

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
Minutes of the Professional Association Liaison Committee Meeting
Held virtually, Tuesday, March 8, 2023

Meeting was led by Brent Wright, PE/SE, committee chair, committee members in attendance were Robert Fyda, PE; Matthew Gingerich, PLS; and Lynnette Russell, PE. Also in attendance were Patty Mamola, Executive Director, Susan Fisher, Government Liaison. Representatives from professional organizations in attendance:

Dave James, UNLV and NSPE
Nass Diallo, Southern Nevada Water Authority
Brian Kalina, NSPE
Andy Hansen, ASCE
Jake Johnson, NALS
Blake Dostal, CMAA
Topher Barnes, City of Henderson
Shane Dyer, ACEC
Mike Parrish, SEASN
Diane Hunt, Hunt Engineering

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

Roll call was completed and a quorum was determined.

2. Public comment period.

There was no public comment.

3. Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves.

4. Approval of September 6, 2022, Professional Association Liaison Committee meeting minutes.

Mr Wright asked for a motion to approve the September 6, 2022, PAL minutes.

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

5. Consider Quality of Plan Submittal Task Force Best Practices Guide.

Mr Wright asked if Jamie Fitzgerald from the City of Henderson is going to present the quality of plan submittal task force best practices guide. Ms Mamola replied that Mr Fitzgerald is not present and asked if Topher Barnes would speak on his behalf, and Mr Barnes replied that he would.

Ms Mamola provided a brief summary of the activities of the PAL committee that culminated in the completion of the draft of the best practices guide. She explained that Mr Fitzgerald will send an email to building officials to inform them the guide draft can be found on the Board's website. She also said she would invite Mr Fitzgerald to the next committee meeting and include again as an agenda item for discussion in case he had more information to share.

Mr Barnes noted that the City of Henderson has already put the document into use and implemented some of its recommendations.

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Mr Gingerich asked Ms Mamola for a brief summary of the governor's executive orders. Ms Mamola replied that the Board is updating 15 regulations related to Land Surveying and is giving a presentation to NALS in late March.

Ms Mamola provided an update on the first governor's executive order, 2023-003, and said that effective immediately, no new regulations are allowed, which impacts our land surveying standards of practice regulations update, as regulation updates are to be put on hold until the order is lifted. She said that the Board has to eliminate at least 10 regulations and recommend improvements to other regulations to streamline, clarify, simplify regulations. The report is due May 1, 2023.

Ms Mamola then said the second executive order, 2023-004, is related to licensure and intended to get people to work in Nevada more quickly. The report for that order is due April 1, 2023. Ms Mamola summarized the process, starting with a small business impact survey.

There was a brief exchange of questions and answers between Mr Johnson and Ms Mamola regarding the governor's reports and the NALS presentation.

Ms Mamola said that there is still opportunity for public comment after the small business impact survey. There will be a public workshop March 27 to get stakeholder input.

There was an exchange regarding the date and time, and Mr Fyda confirmed the workshop is in-person on March 27, at 12:00 pm.

Mr Dyer and Ms Mamola discussed the SBI survey questions. Ms Mamola explained that the survey is closed and that he can view the survey results and the proposed regulation changes on the Board website.

6. Professional association/industry activities.

Mr Dostal reminded everyone that CMAA's annual golf tournament is scheduled for March 31, 2023, to support the UNLV Construction Management Program.

Mr Johnson announced that NALS is doing a combined conference with California Land Surveyors Association on March 24, 2023, and an anniversary gala on March 25, 2023.

Mr Dyer announced that ACEC advocates for engineers and encouraged the engineering, surveying and construction community to reach out to ACEC to have your voice heard. He said ACEC has a legislative tracker that determines bills that affect us and they have a lobbyist working with the legislators to support good bills or help to change bad bills.

Mr Wright asked if there is legislation that we all should be behind. Mr Dyer replied that shifting money managed by NDOT to the state treasurer is a big topic. There are probably 15 others that are interesting, as well, but require more preparation to discuss.

There was a brief discussion between Ms Mamola, Mr Dyer and Mr Barnes regarding the Southern Nevada Home Builders Association pursuing copyright protection for engineered architectural drawings submitted to public agencies. It was agreed that the issue would be monitored and escalated to the Board government liaison when it goes before the legislature.

Mr James announced that NSPE Southern Nevada eWeek banquet is May 13, 2023, and a link to the website is in the meeting chat. He also mentioned the UNLV senior design project and the issue of non-disclosure agreements becoming more common in projects.

Mr Hansen said that the local chapter of American Society of Civil Engineers is having the annual awards banquet at the Peppermill on March 16, 2023. He also said that the UNR chapter is hosting a large student conference and is looking for volunteer judges.

Ms Russell said that the American Public Works Association is having its spring conference in Mesquite on April 5-7, 2023, and she would be there to answer questions on behalf of the Board.

Mr Kalina said that that NSPE is still looking for members to step into leadership at the chapter and state level at the end of June. He also said that Steve Hiner is giving an ethics presentation at Lowry's from 11:50 to 1:00 on March 21, 2023.

7. Open discussion topics.

There were no open discussion comments.

8. Next meeting date and location.

Ms Mamola said the next meeting would be May 10th at 4:00 PM.

Ms Mamola said she will send the calendar invite out to PAL Committee members.

9. Public comment period.

There was no public comment.

10. Adjourn

Mr Wright thanked the meeting attendees and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Patty Mamola
Executive Director

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