

Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects
Operational Planning Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, May 23, 2017, 9 am
Prem Paul Research Center at Whittier School, Room 344
2200 Vine St, Lincoln, NE

“Big” Issues

- Exposure to liability
- Exemptions
- Decoupling engineering experience prior to PE exam
- Software Engineering

Lunch

Partner Agency Process Review

Other Issues

- Outreach efforts
- E&A Act-related
 - Redefine “architectural intern”
 - Time length of engineering temporary permits
 - Clarifying per diem authorization
 - Allow ARE testing prior to graduation for arch. students in an Integrated Path to Licensure (IPAL) program (§ 81-3448)
 - Direct registration for PE and ARE exam discussion

Board Committee/Task Force Assignments

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CALL TO ORDER

The Operational Planning Meeting was held at the Prem Paul Research Center at Whittier School, Room 344, 2200 Vine St, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chair Kester called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Notice of the Operational Planning meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Member Roll Call: Krista Kester, Chair; Jennifer Klein, Vice-Chair; Lenora Isom, Secretary; Jan Bostelman; Mark Champion; Michael Conzett; Tom Laging; Randy Peters.

Staff Present: Jon Wilbeck, Executive Director (ED); Lindy Rauscher, Compliance Officer (CO); Sandra Weaver, Business Manager; Jean Lais, Administrative Assistant; Molly Mayhew, Public Information Officer (PIO).

The following issues were discussed by the Board and will be addressed as follows:

BIG ISSUES

Exposure to Liability

- Investigate possible avenues for board member training, such as the Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) or Building Information Modeling (BIM).

Exemptions

- Develop a guidance document explaining what projects require licenses under the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act.
- Incorporate guidance into Board outreach (newsletter, website, white paper, presentations, speaking opportunities, etc.).

Decoupling experience prior to PE exam

- Review past Board efforts to modify statutes to decouple experience prior to the PE exam.
- Consult NeSPE/PEC, at a minimum, and other organizations to strengthen and support decoupling efforts.

Software Engineering

- Understand what constitutes the practice of software engineering.
- Study the growth and application of software engineering in Nebraska.
- Consult IEEE, NESPE/PEC, and UN-L Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), at a minimum.
- Develop a preliminary definition of the practice of software engineering.

OTHER ISSUES

Outreach Efforts

- Increase focus on outreach to lessen compliance load.
- Check possibility of updating website to connect with professional organization/agency websites.
- PIO Mayhew and ED Wilbeck will consider discussion and bring concepts to the Board.

Isom left the planning meeting at 1:02 p.m.

E&A Act Issues

Architectural Intern

- Discuss AIA's position on alternative titles to "intern architect."

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Time Length of Engineering Temporary Permits

- Seek to modify N.R.S. § 81-34-3453 (9) in future legislative bill.

Clarifying Per Diem Authorization

- Review per diem statute N.R.S § 81-3429 and evaluate current processes.
- Review board member per diem laws of other Nebraska state agencies, surrounding state engineer and architect boards, and national model law, if applicable.

Allow ARE Testing Prior to Graduation for IPAL Program Students

- Review NCARB language and seek to modify N.R.S. § 81-3448(1)(a).

Possible Board Committee Topics

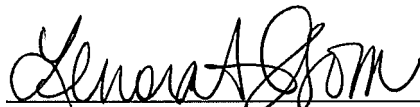
The Board discussed creating ad hoc committees to address the following subjects:

- Software Engineering
- Exemptions
- Decoupling
- Per Diem
- Applications/Experience

Chair Kester will finalize Board member ad hoc committee assignments at the Board meeting on May 24, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned 2:54 pm.



Lenora A. Isom, Secretary