

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
Minutes of the Professional Association Liaison Committee Meeting
Held virtually, Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Patty Mamola, Executive Director declaring a quorum present, held virtually. Also, present were Robert Fyda, PE; Matthew Gingerich, PLS; Derek Vogel, communications, Susan Fisher, Liaison. Chairman Brent Wright, PE/SE was excused.

Michael Dunning, CMAA

Christian Herrera, NSPE

Diane Hunt, Hunt Engineering

Jonathan Tull, NSPE

Rob Aytes, NSPE

Jake Johnson, NALS

Brian Kalina, NSPE

David James, NSPE

David Rowe, SEASN

Andy Hanson, ASCE

Ed McGuire, City of Henderson

Rosaura Gallagher, NSPE

1. Meeting conducted by Brent Wright, call to order and roll call to determine presence of quorum. Board members on committee: Matt Gingerich, PLS, Robert Fyda, PE.

A quorum was determined, and Brent Wright was excused.

2. Public comment period.

There was no public comment.

3. Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves.

4. Approval of March 9, 2022, Professional Association Liaison Committee meeting minutes.

Ms Mamola asked for a motion to approve the March 9, 2022 PAL minutes.

Mr Gingerich motioned to approve (FIRST), and Mr Fyda seconded the motion (SECOND). All were in favor and the motion passed.

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

Ms Mamola provided a summary report of activities, including the printing of the Nevada law book, which will be delivered to public agencies and others who want one. She also said that the board is pursuing a bill draft request to update NRS 625.050 because it contains some terminology that is no longer used. Ms Mamola explained that the recommendation stemmed from the Harmon Towers project.

Ms Mamola then provided an update on the status of the Quality of Plan Submittal task force and said a draft of a best practices guide is nearly complete.

There was a brief discussion about what disciplines were covered by the guide, and it was agreed that general headings covering all disciplines was sufficient.

6. Professional association/industry activities.

Mr Dunning provided an update on CMAA and said monthly meetings are going well and starting a Northern branch is ongoing.

Dr James said that NSPE is getting ready to do a STEM outreach in Las Vegas the first week of October. Mr Kalina added that Future Cities is looking for engineering mentors for middle schools. Anyone interested should contact anyone at NSPE.

Mr Hanson provided an update on ASCE, and asked for speaker volunteers.

Mr McGuire provided an update on a challenge faced by engineers, entities, utilities and a builder regarding checklists and communication. He said that while checklists are helpful, they cannot address all the intricacies of design. He said that meetings are planned to determine best practices from industry to address the issue.

A brief discussion about the frustrations shared by everyone on the task force ensued.

Mr Johnson provided an update on NALS and said author, Bob Temple, will speak about bounding he silver state. A golf tournament on October 22 is planned and monthly meetings are ongoing.

Mr Rowe provided an update on SEASN and said they are forming an agency committee to reach out to building departments in the spirit of cooperation.

Ms Fisher clarified that the bill draft mentioned earlier is BDR number 69. It will be introduced by assembly woman, Helena Mardona. Ms Fisher went on to say that once we get the bill, we'll certainly send it out to everybody to get your comments on it.

Dr James announced that UNLV is considering starting an FE exam honor cord program for graduates who passed the FE to wear during commencement ceremonies.

Mr Dyer commented that ACEC has been actively working with the legislatures to put our support where it's needed, including PPP loans for engineering companies.

There was a brief discussion about UNR offering honor cords as well.

Ms Hunt responded to a question about structural and civil engineers having the same knowledge for plan submittals. She said she would like to have professional teach continuing education classes on carport design and repair. Mr Rowe offered to see if SEASN can help with that effort.

7. Open discussion topics.

There were no open discussion comments.

8. Next meeting date and location.

Ms Mamola said that she will send an invitation for the next PAL meeting, likely to be scheduled before the next board meeting.

9. Public comment period.

Mr McGuire commented that the next quality of plan submittal task force meeting is September 12 to discuss the status of the draft document.

10. Adjourn

Ms Mamola thanked the meeting attendees and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Patty Mamola
Executive Director