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Board Efficiencies: A measure of progress

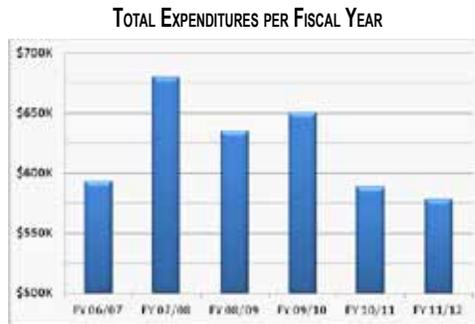
Roger Helgoth, P.E.
Board Chairman



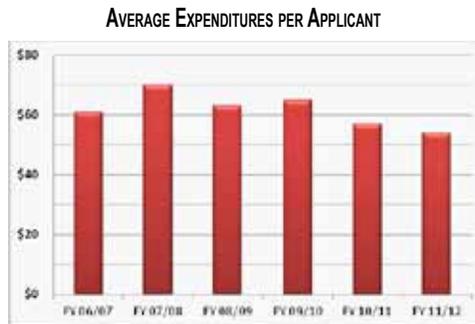
Most of us enjoy that feeling you get when you've saved money. Whether you've gotten a bargain at the store or survived bumping up the air conditioner another notch during the summer's heat wave to save on utilities, saving money always feels good. Here at the Board, we also revel in this satisfaction. As we prepare for our biennial budget for Fiscal Year 2013-15, we review where we've been and project where we're going.

As the current Board Chair, I'd like to take the opportunity to share some of the recent successes the Board has enjoyed. I've been a Board member for ten years and continue to be proud of the work we do to serve the architects and professional engineers that we regulate and the people of the State of Nebraska. However, the Board is continually seeking to do more.

I am proud to report that the Board's expenditures have shown a gradual decrease over the past five years. The following graph shows the Board's total expenditures per fiscal year (July 1st to June 30th):

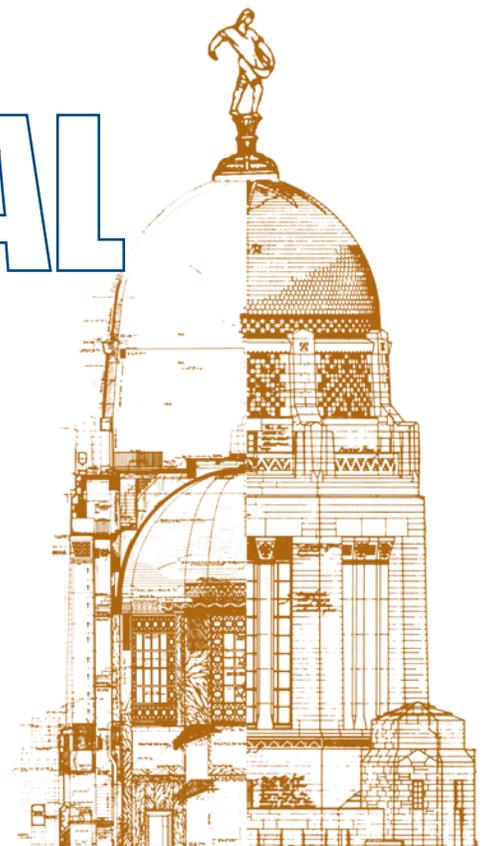


As part of the budget preparation process, the Board analyzes various performance measures to measure successful fulfillment of its mission, vision, principles, and regulatory responsibilities. One of our performance measures is quantified on a basis of total expenses per applicant (an individual licensee, examinee, or organization). Over the past seven years, average expenditures per applicant have decreased from \$74 to \$54, as indicated on the next chart:



The graphs are telling, but do not convey the entire picture. While one measure of Board efficiency is expenses per applicant, our services extend way beyond that. It would be impossible to quantify the total number of the persons and public entities serviced in every capacity. But the conclusion is the same; we continue to do more work for more people for comparatively less.

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“Masters or Equivalent”: Where does the Board stand?

Jon Wilbeck,
Executive Director

In 2006, the delegates to the annual meeting of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) voted to modify NCEES “Model Law” requirements to require additional education for engineering licensure. The additional education provisions were later scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2020.

The approved language states that an engineer intern with a bachelor's degree must have an additional 30 credits of acceptable upper-level undergraduate or graduate-level coursework from approved providers in order to be admitted to the Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) examination. These requirements have become known as the “Bachelors plus 30” or the “Masters or Equivalent” requirement.

NCEES had been studying this issue for more than five years through task forces representing NCEES, engineering professional societies,

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Board Members	
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Lisa Mathews	- Compliance Officer
Rachel Fetterman	- Public Information Officer
Jean Lais	- Administrative Assistant
Jeanne Vliet	- Receptionist
Michelle Thober	- Staff Assistant

Mathews new Compliance Officer



In April, Lisa Mathews joined the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects as Compliance Officer.

Prior to joining the Board's staff, Mathews was a graduate student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln earning her M.A. in Political Science with an emphasis on public policy. Before graduate school, Mathews' work experience was in construction and development in Los Angeles County, and later in journalism working at newspapers in California and western Nebraska.

"Lisa is a great fit for the Board's Compliance Officer," said Executive Director Jon Wilbeck. "She immediately hit the ground running and is dedicated to the Board's mission to safeguard life, health, property, and promote the public welfare. Lisa's education, experience and interests will help her meet the challenges of the compliance officer responsibilities."

While the Compliance Officer position is primarily responsible for investigating complaint cases submitted to the Board, the position also involves educational outreach to building officials, design professionals and organizations throughout the state.

"From walking job sites in Los Angeles, to 'cops and courts' newspaper reporting, and then teaching undergraduates at UNL," Mathews said, "everything I've done up to this point has prepared me for this position."

Mathews is a native of southern California and moved to Nebraska in 1996 to work for the Star-Herald in Scottsbluff. She has lived in Lincoln since 1998 and has extended family in Lincoln and the greater Midwest.

Board Efficiencies (continued)

This increase in efficiencies is due primarily to technology. While we endeavor to maximize our budget and curb spending where possible, technology has allowed us to streamline many of our processes. Comity license applications are now processed online, therefore reducing data entry and overall processing time. Other applications and forms are also available for download online and the reception has been positive. We continue to explore more opportunities to repeat these efficiencies. For example, FE applications are currently under consideration for online application.

Email, Facebook and the Board's website (www.ea.ne.gov) are also important reasons behind the increased efficiencies. It seems many organizations are going paperless (or at least reduced paper) these days, and for good reason. It makes good business and economic sense to reduce printing and mailing costs where possible.

Additionally, we are not only saving money, but we are saving time. The turnaround time for processing and reviewing applications, testing, and final license approval has been cut drastically. Moreover, many people are finding answers to questions online. Our website data

shows it is well utilized for licensee lookups, downloading of applications, brochures, and questions regarding the overall licensing process. All of this information is now available at your fingertips. Board staff also analyze website traffic to determine how to best organize the site to make the site more efficient for users looking for a particular piece of information.

These successes in performance measures encourage us to look for more ways to reduce outgoing expenses while offering the same or better quality of services. The Board continues to review fees to ensure they are fair and equitable. For example, as a result of the streamlined application process, the Board voted this summer to reduce comity licensure fees from \$200 to \$150, and is also reviewing a number of other fees and their financial impact on the Board's budget.

As the Board strives to be better stewards of the license and examination fees entrusted to it, it becomes more effective in its mission to safeguard life, health, property and promote the public welfare of Nebraska.

Reduction in Comity Application Fee



At the June meeting, the Board reviewed and discussed various licensing and application fees. We are pleased to announce that the Board voted unanimously to reduce the comity license application fee from \$200 to \$150 effective July 1, 2012. This applies to both architects and professional engineers.



New Brochure Available

A new Before You Build brochure is now available as a one-page flyer. This new brochure contains updated information pertinent to building requirements as is currently enforced by our statutes and regulations. It is available in pdf form

for downloading and/or printing on our website at:

www.ea.ne.gov/PDFs/buildbrochure.pdf

You may also contact our office to request printed copies.

Masters or Equivalent (continued)

government, industry, and education. The task force concluded in 2003 that additional education would be necessary in the future to prepare students for engineering practice at the professional level.

NCEES is a national organization which develops, administers and scores the examinations used for engineering and surveying licensure in the United States. The Council's members are the engineering and surveying licensure boards from all 50 states and five U.S. territories. It also facilitates professional mobility and promotes uniformity of the U.S. licensure processes through services for its member licensing boards and licensees.

However, NCEES Model Law reflects best practices as determined by the NCEES Member Boards and serves as a model for state practice legislation. In and of itself, NCEES Model Law has no jurisdiction or authority in Nebraska. The Nebraska Engineers and Architects Act (N.R.S. §§ 81-3401 to 81-3455) contains the laws governing and regulating the practice of engineering in Nebraska.

In January 2008, Sen. Joel Johnson of Kearney introduced Legislative Bill 742 to enact the "masters or equivalent" requirement in Nebraska. The Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects did not request this bill, although it did lobby state legislators to amend LB742 to include a 2020 effective date for the additional engineering requirements.

A number of professional engineering societies testified at the LB742 committee hearing. A portion of them supported the bill; some of them did not support the bill. The bill did not make it out of committee and was indefinitely postponed. To require additional education as a condition for engineering licensure, a bill would need to be reintroduced at a future legislative session. Since 2008, reintroduction of "masters or equivalent" provisions has not occurred.

The most recent board discussion on this issue came at its 2012 Strategic Planning session in May. Some current members of the Board are proponents of additional engineering education as a requirement for P.E. licensure. However, there are other current members who are not convinced that additional engineering education for P.E.s is necessary. Because the Board has not reached a consensus on this issue, the Nebraska Board has no current position on this issue and has no plans to reintroduce "masters or equivalent" to the Legislature. However, as with any issue that has the potential to impact public health, safety, and welfare; the Board continues to be actively involved in the discussion.

Comments?

Do you have any thoughts on this topic you'd like to share with the Board?



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Conzett new NCEES Central Zone Vice President

Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects member Mike Conzett, P.E., has been elected to the position of NCEES Central Zone Vice President.



Conzett received his commission at the 91st NCEES annual meeting in August in St. Louis, Missouri. He will serve on the board of directors and as the zone's administrative officer through 2014.

Conzett has served on the Nebraska Board since 2003 and holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a Master of Science in Sanitary Engineering from Iowa State University. He serves as a senior project manager for HDR's Environmental and Resource Management Group in Omaha. Conzett has been an active member of several committees, including chairing the B+30 and Engineering Education Task Forces.

As Central Zone Vice President, Conzett seeks to use his consensus-building skills to work through some of the more challenging and divisive issues facing the Council. He campaigned to work hard to bring together council members having different opinions, with the common goal of advancing engineering and surveying licensure to safeguard life, health, property and promote the public welfare.

Fetterman new Public Information Officer



Rachel A. Fetterman has been named Public Information Officer for the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects. Her primary responsibility

will be to support the Board's efforts in educating the public in matters of compliance and safety and promoting licensure.

Since joining the Board in May, Fetterman has been overseeing key communication projects including the newsletter, a new 'Before You Build' brochure, website improvements, social media engagement

and the annual new licensee ceremony.

"Rachel brings to the Board a fresh perspective in communicating with current and emerging design professionals combining traditional media and new technologies," said Executive Director Jon Wilbeck. "Her interest in finding new methods for reaching out to the public will drive the Board's education outreach efforts."

Fetterman came to the board staff from the Lincoln Journal Star where she served as a graphic designer for the past two years in the advertising department. In previous experience, Fetterman oversaw design and publications for

a leading supplier of concrete forming solutions for the construction industry.

"I am delighted to become a part of the NBEA team," said Fetterman. "I am enjoying the challenge of serving the State of Nebraska to promote education, safety, licensure and NBEA goals."

Fetterman graduated from Iowa State University where she earned a B.A. in Advertising from the College of Journalism & Mass Communications, with an emphasis in design. Originally from Bettendorf, IA, Fetterman has been a resident of Lincoln since 2000.



NCARB by the Numbers

In July, NCARB rolled out a new publication. NCARB By the Numbers offers an inside look at the data behind the architectural profession. Based on NCARB Record holder data, the publication's analytics and trends provide an accurate look not only at NCARB programs and services, but the profession as a whole.

The document includes two sections:

- The NCARB Abstract, which provides charts and information that draw on NCARB Record data.
- The NCARB Perception Survey Report, which shares an analysis of the perceptions of interns and architects surveyed by NCARB in December 2011

For more information visit:

<http://www.ncarb.org/About-NCARB/NCARB-by-the-Numbers.aspx>

2012 IDP Coordinators Conference

Representatives from five architectural organizations gathered for a special panel on licensure at the 2012 Internship Development Program (IDP) Coordinators Conference in Chicago, IL. Moderated by National Council of Architectural Registration Board CEO Michael J. Armstrong, the panel featured NCARB President Ronald B. Blicht, FAIA, NCARB; American Institute Architecture Students (AIAS) Vice President Brent Castro; National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) President Keelan P. Kaiser, AIA; American Institute of Architecture (AIA) President Jeffery Potter, FAIA; and Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture President Donna Robertson, FAIA.

IDP coordinators exist to facilitate the flow of information to students and interns on the path to licensure. These individuals, who are often volunteers, usually provide the first introduction to the licensure process for students and interns. They play a significant role in educating and guiding interns through the process. Each jurisdiction has three types of IDP coordinators:

- Educator coordinator, located in each NAAB-accredited program
- State coordinator, appointed by a state AIA chapter
- Auxiliary coordinator, usually located in a firm

Educator, state, and auxiliary coordinators from all over the country were able to hear from the panelists how their organization supports licensure and ideas on how to keep professionals engaged in the process.

"We try to get the information to students early," said AIAS Vice President Castro. "We want to empower students and show them that the process isn't something to be fearful of." He encouraged educator and state coordinators to make connections with their AIAS chapters in their schools and jurisdictions and be a resource early.

"We are working with the other collaterals to continue to make the process better," said NCARB President Blicht. "The collateral organizations worked with us on the practice analysis this year, and we will be sharing results with them so that they can use it."

New Board Policies

POLICY NUMBER	SUBJECT	SUMMARY
03.04	Fundamentals of Engineering Examination Reimbursement	With respect to § 81-3432.01, each engineering student who takes and passes the Fundamentals of Engineering examination, while enrolled in an accredited degree program in Nebraska, will be reimbursed \$50.00 by the Board of Engineers and Architects. Those who retake the exam because of a no show or failure, or those who take the exam outside six months of their student eligibility, will not be eligible for reimbursement. Students must submit proof of graduation within a year of the date of graduation to claim reimbursement.
12.03	Definition of "Advanced Level"	Regarding Rule 2.3.12: "Advanced level" means select courses at the junior (300) level as approved by the Board, and all courses senior (400) level and above.
12.04	Architect Experience	Regarding Rule 3.3.1: Successful completion of any NCARB-approved alternative for satisfactory completion of IDP is acceptable to the Board to satisfy the experience requirement for licensure as an architect.

Changes to FE exam

The NCEES state licensing boards voted in August 2010 to begin administering the FE exam via computer-based testing (CBT) at the recommendation of the NCEES Computer-Based Testing Task Force. Some of the reasons for converting the exams to a computer-based format are to allow greater scheduling flexibility for candidates, more uniformity in testing conditions, and enhanced security for exam content. Consequently, starting in 2014, the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) will be offered solely via computer-based testing (CBT). The final pencil-and-paper FE exam will be offered in October 2013. All FE exams administered before CBT will use the exam specifications currently available on the Exams portion of the NCEES website, at <http://www.ncees.org>.

To increase access to exams, all examinees will complete their exams at a local Pearson VUE testing center. Pearson VUE testing centers offer a carefully controlled, consistent testing environment.

Currently, the Nebraska Board, similar to other jurisdictions, offers the FE at one location only twice per year — on a specific Saturday in both April and October. Under the new CBT platform, examinees will be able to register and sit for the FE year-round as the exams will be offered in four two-month testing “windows” each year.

Also, once approved by the Nebraska Board, candidates may sit for the FE exam at any Pearson VUE testing center, not only in Nebraska but also any center outside of Nebraska. Current Pearson VUE locations in Nebraska are Lincoln, Omaha, and North Platte, with testing locations in all 50 states.

At the NCEES Annual Meeting in August 2012, model language was approved to allow FE candidates applying for the computer-based exam to take the examination only one time per testing window and no more than three times in a 12-month period (not a calendar year).

As of now, the transition to CBT in 2014 involves only the FE exam and the Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exams. The PE and SE exams, which engineering candidates are also required to take after completing work experience requirements, may transition to CBT in the future if feasible. NCEES committees are currently researching the feasibility of doing so.

For more information about the FE exam’s transition to computer-based testing, visit :

<http://cbt.ncees.org>

Florida Atlantic University wins 2012 NCEES Engineering Award

NCEES is pleased to announce that the Florida Atlantic University Department of Civil, Environmental, and Geomatics Engineering is the grand prize winner of the 2012 NCEES Engineering Award for Connecting Professional Practice and Education.

The NCEES Engineering Award recognizes engineering programs that encourage collaboration between students and licensed professional engineers. EAC/ABET-accredited programs from all engineering disciplines were invited to submit projects that integrate professional practice and education.

The winners were selected by a jury of NCEES members and representatives from academic institutions and professional engineering organizations.

“We’re excited to see such innovative approaches to teaching students about professional practice,” said NCEES President Dale Jans, P.E. “Emphasizing the importance of technical competency and ethical practice is critical to educating the next generation of professional engineers; we hope this award will inspire other colleges to introduce similar collaborations.”

For more information visit:

ncees.org/Licensure/Engineering_Award/2012_award_winners.php

PE exam for software engineering

NCEES will begin offering a PE exam in software engineering in April 2013. The exam will be administered annually.

Because of the increasing practice in areas that reach into everyday lives of the general public (i.e. traffic control systems, electrical grid, etc.), groups representing software engineers have believed that the industry should be licensed. A survey by IEEE Computer Society indicated that two-thirds of those employed in the industry support a licensure exam for their profession.

“With software engineering crucial to so many engineering projects, it’s important to regulate its practice in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public,” said Dale Jans, P.E., NCEES President.

For more information on the PE Software exam, visit ncees.org/exams. Registration for the April 2013 exam administration is scheduled to open mid-December 2012.

The exam specifications—the test blueprint of knowledge areas to be tested and their relative weights of emphasis—are available online at ncees.org/exams. IEEE is planning to publish study materials for the exam later this year.

2012/2013		UPCOMING EVENTS OF THE NBEA
OCT	19	NBEA Board Meeting - 8:30 a.m., Lincoln, NE
	26-27	NCEES engineering exams, Lincoln, NE
NOV	8	Capitol Ceremony for new licensees, Lincoln, NE
DEC	4	NBEA - UNL Visit - Sign up for April 2012 FE exam, Lincoln
	5	NBEA - UNO Visit - Sign up for April 2012 FE exam, Omaha
	7	NBEA Board Meeting - 8:30 a.m., Lincoln, NE
JAN	11	NBEA Board Meeting - 8:30 a.m., Lincoln, NE
	25	NBEA application deadline for PE new applications & FE new applications with non-ABET degrees
FEB	12	NBEA - UNL Visit - Sign up for April 2012 FE exam, Lincoln
	13	NBEA - UNO Visit - Sign up for April 2012 FE exam, Omaha
	15	NBEA exam deadline - FE new & retake - PE retake
	15	NBEA Board Meeting - 8:30 a.m., Lincoln, NE
	21	NCEES Exam Registration Deadline

Recently resolved compliance cases

The following cases were reviewed for compliance by the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects, and resolved via the action noted. These summaries are provided for licensee education and information, and should not be interpreted as a full description of the cases described. In cases where disciplinary action was taken by the Board per Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-3444, the names of the individuals and/or organizations involved are included per Board Rule 8.5.

Case #11.10: Unauthorized organizational practice of engineering and unlicensed practice of engineering

Summary: A complaint was submitted to the Board alleging that an Omaha-based company, Bes-Tech, was not authorized to offer or provide engineering services in Nebraska, yet its marketing materials offered engineering services and listed its president as a professional engineer.

Action: During the Board's investigation, it was discovered that Bes-Tech president Mingsheng Liu was a licensed P.E. in Texas but did not hold a Nebraska P.E. license. In the company's marketing materials, Mr. Liu included the designation of "P.E." by his name without specifying that he did not hold a license as a professional engineer in Nebraska.

The Board determined that the complaint was valid. Mr. Liu agreed to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$200 for the unauthorized organizational practice of engineering and an additional civil penalty of \$250 for unlawfully representing himself as a Nebraska professional engineer without first obtaining a Nebraska license. Mr. Liu also agreed to pay \$300 toward the costs associated with the investigation.

Furthermore, Mr. Liu agreed that until the time that he did receive a Nebraska P.E. license, he would use the designation P.E. in connection with his name as follows: "P.E., registered in Texas only," on correspondence, business cards, and other routine communication when not practicing or offering to practice engineering in Nebraska. The Board also reported this disciplinary action to NCEES.

Case #11.15: Unauthorized organizational practice of architecture

Summary: A Missouri-based organization was investigated for the unauthorized practice of

architecture based upon a building permit for a project whose architecture was performed by a company which did not hold a Certificate of Authorization from the Board.

Action: The Board interviewed the principals of the company, as it first appeared this was a case of "plan-stamping." After the interview, the Board determined that the organization did require a Certificate of Authorization. The architectural firm applied for a Certificate of Authorization and also agreed to pay in arrears fees of \$300 based on the date of its first Nebraska project.

Case #11.16: Misuse of "Professional Engineer" title

Summary: The Board received a complaint that an individual not licensed as a professional engineer in Nebraska was using the title "P.E." on his business cards.

Action: The individual was interviewed and the cards were apparently ordered by his company's office staff upon joining the firm but without his knowledge or approval of the cards' wording. Replacement cards were printed without the P.E. title and the Board dismissed the case upon receiving copies of the updated business cards.

Case #11.17: Unauthorized organizational practice of engineering

Summary: An organization without a Certificate of Authorization to practice engineering in Nebraska submitted plans to the Lincoln building department for permitting.

Action: The engineering firm acknowledged it did not have the proper authorization, agreed to obtain a current Certificate of Authorization and to pay application and renewal fees in arrears dating back to its first Nebraska project in 2002, amounting to \$750.

Case #12.01: Unauthorized organizational practice of architecture, unlicensed practice of engineering and unlawful offer to provide architecture without a license

Summary: A complaint was filed alleging a California-based architect: 1) offered a contract to a prospective client for architectural services prior to receiving a Nebraska license, 2) stamped engineering pages with his architect seal, and 3) his organization was not authorized

to offer or provide architectural services in Nebraska.

Action: After the Board's investigation, it determined that Daniel J. Torres of Torrance, CA-based Torres Architects, Inc. should be charged with the three violations. Mr. Torres signed a settlement agreement and paid a combined civil penalty of \$1,500 with respect to the three counts, and an additional \$250 assessment toward investigation costs. The Board also reported this disciplinary action to NCARB.

Case #12.02: Conflict of Interest/Unlicensed Practice

Summary: A complaint was filed by a townhome owner alleging an architect was working for two parties on the same project without full disclosure in writing; and further alleged the architect's use of a term including the word "engineer" on his business card was the unlicensed practice of engineering.

Action: After reviewing the facts in the case, the Board determined there was no conflict of interest or unlicensed practice of engineering. The architect offered to cease using the term including "engineer" as a title and the Board dismissed the case.

Case #12.03: Unauthorized organizational practice of architecture

Summary: Complaint was filed to investigate an out-of-state engineering firm promoting on its website that it was authorized to practice engineering in Nebraska when it did not hold a current Certificate of Authorization.

Action: The investigation found that the organization's Certificate of Authorization had expired in 2005. The corporation agreed to reapply for a current Certificate of Authorization and pay all fees in arrears since 2005, in the amount of \$550.

Licensure Updates

January 21, 2012 through September 12, 2012

Architects By Exam

Kimberly A. Bogatz	Omaha	NE
Daniel P. Dolezal	Omaha	NE
Jeremy A. Emerson	Columbus	NE
Matthew J. Glawatz	Lincoln	NE
Debra J. Hansen	Lincoln	NE
John R. Hathaway	Bennett	NE
David S. Hempel	Lincoln	NE
Duc-Huy Huynh	Omaha	NE
Megan K. Jarosz	Omaha	NE
Joanell C. Mueller	Kearney	NE
Timothy D. Rogers	Lincoln	NE
Christopher R. Turner	Omaha	NE
Timothy D. Werner	Omaha	NE
Jean A. Vacha	Omaha	NE

Larry D. Isom	Lincoln	NE
Matthew J. Johnson	Shawnee	KS
Timothy J. Larsen	Lincoln	NE
Brett H. Lauritsen	Overland Park	KS
Cecil R. May IV	Omaha	NE
Nicolaus S. McCready	Lincoln	NE
Curtis D. Nolan	Omaha	NE
John M. Puls	Bennington	NE
Brendon J. Schmidt	Lincoln	NE
Caleb S. Strate	Lincoln	NE
Kellan R. Strauch	Lincoln	NE
Derek J. Torczon	Omaha	NE
Paul M. Warner	Prairie Village	KS
Eric S. White	Omaha	NE
Austin W. Yates	Bellevue	NE

Frank T. Pribyl	Wichita	KS
Chase R. Schelhaas	Omaha	NE
Daniel O. Seacat	Belleville	KS
Derek W. Zeisler	Hastings	NE

Structural

Matthew J. Johnson	Shawnee	KS
Jacob R. McConnell	Omaha	NE
James J. Wingert	Omaha	NE

Emeritus Licensees

Emeritus Engineer

William R. Engelhardt	Plymouth	MN
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Deceased Licensees

Architect

Stanley J. How, Jr.	Omaha	NE
Robert R. Kelley	Lincoln	NE
Joseph D. Vaccaro	Los Angeles	CA

Engineer

Arthur H. Dederman	Lincoln	NE
Virgil N. Jackman	Lincoln	NE
Richard H. Kofonek	Lincoln	NE
Hubert L. Seng	Lincoln	NE
George R. Underhill	Cumming	GA
Richard D. Walsh	Omaha	NE

Professional Engineers By Exam

Architectural

Ryan E. Adrian	Bellevue	NE
Travis S. Kiichler	Omaha	NE
Kent P. Krause	Wood River	NE
Andrew R. Wilson	Omaha	NE

Chemical

Justin J. Vala	Omaha	NE
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Civil

Ryan E. Almquist	Kansas City	MO
Jeffrey L. Babcock	Omaha	NE
Deanna M. Baker	Nebraska City	NE
Beau T. Baumert	Omaha	NE
Justin D. Brei	Kearney	NE
Tyler C. Doane	Wood River	NE
Jason R. Duffy	Denver	CO
Joshua M. Evans	Lincoln	NE
Adam S. Faris	Hopkins	MN
Kyle G. Graham	Omaha	NE
Jorge A. Hernandez Esquer	Columbus	NE
Jean M. Hilger	Kansas City	MO
Gregory E. Hutmacher	Lincoln	NE

Electrical and Computer

Lowell B. Dolney	Columbus	NE
Samuel J. Haberman	Omaha	NE
Zachary W. Johnston	Omaha	NE
Lucas J. Kirkpatrick	Omaha	NE
Thomas T. Pham	Omaha	NE
Kyle A. Piepmeier	Omaha	NE
Brandon D. Rich	Omaha	NE
Eric J. Ruskamp	Lincoln	NE
Matthew L. Shriver	Dunbar	NE
Brian J. Wlaschin	Omaha	NE

Environmental

Cyril J. Martinmaas	Papillion	NE
Gyanendra Prasai	Lincoln	NE

Mechanical

Kevin M. Christiansen	Minden	NE
Craig M. Eller	Gretna	NE
Jessica J. Errett	Omaha	NE
Chad C. Essink	Lincoln	NE
Eric A. Gibbons	Omaha	NE
Dallas W. Meek	Overland Park	KS
Joshua R. Miller	Omaha	NE

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Wilbeck visits OPPD

In August, Executive Director Jon Wilbeck visited the offices of the Omaha Public Power District at the request of Michael Herzog, P.E., a senior transmission planning engineer. OPPD expressed interest in providing a platform for them to learn more about licensing and practice topics in the state of Nebraska.

Following the event, Herzog commented, "I just received my PE [license] in the past year. I got significantly more out of your presentation than I did from reading through the E&A Act Handbook while studying for the E&A Act test."

If your office would benefit from a presentation such as this, contact us at 402-471-2021 or email our Public Information Officer at rachel.fetterman@nebraska.gov.

Painting the Barn

The ghost of my good dog, Alice,
sits at the foot of my ladder,
looking up, now and then touching
the bottom rung with her paw.
Even a spirit dog can't climb
an extension ladder, and so,
with my scraper, bucket and brush,
I am up here alone, hanging on
with one hand in the autumn wind,
high over the earth that Alice
knew so well, every last inch,
and there she sits, whimpering
in just the way the chilly wind
whines under the tin of the roof,
sweet Alice, dear Alice, good Alice,
waiting for me to come down.

Ted Kooser

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Ted Kooser, U.S. Poet Laureate (2004-2006)
and recipient of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize
for Poetry, is a Nebraska Poet.



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