

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS**  
**Minutes of the Professional Association Liaison Committee Meeting**  
**Held virtually, Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 8:30 AM**

Meeting was led by Matthew Gingerich, PLS, committee chair, and attended by committee members Angelo Spata, PE, and Brent Wright, PE/SE. Also present were Patty Mamola, Executive Director; Derek Vogel; Communications/Compliance; and:

*Dave James, UNLV*  
*Jonathan Tull, NSPE*  
*Jake Johnson, NALS*  
*Frank Wittie, NALS*  
*Jonas Hulslander, City of Henderson*

- 1. Meeting conducted by committee chair Matt Gingerich, PLS, call to order and roll call to determine presence of quorum. Board members on committee: Brent Wright, PE/SE, Angelo Spata, PE.**

A quorum was determined.

- 2. Public comment period.**

There was no public comment.

- 3. Introductions**

Attendees introduced themselves.

- 4. Approval of September 20, 2023, Professional Association Liaison Committee meeting minutes.**

Mr Gingerich asked for a motion to approve the September 20, 2023, meeting minutes. Mr Spata moved to approve and Mr Wright seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

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

Ms Mamola began by reporting on two items. First, she said the regulations related to Governor Lombardo's executive orders have been sent to LCB for drafting. She explained the numbering system used by the LCB – “R” files are posted on the LCB website for public comment. She said there were four “R” files, and we received three back from LCB and they were under review by staff. She said we don’t have the fourth “R” file back yet. She said that once the board accepts the final language, the board will schedule an adoption hearing, likely in January/February.

Ms Mamola said the second item —PLS standards of practice regulations—are going through the public process after a small business impact survey to about 17,000 licensed professionals. The board

will consider feedback at tomorrow's board meeting. She said we are working to schedule a public workshop for public comment on December 6, 2023, from 12:00 to 1:00 pm in Reno and Las Vegas and virtually.

Ms Mamola concluded by saying the board hosted webinars on Nevada Law and Professional Ethics in October and the videos are available on our website.

## **6. Professional association/industry activities.**

Mr Wittie, with NALS, said that NALS is having its Christmas party on Friday, December 1, at JW Marriott. He said tickets can be purchased through the NALS Square site and he would send the information to Ms Mamola to post on the board calendar.

Dr James, with UNLV, reported that there are over 3,000 students in the UNLV College of Engineering, with about 400 in the combined Civil and Construction major. He said they are working to improve the FE exam pass rates, which have been below the national average for the past two years. He said the construction certification exam pass rates are very good. He concluded by saying that they are still awarding engineering scholarships to support computer science students.

Mr Gingerich asked a clarifying question about the percentage of students that are Nevada residents. Mr James replied that he had not seen the latest demographics, but the undergraduate students are primarily domestic, not international. He said graduate students are the reverse. He said he believes most students are from Nevada and predominately southern Nevada.

Mr Wright commented that he just hired five UNLV graduates and his firm's principals are UNLV graduates, and they are all excellent.

Mr Tull, with NSPE, reiterated Dr James' comment that they are continuing the twice-yearly scholarship application and selection process. He said they are also holding regular monthly luncheons and hoping to start-up a northern Nevada chapter.

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

Ms Mamola reported that there is a northern Nevada group that is beginning discussions on electronic map submittals and that the board is going to participate. She said that a kickoff meeting will be held next week with the intention of growing the group statewide. She said that the group would invite other groups to join to have representation from northern and southern Nevada, professionals and agencies.

Mr Gingerich asked if the discussions are specific to surveying or parcel maps and final maps. Ms Mamola replied that it is related to electronic filing of survey maps to improve the slow entitlement processes.

Ms Mamola also noted that board staff is working on creating a hands-on training for electronic submittals and digital signatures to help professionals and agencies. She said we'll hopefully have that by the middle of next year, likely one in southern Nevada and one in northern Nevada. She said we may do a webinar, but the intent is for hands-on in-person training.

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

Mr Gingerich and Ms Mamola discussed possible dates and times, and all attendees agreed on January 16, 2024, at 4:00 pm. Ms Mamola said she would send out a calendar invitation.

**9. Public comment period.**

There was no public comment.

**10. Adjourn**

Mr Gingerich thanked the meeting attendees and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Patty Mamola

Executive Director