
Robert Carrington / NALS  
W Brown / NALS  
Andrew Hansen / ASCE

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

**2. Public comment period.**

There was no public comment.

**3. Introductions**

All present introduced themselves.

**4. Approval of November 18, 2021, Professional Association Liaison Committee meeting minutes**

A motion was made by Mr Gingerich, seconded by Mr Fyda to approve the November 18, 2021 committee meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms Mamola provided an update on two items. First, the board adopted regulations November 18 during a public hearing. Those regulations are related to advisory committees and explain that advisory committees are to be an investigative tool that maintains confidentiality and preserves the due process rights of the person being investigated. The regs are available on our website under Statutes and Regulations. Secondly, the PLS Standards of Practice committee is reconvening and has tasked staff with a few assignments. We are planning to meet on March 17 at 2:00 pm. It's a public meeting and you are welcome to attend.

**6. Professional association/industry activities**

Participants gave updates on their activities.

- CMAA

Mr Dunning says we are meeting in person and moving forward, so we are doing very well.

#### **-NALS**

Mr Carrington announced that he is going to Reno to meet with the Northern chapter in person. NALS first meeting of the year is the executive board meeting on Friday. We also has a conference that NALS is putting together at the end of March/first of April, in person at the Luxor. It's four states, Nevada, Arizona, California and Utah. The board started planning new activities including some round table discussion on continuing education.

#### **-NSPE**

Mr Tull announced that NSPE is postponing e-week events. It was going to be in-person in New Orleans at the end of February, but there isn't enough time to set up a virtual conference. NSPE will reschedule the event later in the year, but no dates yet.

#### **-UNLV**

Dr James announced that UNLV started classes yesterday with about 60% in person, 40% remote. We did an ethics workshop for the student chapter of the transportation engineers back in early December with the state board's investigator. It was a two-hour virtual workshop, and it was very well attended with over 80 people. The investigator did a great job.

### **7. Open discussion topics.**

Dr James says he had a brief email conversation with Ed McGuire on the quality of plans working group and they will be restarting their meetings probably in February. They are still digesting the information that they have collected.

Ms Mamola responded that Ed McGuire, Jamie Fitzgerald, Greg DeSart and myself are going to have a meeting next week to determine what to do with all this information. The original goal was to create a whitepaper on best practices. We will assign that task to one of us, and we will reconvene the group, distribute that document and get feedback. The document could possibly live on the board's website, similar to our electronic submittal digital signature guide as a best practices document for professionals.

Dr James commented that he wants to show the completed to the students in senior design.

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

Ms Mamola suggested the next meeting date could either be March 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm, which is the day before the board meeting or March 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am which would also be before the board meeting.

Mr Wright replied that either are fine.

Ms Mamola said let's plan on 4:00 pm on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mr Vogel interrupted to allow Mr Carrington to speak.

Mr Carrington said he wanted to talk to the board about a civil engineer who was doing work as a surveyor without a license in Nevada but claims that the practice of engineering includes surveying. Most of us don't believe that to be true, but want to make everyone aware that there may be engineers out there without any knowledge of the board or even their clients.

Ms Mamola responded, if you are aware of that and you can bring the details to our attention, we will absolutely look into it and reach out to that individual.

Mr Carrington replied that he will do so.

Mr Wright asks if the engineer is from California?

Mr Carrington answered, he is from somewhere east of the Mississippi, but he does have a Nevada PE, and he understands the California rule that grandfathered older civil engineers to practice land surveying. But that's not the case with this one.

Mr Hansen commented that as a licensed mining engineer, there is an exception in NRS 625.096 that allows mining engineers to do surveying for mining purposes.

Ms Mamola added that we have allowed engineers to do construction staking. If they are doing surveying with controls or boundary surveys, they cannot do that.

Mr Carrington said he will provide the information for the board to look into.

#### **9. Public comment period.**

There was no public comment.

#### **10. Adjourn**

Respectfully,

Patty Mamola  
Executive Director