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BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

DATE: 20 August 2008

**PLACE: Department of Business Regulation
1511 Pontiac Avenue, Building 69, Conference Room
69-1 Cranston, RI 02920**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Messieurs: Smith, Capezza, Jr., Bernardo and
Fairbanks, Jr.**

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brian M. Moore, PE Emeritus Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard W. Berstein, Esq.

**Brian Riggs, Department Budget Administrator
Lois Marshall, Administrative Assistant**

CALLED TO ORDER: Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 12:14 PM to commence Board business.

(1) NEW BUSINESS:

Secretary Bernardo made a motion to accept the minutes of the 16 July 2008 meeting. Vice Chairman Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion.

Motion carried. Secretary Bernardo made a motion to approve and seal the minutes of the Executive Sessions of 16 July 2008. Vice Chairman Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(2) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Secretary Bernardo made a motion at 12:55 PM to move into Executive Session pursuant to RI General Laws, Section §42-46(5)(a)(2) for sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation and §42-46-5 (a) (4) for investigative proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Vice Chairman Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Secretary Bernardo moved to adjourn from executive session and reconvene to open meeting at 1:37 PM pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46(5) (a) (2) and §42-46-5 (a) (4). Vice Chairman Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried. Secretary Bernardo made a motion to seal the Minutes of the Executive Session and to record the votes taken in executive session in accordance with R.I.G.L. § 42-46(5) (a) (2) and §42-46-5 (a) (4) as follows. Secretary Bernardo made a motion to reaffirm in open session the votes that the Board decided not to

pursue P2008-13 The Board of Registration for Professional Engineers vs. Mr. Greenberg as a complaint and to close the probation period of P2008-3 Alan Lankford/Lankford Associates/Dunkin Donut Ctr. Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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(3) ELSE Proposal

Chairman Smith sent letters to the University of Rhode Island, Roger Williams University and Brown University asking if they would be willing to allow the Board to utilize their campus as the new venue for proctoring of both the PE and FE examinations.

(4) Report from Attorney Berstein to Sandra L. Skogen, Idearc Media Corp.

Attorney Berstein asked that this matter be held until next month. He has had difficulty contacting Ms. Skogen.

(5) Revisions to the Supplemental Information Form

The Board reviewed Attorney Berstein's revisions to the supplemental information form. Secretary Bernardo made a motion to accept the changes. Vice Chairman Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ms. Marshall will contact the IT department

to make the necessary changes to the Board's website.

(6) Correspondence from Stephen G. Lehigh

Mr. Lehigh has a technology degree. He is requesting that the Board make an exception and allow him to sit for the PE examination next April 2009. The Board reviewed Mr. Lehigh correspondence and has instructed him to have his education evaluated by CPEES.

(7) Request from Neil Karraz

Mr. Karraz's asked to meet with the Board to discuss their denial of his application to sit for the PE examination. The Board explained to Mr. Karraz that Rhode Island law allows for the waiver of the EIT exam only if an individual has an ABET/EAC accredited degree and twelve years of professional experience. Mr. Karraz has a NON-ABET degree therefore it was the Board's degree that Mr. Karraz must take the EIT examination and if he passes then he can sit for the PE examination. Chairman Smith explained to Mr. Karraz that he signed his correspondence as a Senior Structural Engineer and that the use of the term is a violation of State law since Mr. Karraz is not a registered engineer in the State of Rhode Island. The Board requested that Mr. Karraz remove the term engineering from his title.

(8) Correspondence from Captain Raymond Bader, Hope Valley Wyoming Fire District

Captain Bader is requesting clarification of the title of "Registered Professional Engineer". Chairman Smith will respond to Captain Bader's request.

(9) Correspondence from Allen & Major Associates, Inc.

So noted and filed.

**(10) Correspondence received from Gary L. Kinzel, Chairman
Engineering Accreditation Commission**

**The Board reviewed Chairman Kinzel invitation to be an observer at
the Brown University Engineering Accreditation Evaluation. It was
the Board's decision to decline.**

(11) Report from Vice Chairman Capezza, Jr. on DEM Meeting

**Vice Chairman Capezza, Jr. gave the Board a synopsis of the meeting
he attend with the DEM Director to discuss concerned that DEM was
going to allowing Class I designers to do Innovative Alternative
Systems. The opposition is that those types of systems require a
technical design that involves engineering. In order for Class I
designers to design these systems the DEM Director assured those
present that it would require a proposed rule change to the DEM
Regulations. As representative of the Board of Registration for
Professional Engineers Vice Chairman Capezza, Jr. informed the DEM
Director that should DEM allow non-registered designers to practice
engineering that those people would be prosecuted to the fullest
extent of the law.**

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APPLICATIONS:

(12) Radoslav Barac

Chairman Smith asked Secretary Bernardo to review Mr. Barac correspondence and report his findings to the Board at their next scheduled meeting.

(13) Jigar R. Shah

Chairman Smith asked Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. to review Mr. Shah correspondence and report his findings to the Board at their next scheduled meeting.

PE COMITY

Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. made a motion to grant comity to the following individuals in the disciplines specified. Vice Chairman Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Cerra, Jr., Anthony M. GA Mech. Palin, Jeffrey D. NY Civil
Herrmann, Andrew W. NY Civil Prus, Gary P. FL Mech.
Kruczek, Richard d. CT Civil Rajan, Sowri FL Struc.
Lederman, Erik T. NJ Civil Riley, Gregory J. OH Civil
Lunden, Mark W. PA Civil Schinler, Daniel C. WI Civil
Mahaffey, Riley J. CA Civil Stockinger, Robert M WI Elec.
McGovern, Theresa MA Civil Thies, Timothy P. MA Civil
Michaud, Robert J. MA Civil**

PE EXAMINATION

Vice Chairman Capezza, Jr. made a motion to admit the following individuals to the October 2008 Professional Engineering examination. Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Clough, Jason P. Jayavendra, Chris R.
Dvelis, Jason M. Macksoud, Richard D.
Goldberg, Jeffrey J. Principe, III, Thomas P.
Guarino, Genevieve L. Sylvia, Aaron P.**

PE EXAMINATION DENIED

Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. made a motion to deny the following individual to the October 2008 Professional Engineering examination. Mr. Proulx does not have the required Professional experience necessary to sit for the PE exam. Vice Chairman Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried

Proulx, Jason

EIT EXAMINATION

Vice Chairman Capezza, Jr. made a motion to admit the following individuals to the October 2008 Engineer-In- Training examination. Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Besette, McCrave, Daniel Malo, Joseph W.
Bjartmarz, Thomas J. McCoy, Justin V.**

Colapietro, Joseph McKeever, Meghan A.

Fox, Keith M. Montero, Victor E.

Gagnon, Kyle P. Rooks, Peter E.

Joubert, Jr., Daniel P. Sayed, Mahmoud S.

Kelsay, Daniel Soares, Michael

Lemaire, Jason H. Thomson, Timothy

Malakorn, Kristin J. Wardyga, Jeffrey A.

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EIT EXAMINATION DENIED

Vice Chairman Capezza, Jr. made a motion to deny the following individual to the April 2008 Engineering-In-Training examination. Mr. Parent was denied because he does not meet the required educational requirements. Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Peter M. Parent

C.O.A. APPLICATIONS;

Secretary Bernardo made a motion to approve the applications for Certificates of Authorization listed on the 16 July 2008 list for Corporations, COA'S renewing, and Soles as noted in the specific disciplines mentioned with the exception of (1), which were denied. Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNED:

Chairman Smith informed the Board that the next meeting would be scheduled for 17 September 2008 at 12:00 noon. Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 PM. Vice Chairman Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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SOLES PAID COMMENTS

SHEILA M. BARRETT 0 OK

HINES, JOHN C. 0 OK

MALERYN ENGINEERING 0 OK

PAUL C. PARKS, PE 0 OK

STIEFERMANN & ASSOCIATES 0 OK

JAMES M. WILUSZ 0 OK (CIVIL ONLY)

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

BOHLER ENGINEERING MA, LLC \$125 OK (CIVIL)

CORPORATIONS

CONECO ENGINEERS & SCIENTISTS \$125 OK (CIVIL)

GALE ASSOCIATES, INC. 0 OK

COA#5140– ADD RESP.CHARGE PAUL J. TYRELL

GREEN SEAL ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. \$125 OK (CIVIL)

PARE CORPORATION 0

**COA#5025– ADD RESP.CHARGE BRANDON M. BLANCHARD, DEVIN
M. CHAMPAGNE, AND ALLEN R. ORSI OK**

CHAS. H. SELLS, INC. D/B/A WSP – SELLS \$50 OK

COA # 5090 NAME CHANGE FROM CHAS. H. SELLS, INC

SHAW NUCLEAR SERVICES \$125 OK

STRUCTURES WORKSHOP, INC. \$125 OK (STRUCURAL)

SYSKA & HENNESSY GROUP, INC. \$50 OK

COA #5658 NAME CHANGE FROM SYSKA & HENNESSY – NEW ENGLAND, INC.

RENEWAL WITH DISCIPLINARY ACTION

WILLIAM J. PITZ \$50 OK

UP FOR DENIAL –(No response to request for Good Standing) DENY

ENGINEERED DESIGN GROUP

NO RESPONSE TO FINAL NOTICE

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