Letter from the Chair
Paul Vogel LS

"As our case is new, we must think and act anew." -Abraham Lincoln

Welcome to spring! We have had an especially challenging transition to working together over recent times. The word ‘remote’ comes to mind. Thankfully we are cresting the summit as we look forward to more in-person contact.

2022 is a renewal year, and we all want to make sure we have our continuing education in line. Recall that it is a minimum of 24 professional development hours with two of those being required in ethics. When you ‘check the box’ for online renewal, this continuing education must have already been achieved. Keeping good records and continually developing ourselves professionally are good for everyone. We have worked hard to earn our licenses, and the public relies on us to uphold high standards for our professions.

We continue to improve on our strategic plan that was developed in 2015 and continue to be flexible and forward thinking in a diverse world. We welcome all licensees and the public to attend our Board meeting to better enhance the public health, safety and welfare of the State of Minnesota. Your part in supporting the health, safety, and welfare of the state and the integrity of the public is important.

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2021-22 Executive Committee Elected

Committee and Section Chairs Set

The Board members elected their new 2021 executive committee this past May.

Executive Committee

- Paul Vogel, LS, Chair
- Keith Rapp, PG, Vice Chair
- Denise Kazmierczak, PE, Secretary
- Melisa Rodriguez, PE, Treasurer

The new executive committee appointed new committee and section chairs and defined these groups’ membership.

Other Committee Chairs

- Eric Friske, JD, Public Member, Complaint
- Rachel Dwyer, Public Member, Credentialing
- Claudia Reichert, CID, Rules Committee

Section Chairs

- Scott Robinson, LA, ALACID
- Melissa Rodriguez, PE, ELSGEO

Committee assignments for each Board member can be found on the website: mn.gov/aelslagid/board.html.

Board Transitions to Applications Online

Engineer-In-Training Certificate, Principles and Practice Exam, and Professional Engineer by Comity /EEE Applications Are Available Online

The Board’s online system will eventually replace the current PDF form process. The method for applying is new, but the requirements remain the same. You have 24/7 real-time access to the status of your application and the ability to pay by credit card.

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See the steps to get started below.

1. Visit: onlineapps.aelslagid.state.mn.us to get started.
2. Choose an Application.
3. Go through the “Task To Complete”. Your progress is charted, and you can stop and pick up at any point.
4. Submit your credit card payment and required supporting documents.
5. Your application is complete when payment box is checked, the document box is checked green, and your application is marked as “Completed” including date of completion after logging in.
In June 2021, Governor Walz made his appointments to the Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience and Interior Design. Terms are effective June 23, 2021, and expire January 6, 2025.

Paul Brandt, PSS
Mr. Brandt has worked in the Soil Science and Environmental disciplines since 1976. He has worked in the government and private sectors in Minnesota with projects in North Dakota, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana. Mr. Brandt was in County government from 1976 to 1983. He was an instructor at the University of Minnesota from 1983 to 1985. From 1985 to present, he has worked in the private sector.

Mr. Brandt has owned his Soil Science consulting firm since 1994 and is responsible for all design and quality control issues.

Rachel Dwyer, DPL, Public Member
Ms. Dwyer is an archaeologist and in her final year as a PhD candidate at the University at Buffalo, SUNY. In her dissertation, she pioneers a new subfield, “Paleoethnomedicine” and experiments with a ground-breaking analytical approach to elucidate the trends and dynamics of medicinal plant use from prehistoric and historic locations. Using archaeobotanical data collected from dozens of archaeological sites in central Sweden, her dissertation examines the changes in the frequency and presence of certain plant remains to understand how pharmacetical traditions changed from the Pre-Christen Era (i.e., the Viking Age) into the Christian Era.

Sally Grans Korsh, Architect
Ms. Grans Korsh has been a licensed architect in Minnesota since 1982, and LEED AP from the US Green Building Council (USGBC) since 2009. She was elevated to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects in 2007. She graduated from the University of Minnesota Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Architecture and Bachelor of Environmental Design degree. Following licensure, she founded her own firm and taught architectural technology at two-year technical institutions, then worked in various capacities at the Minnesota Dept of Administration State Architect’s Office and State Colleges and Universities system office, and seven years with a nonprofit association in Washington DC.

Eric Friske, JD, Public Member
Mr. Friske is a business litigation attorney who represents individuals and businesses in a range of complex business and commercial disputes. He earned his B.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, his M.S. from the University of Pennsylvania, and his J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law school.

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Travis Thul, PE
Mr. Thul is the Director of Operations & Senior Fellow at the University of Minnesota’s Technological Leadership Institute (TLI).

Before joining TLI, he served as a White House Fellow and Dean of Technology at Minnesota State College Southeast. His engineering background includes electromagnetic compliance and power systems. He holds a Doctor of Engineering and multiple patents.

Claudia Reichert, CID
Ms. Reichert has worked in the Interior Design profession since 1982. She is a Certified Interior Designer and was the President of IDS and has supported NAIDP on the Community Enhancement Committee for many years. She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Design program and has been working in the industry since graduation. In 1988, she became an employee of Ewert design. Through the years, Claudia became a partner and the firm morphed into Edesign. In 2004, the firm merged with a design firm from Philadelphia named NELSON. Ms. Reichert became the Managing Partner of the Minneapolis office supporting their growth, until her recent retirement.

David Sones, LA, CID
Mr. Sones is a member of the Licensing Committee for the Board. He enjoys serving in this capacity and looks forward to fulfilling the remainder of his first term as required by the Board. Mr. Sones is also involved with education and outreach on behalf of the Board through the local chapter of ASLA and the U of MN College of Design. He was licensed in 1996 and has practiced within public and private career paths for more than 30 years.

Graham Sones, LA
Mr. Sones has been a licensed Professional Engineer in Minnesota since 1992. He graduated from MSOE University in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Architectural Engineering with dual emphases in building structural and mechanical systems. He is currently an Administrative Structural Engineer with the State of Minnesota Construction Codes and Licensing Division.

Kelsey Larson, CID
Ms. Parsons was recently appointed Director of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Region 4 and has served on numerous NCARB committees including the Diversity Collaborative, the AXP Review Audit Team, the Interiors Taskforce, the Interior Architecture Workgroup, the ARE 5.0 Test Prep Advisory Group, and the Intern Advisory Committee. She was elevated to Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects in 2020.

Erica Kelsey, PE
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Paul Vogel, LS
Mr. Vogel is a Land Surveyor with LHB, Inc. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry at the University of Minnesota in 1991. During his college years, Paul started his surveying career with the St. Louis County Public Works Department performing topographic surveys and construction staking projects. He also completed land surveying coursework from Metropolitan State College of Denver, CO. He has gone to become licensed in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Alaska. At LHB, he manages survey staff, budgets, equipment, and client projects from proposals through to deliverables.

In June 2021, Governor Walz reappointed the following members to the Board: Rebecca Vogel, Paul Brandt, Sally Grans Korsh, and Travis Thul. Terms are effective June 23, 2021, and expire January 6, 2025.
Self-Print License Card Available Through Online Services

If you have a current license or certificate, you can now print your own license/certificate card through Online Renewal Services. Go to Online Renewal Services, then select the “License/Certificate Card” tab (see image bottom right), and log in from that tab. Instructions are also available on the website under the News section.

If a card is available, you will see a “print” option. If a card is not available, you will see a “not available” message.

Retiring? Let the Board know!

If you are retired and do not wish to renew your license but would like to be listed on the Board’s roster as “retired” rather than “expired,” please email aelslagid@state.mn.us to request the change.

You may continue to use your professional title, preceded by the term “Retired” (i.e. John Doe, Retired Architect), but you may not practice or do anything that requires a current license.

NOTE: The Board cannot “hold” request for retired status. Do not submit your request until you are ready to have your status changed. The change is effective immediately, once your request is processed.

Don’t Miss the Renewal Deadline

Renewing late is more than just a late fee. It means from the time of your expiration until the time you renew, you are not licensed in your profession.

There is no grace period for holding out or practice. If you continue to work with an expired license, you may be in violation of holding out and/or practicing without a license.

Once you have submitted your renewal, always confirm you are actually renewed. Within 3-4 days of your receipt by the Board of your renewal request, check on the Board website “Find a Licensed” to verify your status. Your license expiration should read 6/30/2024.

Reminder: The Board no longer mails license cards at the time of renewal. Anyone wishing to confirm license status can be directed to this “Find a Licensee” look up.

FAQ

DO YOU HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

Visit the Board’s renewal page: https://mn.gov/aelslagid/renewals.html

Visit the Board’s continuing education page: https://mn.gov/aelslagid/continuinged.html

More FAQs: http://mn.gov/aelslagid/faqs.html
In the Matter of Werner Brisake, Architect, License #46353
Facts: Mr. Brisake was first licensed in 2008. On October 16, 2018, he renewed his license. As a licensee, he is required to obtain a minimum number of professional development hours (PDH) as a condition of license renewal. On October 30, 2018, the Board notified Mr. Brisake that he had been selected as part of the Board’s continuing education audit of PDH. He submitted his response to the audit on November 16, 2018 and did not indicate that he earned the statutorily-required two professional ethics hours prior to his renewal. On December 3, 2018, Mr. Brisake acknowledged he did not complete the required professional ethics hours.
Enforcement Action: On March 22, 2019, the Board issued a stipulation and order. Mr. Brisake was censured and reprimanded for the foregoing conduct and ordered to pay a $500 civil penalty.

In the Matter of Gregory Hackett, Architect, License #19736
Facts: Mr. Hackett was first licensed in 1989. On June 15, 2018, he renewed his license. As a licensee, he is required to obtain a minimum number of professional development hours (PDH) as a condition of license renewal. On June 22, 2018, the Board notified Mr. Hackett that he had been selected as part of the Board’s continuing education audit of PDH. He submitted his response to the audit on August 7, 2018 and did not indicate that he earned the statutorily-required two professional ethics hours prior to his renewal. On August 13, 2018, Mr. Hackett acknowledged he did not earn the required ethics hours prior to renewal.
Enforcement Action: On March 22, 2019, the Board issued a stipulation and order. Mr. Hackett was censured and reprimanded for the foregoing conduct, ordered to pay a $1,000 civil penalty, and ordered to earn two additional ethics professional development hours.

In the Matter of Mingqiao Zhu, Professional Engineer, License #42100
Facts: Mr. Zhu was first licensed in 2002. During a monthly check of the NCEES disciplinary database, it was discovered that Mr. Zhu had been issued a consent order by the Oklahoma State Board effective March 29, 2018 for aiding and assisting another in offering and practicing engineering services in the state of Oklahoma without a Certificate of Authority and signing, sealing, and dating the engineering services for five Oklahoma projects that were not under Mr. Zhu’s direct control and personal supervision. Mr. Zhu did not report the Oklahoma disciplinary action as required by Minn. Rules 1800.0120, subp. 1. D. Mr. Zhu engaged in conduct or acts that are dishonest and reflect adversely on his ability to practice engineering; had his professional engineering license disciplined in another jurisdiction; and signed or sealed documents in another jurisdiction without the required jurisdictional authority as required by Minn. Rules 1800.0120, subp. 1. D.
Enforcement Action: On March 22, 2019, the Board issued a stipulation and order. Mr. Zhu was censured and reprimanded for the foregoing conduct and ordered to pay a $2,000 civil penalty.

In the Matter of Dana Hlibichuk, Architect, License #44719
Facts: Mr. Hlibichuk was first licensed in 2006. On August 18, 2018, Board staff discovered that Mr. Hlibichuk had not renewed his license for the 2018-2020 period and his license expired on June 30, 2018. Mr. Hlibichuk admitted he worked as an Architect on ten projects while his license was lapsed from July 1, 2018 to August 2, 2018. Mr. Hlibichuk was fully cooperative with the Board during the investigation.
Enforcement Action: On March 22, 2019, the Board issued a stipulation and order. Mr. Hlibichuk was censured and reprimanded for the foregoing conduct and ordered to pay a $2,000 civil penalty.

In the Matter of Keith Knophe, Professional Geologist, License #30277
Facts: Mr. Knophe was first licensed in 1998. On August 18, 2018, he renewed his license. As a licensee, he is required to obtain a minimum number of professional development hours (PDH) as a condition of license renewal. On July 6, 2018, the Board notified Mr. Knophe that he had been selected as part of the Board’s continuing education audit of PDH. He submitted his response to the audit on August 7, 2018 and did not indicate that he earned the statutorily-required two professional ethics hours prior to his renewal. On August 13, 2018, Mr. Knophe acknowledged he did not earn the required ethics hours prior to renewal.
Enforcement Action: On March 22, 2019, the Board issued a stipulation and order. Mr. Knophe was censured and reprimanded for the foregoing conduct, ordered to pay a $500 civil penalty.

In the Matter of Joel Coudron, Professional Engineer, License #42799
Facts: Mr. Coudron was first licensed in 2003. On August 18, 2018, he renewed his license. As a licensee, he is required to obtain a minimum number of professional development hours (PDH) as a condition of license renewal. On August 21, 2018, the Board notified Mr. Coudron that he had been selected as part of the Board’s continuing education audit of PDH. He submitted his response to the audit on July 5, 2018 and did not indicate that he earned the statutorily-required two professional ethics hours prior to his renewal.
Enforcement Action: On May 16, 2019, the Board issued a stipulation and order. Mr. Coudron was censured and reprimanded for the foregoing conduct and ordered to pay a $1,500 civil penalty.

In the Matter of James Guler, Professional Engineer, License #53466
Facts: Mr. Guler was first licensed in 2015. On August 28, 2018, Mr. Guler called the Board office to report that his license had lapsed from July 1, 2018 to August 23, 2018. Mr. Guler admitted he worked as an engineer on 13 projects for a total of 285.7 hours while his license was lapsed. Mr. Guler stated that he took corrective measures once he realized his license was expired.
Enforcement Action: On May 16, 2019, the Board issued a stipulation and order. Mr. Guler was censured and reprimanded for the foregoing conduct and ordered to pay a $2,000 civil penalty.

In the Matter of Davor Herscher, Professional Engineer, License #48091
Facts: Mr. Herscher was first licensed in 2006. On June 11, 2018, he renewed his license. As a licensee, he is required to obtain a minimum number of professional development hours (PDH) as a condition of license renewal. On June 12, 2018, the Board notified Mr. Herscher that he had been selected as part of the Board’s continuing education audit of PDH. He submitted his response to the audit on July 30, 2018 and did not indicate that he earned the statutorily-required two professional ethics hours.
Enforcement Action: On May 16, 2019, the Board issued a stipulation and order. Mr. Herscher was censured and reprimanded for the foregoing conduct and ordered to pay a $2,000 civil penalty.

In the Matter of Michael Hoefler, Architect, License #24210 and CID #CO1147
Facts: Mr. Hoefler was first licensed in 1995. On August 2, 2018, he renewed his license and certificate as a licensee. As a licensee, he is required to obtain a minimum number of professional development hours (PDH) as a condition of license renewal. On August 21, 2018, the Board notified Mr. Hoefler that he had been selected as part of the Board’s continuing education audit of PDH. He submitted his response to the audit on September 24, 2018 and did not indicate that he earned the statutorily-required two professional ethics hours.
Enforcement Action: On May 16, 2019, the Board issued a stipulation and order. Mr. Hoefler was censured and reprimanded for the foregoing conduct and ordered to pay a $5,000 civil penalty.

In the Matter of Michael A. Murphy, Professional Engineer, License #42808
Facts: Mr. Murphy was first licensed in 2003. On January 11, 2019 the Board received a license renewal form from Mr. Murphy. On the renewal form, Mr. Murphy indicated that he was no longer sure that he had failed to renew his license until January 9, 2019 and that he represented himself as a professional engineer and signed and sealed documents during the time his license was lapsed.
Enforcement Action: On May 16, 2019, the Board issued a stipulation and order. Mr. Murphy was censured and reprimanded for the foregoing conduct and ordered to pay a $5,150 civil penalty.

In the Matter of Jeffery Natrop, Architect, License #44886
Facts: Mr. Natrop was first licensed in 2011. On August 3, 2018, he renewed his license. As a licensee, he is required to obtain a minimum number of professional development hours (PDH) as a condition of license renewal. On August 3, 2018, the Board notified Mr. Natrop that he had been selected as part of the Board’s continuing education audit of PDH. He submitted his response to the audit on September 12, 2018 and did not indicate that he earned the statutorily-required two professional ethics hours.
Enforcement Action: On May 16, 2019, the Board issued a stipulation and order. Mr. Natrop was censured and reprimanded for the foregoing conduct and ordered to pay a $500 civil penalty.

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In the matter of Nicholaus Hoffman, Professional Engineer, License #50576

Facts: Mr. Hoffman was first licensed in 2018. During a monthly check of the NCEES database, it was discovered that Mr. Hoffman had been issued a consent agreement by the South Dakota Board of Technical Professions effective November 15, 2018, for engaging in fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest conduct engaged in conducting official business and for failing to inform the Board of disciplinary actions taken in another jurisdiction within the required timeframe.

Enforcement Action: On September 24, 2020, the Board issued a stipulation and order. Mr. Hoffman’s professional engineer license was suspended for six years, he was ordered to pay a $5,000 civil penalty, and barred from engaging in engineering or architectural practice, including professional development hours (PDH) as a condition of reinstatement. Mr. Hoffman also agreed to pay a $500 civil penalty.

In the matter of Matthew Rinka, Architect, License #148491

Facts: Mr. Rinka was first licensed in 2016. On July 17, 2018, he renewed his license as a licensee, he is required to obtain a minimum number of professional development hours (PDH) as a condition of license renewal. On August 15, 2018, the Board notified Mr. Rinka that he had been selected as part of the Board’s continuing education audit of PDH. He submitted his response to the audit on October 30, 2019, that he had completed all PDH requirements on time, and that he earned the statutorily required two hours of professional ethics credits. Mr. Rinka stated he unknowingly failed to complete the required professional ethics credits.

Enforcement Action: On May 16, 2019, the Board issued a stipulation and order. Mr. Rinka was censured and reprimanded for the foregoing conduct and ordered to pay a $270 civil penalty.

In the matter of Jeffery Cooley, Professional Engineer, License #53703

Facts: Mr. Cooley was first licensed in 2016. On January 22, 2019, the Board received an email from Mr. Cooley requesting an update to his professional engineer license. On June 21, 2019, the Board notified Mr. Cooley that he had been selected as part of the Board’s continuing education audit of PDH. He submitted his response to the audit on August 6, 2019, that he had completed all PDH requirements on time, and that he earned the statutorily required two hours of professional ethics credits. Mr. Cooley stated he unknowingly failed to complete the required professional ethics credits.

Enforcement Action: On June 21, 2019, the Board issued a stipulation and order. Mr. Cooley was censured and reprimanded for the foregoing conduct and ordered to pay a $550 civil penalty, and ordered to earn two additional ethics professional development hours.

In the matter of Jason Gnich, Architect, License #51034

Facts: Mr. Gnich was first licensed in 2013. Mr. Gnich is currently serving as a member of the Board’s Ethics PDH Advisory Committee. In 2018, the Board issued a consent agreement by the South Dakota Board of Technical Professions effective August 30, 2018, for failing to complete the required Ethics PDH earned on March 27, 2019, and for failing to notify the Board of disciplinary actions taken in another jurisdiction within the required timeframe.

Enforcement Action: On June 28, 2019, the Board issued a stipulation and order. Mr. Gnich’s professional engineer license was suspended until June 30, 2020, he was ordered to earn eight additional ethics professional development hours, and was required to submit proof of satisfying the terms of the South Dakota consent agreement prior to his eligibility for reinstatement beginning July 1, 2020.

In the matter of Todd Reyling, Professional Engineer, License #50973

Facts: Mr. Reyling was first licensed in 2013. During the Board’s audit of PDH, it was discovered that the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation placed Mr. Reyling’s Illinois professional engineer license on non-reporting status for five years, and he did not have a valid license covering engineering work in Illinois during that time.

Enforcement Action: On June 6, 2019, the Board issued a stipulation and order. Mr. Reyling was censured and reprimanded for the foregoing conduct, ordered to pay a $2,000 civil penalty, and ordered to cease and desist from practicing professional engineering in Illinois until such time as he becomes eligible to obtain a valid professional engineer license in Illinois and to ordered to pay a $5,000 civil penalty.

In the matter of Calvin Coatsworth, Architect, License #23251

Facts: Mr. Coatsworth was first licensed in 1985. On January 11, 2019, he renewed his Architect’s license. The Board has submitted a complaint to obtain a minimum number of professional development hours (PDH) as a condition of license renewal. At that time, Mr. Coatsworth affirmed that he earned 61 PDH and affirmed that he earned two hours dedicated to professional ethics. Mr. Coatsworth affirmed that he had been cooperative with the Board’s investigation of his education audit of PDH. He submitted his response to the audit on April 2, 2019, and did not state that he had earned the statutory required two professional ethics hours. Mr. Coatsworth earned 1 ethics PDH on March 27, 2019, and 47 ethics PDH on February 13, 2019, after his January 11, 2019 renewal date.

Enforcement Action: On November 21, 2019, the Board issued a stipulation and order. Mr. Coatsworth was censured and reprimanded for the foregoing conduct, ordered to pay a $500 civil penalty, and barred from counting the ethics PDH earned on March 27, 2019, and 47 ethics PDH earned on February 13, 2019, towards his continuing education requirements for the 2018-2020 reporting period.

In the matter of Stephen Maslan, Professional Engineer (reved), License #18377

Facts: Mr. Maslan was first licensed in 1987. In April 2018, the Board issued a stipulation and order. Mr. Maslan’s professional engineer license was suspended for 180 days from July 1, 2018, and he was ordered to pay a $2,000 civil penalty.

Enforcement Action: On November 29, 2019, the Board issued a finding of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order. Mr. Maslan’s professional engineer license was revoked.

In the matter of Amee Steege, Professional Engineer, License #25085

Facts: Ms. Steege was first licensed in 1998. On August 28, 2018, she renewed her license as a licensee, she is required to obtain a minimum number of professional development hours (PDH) as a condition of license renewal. At that time, she affirmed that she had completed all PDH requirements on time, and affirmed that she earned the two hours dedicated to professional ethics. On October 30, 2018, the Board notified Ms. Steege that she had been selected as part of the Board’s continuing education audit of PDH. She submitted her response to the audit on December 17, 2018. In her response, Ms. Steege reported an error that resulted in an ethics credit deficiency.

Enforcement Action: On November 21, 2019, the Board issued a finding of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order. Mr. Maslan’s professional engineer license was revoked.

In the matter of Dale Ek-Pangerl, Professional Engineer, License #15399

Facts: Mr. Ek-Pangerl was first licensed in 1982. On April 23, 2019, the Complaint Committee commenced regulatory action against Mr. Ek-Pangerl. The committee alleged that he failed to responded to the Committee’s requests for information, and not reporting his assertion that he had earned the required continuing education hours. The Board notified Mr. Ek-Pangerl that he was suspended for failing to respond to the Board’s notices that he had earned the required continuing education hours. Mr. Ek-Pangerl did not respond to the Board’s notices, and not responding his assertion that he had earned the required continuing education hours. Mr. Ek-Pangerl did not respond to the Board’s notices, and not responding his assertion that he had earned the required continuing education hours. Mr. Ek-Pangerl did not respond to the Board’s notices, and not responding his assertion that he had earned the required continuing education hours.

Enforcement Action: On January 9, 2020, the Board issued a stipulation and consent order. Mr. Ek-Pangerl was censured and reprimanded for the foregoing conduct, ordered to pay a $570 civil penalty, and required to failing to notify numerous state licensing boards that his professional engineer license was suspended or revoked. Mr. Maslan never reported the Texas and Massachusetts licenses he had held, as required by Minn. R. 1800.0120, subp. 1 D. 1

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Engineer during his lapse. During the lapse, Mr. Kelly engaged in the business of practicing as an Architect in Minnesota as a Professional Engineer. The certification used did not include a date or the certification language.

Facts: Mr. Kelly was first licensed in 1985. On October 3, 2020, he renewed his license. As a licensee, he is required to obtain a minimum number of professional development hours (PDH) as a condition of license renewal. On May 21, 2021, and June 17, 2021, the Board notified Mr. Hommerd that he had been selected as part of the Board’s continuing education audit of PDH. He acknowledged not earning the statutorily-required two PDH dedicated to ethics. He proactively took remedial measures by taking 2 PDH dedicated to ethics.

Enforcement Actions: On January 26, 2022, the Board issued a stipulation and consent order. Mr. Hommerd was censured and reprimanded for the foregoing conduct, ordered to pay a $250 civil penalty, and ordered to earn two additional ethics PDH.

In the Matter of Joel Kath, Professional Engineer, License #25677

Facts: Mr. Kath was first licensed by the Board in 1997. On October 9, 2020, he renewed his license. As a licensee, he is required to obtain a minimum number of professional development hours (PDH) as a condition of license renewal. On April 26, 2021, the Board notified Mr. Kath that he had been selected as part of the Board’s continuing education audit of PDH. He submitted his response to the audit on May 12, 2021. He acknowledged not earning the statutorily-required two PDH dedicated to ethics. He proactively took remedial measures by taking 2 PDH dedicated to ethics.

Enforcement Actions: On January 26, 2022, the Board issued a stipulation and consent order. Mr. Kath was censured and reprimanded for the foregoing conduct and ordered to pay a $500 civil penalty.

In the Matter of Larry Hedlund, Unlicensed

Facts: Mr. Hedlund is not currently and never has been licensed as a Land Surveyor in the State of Minnesota. He is a municipal public works employee in a city in Minnesota. The city’s city clerk spoke with a property owner in the city. The city clerk offered the city employees in the property, measure, establish or determine the property line, and place a marker where they believed the boundary was located. After the property owner accepted, Mr. Finseth directed city workers to the property where they measured and determined what they believed the property boundary was located. Mr. Finseth was censured and ordered to pay a $500 civil penalty.

Enforcement Actions: On January 26, 2022, the Board issued a stipulation and consent order. Mr. Finseth was censured and reprimanded for the foregoing conduct, ordered to pay a $250 civil penalty, and ordered to maintain documentation for his carryover hours. He was ordered to complete 10 hours of continuing education in connection with his online renewal application on May 12, 2021. He acknowledged not earning the statutorily-required two PDH dedicated to ethics. He proactively took remedial measures by taking 2 PDH dedicated to ethics.

In the Matter of Rajesh Arumugam, Architect, License #17407

Facts: Mr. Arumugam was first licensed in 1999. On October 18, 2021, he renewed his license. As a licensee, he was required to obtain a minimum number of professional development hours (PDH) as a condition of license renewal. On April 26, 2021, the Board notified Mr. Arumugam that he had been selected as part of the Board’s continuing education audit of PDH. He submitted his response to the audit on May 12, 2021. He acknowledged not earning the statutorily-required two PDH dedicated to ethics. He proactively took remedial measures by taking 2 PDH dedicated to ethics.

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In the Matter of Melissa Finseth, Unlicensed

Facts: Ms. Finseth is not currently and never has been licensed as a Land Surveyor in the State of Minnesota. She spoke with a property owner and offered to have city employees visit properties, measure, establish or determine the property line, and place a marker where they believed the boundary was located on a city map. After the property owner accepted, Mr. Finseth directed city workers to the property where they measured and determined what they believed the property boundary was located. Mr. Finseth was censured and ordered to pay a $500 civil penalty.

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In the Matter of Raymond Greco, Architect, License #23869 and CID Certificate #C01078

Facts: Mr. Greco was first licensed in 1995. On October 17, 2021, he renewed his license. As a licensee, he was required to obtain a minimum number of professional development hours (PDH) as a condition of license renewal. On May 18, 2021, he submitted a false statement in connection with his online renewal application on November 20, 2021. He acknowledged not earning the statutorily-required two PDH dedicated to ethics. He proactively took remedial measures by taking 2 PDH dedicated to ethics.

Enforcement Actions: On January 18, 2022, the Board issued a stipulation and consent order. Mr. Greco was censured and reprimanded for the foregoing conduct, ordered to pay a $1,000 civil penalty with completing 9 PDH within 60 days of the Board’s approval of the stipulation and consent order.

In the Matter of Kevin Timmerman, Architect, License #40387

Facts: Mr. Timmerman was first licensed in 2000. On May 19, 2019, architectural and structural engineering plans were prepared by Mr. Timmerman. He signed the cover sheet of the architectural plans but left the remaining plans unsigned. The plans were rejected, and the city requested the architectural and structural engineering plans be signed by an architect and the structural engineer prior to being signed by a professional engineer. On June 10, 2019, the architectural and structural engineering plans were signed all by Mr. Timmerman. Mr. Timmerman is not a professional engineer in Minnesota and never has been. His certification also did not comply with Minnesota Rule 1800.420. On June 12, 2019, Mr. Timmerman contacted a professional engineer to provide structural engineering services for the project.

Enforcement Actions: On January 18, 2022, the Board issued a stipulation and consent order. Mr. Timmerman was_censured and ordered to pay a $1,000 civil penalty along with completing 8 PDH within 60 days of the Board’s approval of the stipulation and consent order.
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the profession can come in many forms. Offering educational opportunities, mentoring young professionals, and sharing your knowledge of the changing professional environment (including new technologies) are just a few that come to mind. Please feel free to reach out to the Board to see how you can help.

Enclosed are several enforcement actions. Please take the time to review them and understand that we, as professionals, are in the public eye. Serving our clients to the best of our abilities is what is expected. Beyond the learned skill specific to our professions, the skill I find to be of greatest value in making a project successful is good communication. People want to be heard and understand they are heard. We move forward from there. Professional communication is a ‘must’ in my eyes. The Complaint Committee is made up of five board members, with guidance from an Assistant Attorney General. I want to especially thank those members of the Complaint Committee. Their understanding of the statutes and rules related to the Board and their efforts in carefully reviewing files and recommending action to the full Board is to be commended.

Several of the national councils for this Board’s professions have been working on modernizing their model laws and rules. The Board is also continually scrutinizing our rules.

In addition, the various entities that develop the professional exams are converting from paper-based to computer-based (CBT) examination for that leg of the three-legged stool we stand on: Education, Experience and Examination. This has been a timely transition as the impacts of our recent ‘remote’ world have been minimized with CBT. There is still more work to be done and many of our Board members are actively working with national organizations to guide us forward.

Lastly, I’d like to take the time to thank all current and former Board members for their dedication to the Minnesota Board and their respective professions. Thank you!

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