

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
Minutes of the Professional Association Liaison Committee Meeting
Held virtually, Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 4:00pm

Committee members participating were Chairman Brent Wright, PE/SE, Lynnette Russell, PE; and Matthew Gingerich, PLS. Also joining were Patty Mamola, PE, Executive Director; Derek Vogel, Communications/Compliance; and Susan Fisher, Board Government Affairs Liaison.

Participating from professional associations and public entities were:

Michael Dunning, CMAA
Christian Herrera, NSPE
Emily Kinlock, Water Infrastructure Engineer
Craig Cisco, NSPE
Brian Coombs, City of Henderson
Jonathan Tull, NSPE

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

It was determined that a quorum was present.

2. Public comment period.

There was no public comment.

3. Introductions.

All participants introduced themselves.

4. Approval of January 19, 2022, Professional Association Liaison Committee meeting minutes.

PAL 22-2 A motion was made by Mr Gingerich, seconded by Ms Russell to approve the January 19, 2022, PAL Meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms Mamola gave update on the following board activities:

- *NAC Chapter 625 updates:*

Ms Mamola reported that 33 regulations have been amended, 4 repealed, and 1 new regulation added. She said some the key additions were the requirement of Nevada law review and professional ethics as a part of continuing education, and that self-study is now an option for licensees to accrue professional development hours. Ms Mamola said detail had also been added to stamping regulations

relating to electronic submittals and digital signatures.

Mr Wright said he had heard from a number of experienced licensees that they were not aware of self-study as an option to accrue PDHs. He asked if there were ways beyond the licensee newsletter that the information about the change could be disseminated.

Ms Mamola said the information has been added to the Continuing Education section of the website and social media posts were planned and letting the PAL members know so they can inform their members should help.

- Update in Legislative Law Library:

Ms Mamola said the last of the regulation updates were currently being codified by the LCB and should be updated online by July. She added that the most current versions of the regulations were available on the board's website under the Statutes & Regulations tab – revisions.

- NAC Chapter 625 updates specific to professional land surveying

Ms Mamola said a special sub-committee of the board was in the process of reviewing the PLS specific regulations, with the public comment portion of the amendment process beginning early in the new year.

- New Nevada state specific PLS exam

Ms Mamola said a new open book exam has been launched and is available for proctor over web-cam.

- Professional Association /Industry Event Calendar

Ms Mamola said as a reminder the board's website has a general overview calendar of industry events, and if any organization would like an event added, to email the details to board@boe.state.nv.us

6. Professional association/industry activities.

NSPE -

Mr Herrera reported that NSPE membership has grown 15-20% this year, and moves are in place to re-start a northern Nevada chapter.

Mr Tull said the NSPE Foundation "Math Supporting Math" clays tournament is scheduled for Friday, March 18 at the Boulder City gun club. It is their annual fundraiser for the math counts here in Southern Nevada. He added the E-Week 2022 Banquet has been rescheduled for May 7, 2022, at the Gold Coast. It was rescheduled from the normal date in February because of the COVID surge around that time.

CMAA -

Mr Dunning said CMAA has interest from northern Nevada to set up branch in the Reno area. There is a champion to get that off the ground, and the plan is to start with joint north and south meetings to introduce topics of interest and to gain momentum.

7. Open discussion topics.

Mr Tull asked if there was any update on the progress of the Quality of Plan Submittal Taskforce and the document being drafted.

Ms Mamola said the group is still working on the draft and the plan was for it to be available for industry group comment in the next few months. She said she would connect with the QPSTF chair and report back with an update at the next PAL committee meeting. (ACTION Item)

8. Next meeting date and location.

Mr Wright said he would connect with Ms Mamola about scheduling the next meeting and the date and time would be circulated to the group.

9. Public comment period.

There was no public comment.

10. Adjourn

Mr Wright thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 4:21pm.

Respectfully,

Patty Mamola
Executive Director