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MINUTES – COUNCIL MEETING, June 10, 2015

A meeting of the Council of the Delaware Association of Professional Engineers was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, at the offices of DAPE, New Castle, Delaware.

President Medlarz convened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:	D. Barbato, P.E.	M. Lennon, P.E.	
	C. Balascio, P.E.	M. Lester, P.E.	
	W. Balascio, P.E.	H. Medlarz, P.E.	
	R. Hayden, P.E.	T. Thomson, P.E.	
	K. Kooker, P.E.	R. Wheatley	C. McAllister, P.E.

Council Members absent:	S. Gharebaghi, P.E.	-	excused
	J. Ludman, P.E.	-	excused
	E. Retzlaff, P.E.	-	excused
	R. Smith, Esq.	-	excused
	J. Tracey, Esq.	-	excused

Staff present: P. Abshagen

DAG present: Catherine (Terry) Hickey, Esq.

The Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared.

Open Forum -- Nothing to report.

Minutes of the May 13, 2015 Council Meeting

Council reviewed the Minutes of the May 13, 2015 Council meeting and recommends approval as submitted. Motion by C. Balascio, seconded by Lester, Council approve the Minutes of the May 13, 2015 as submitted. Approved unanimously.

D.A.G. Report

- Gregory Scott hearing -- Panel decision in progress.
- Matthew Szayna hearing – Draft decision in progress.

- SB #86 (legislation to clarify the voting eligibility of inactive and retired members) is in the House.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met just prior to the Council meeting, therefore, a written report is unavailable. Items discussed at Executive Committee meeting will be covered under the appropriate Committee reports.

Financial Report

- Finances for the first month of this fiscal year reflect income has reached 15% of projections; and expenses 6%.
- Audit for fiscal year 2014/2015 scheduled for week of 6/22/15 with Barbacane & Thornton.
- NE Zone meeting – Council member McAllister co-chaired the Engineer’s forum at the NE zone meeting and is to be reimbursed for 1 day of travel and lodging expenses.

Motion by Barbato, seconded by Lester, Council approve the reimbursement of 1-day’s expenses at the NE Zone meeting for Council member McAllister. Approved unanimously.

Employee Benefits & Compensation

Council members Barbato and Kooker completed employee evaluations on 5/19/15.

Law Enforcement/Ethics Committee

Chair Kooker advised meeting rescheduled until 6/22/2015.

Case 14/081 -- This case was reviewed, investigated and resolved with a Consent Order. The engineer is completing the penalty phase of the order. The homeowner has contacted the Governor’s office. A response will be sent indicating this matter is nearly disposed of in accordance with the Consent Order.

Examining Committee

The Executive Committee reviewed the report of the Examining Committee’s meeting of May 27, 2015. Eighty-eight (88) individual applications for licensure were reviewed and confidential recommendations made for Council action consisting of **23** applications for **comity**; **1** application for initial licensure; **49** applications for licensure following the successful passage of the April 17, 2015 PE exam; and **15** applications for examination. The Committee also reviewed **5** applications for **Certificate of Authorization** (remove Urban Eng. & Assoc.); **1** application for **Temporary Permit**; and **2** applications for **Reinstatement**.

Discussed a presentation ceremony for new licensees, perhaps in conjunction with an ASCE event, etc.

Motion by C. Balascio, seconded by Lennon, Council approve the Committee’s recommendations as noted on Exhibits A1-A4 of the committee’s report dated May 28, 2015. Approved unanimously.

External Affairs Committee

Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) with Architects is to be re-scheduled.

Facilities Committee -- No report.

Government Affairs/By-laws Committee -- No report.

Public Information

- Summer newsletter due.

Ad-Hoc/Law Revision Committee

- Decoupling PE experience from exam -- This discussion was tabled.
- Progressive engineering experience – Discussion to follow.

Correspondence

- M. Izzo, P.E., Sussex County engineer has issued a letter to Sussex County engineers dated 5/14/15 regarding a new engineer revising an original engineer's approved design. This follows the DAPE position issued to Izzo on 4/8/15.

This will be shared with the other two counties and discussed in the upcoming issue of the newsletter.

NCEES

- Annual meeting motions distributed. Nothing controversial.
- Dept. of Veterans Affairs allows for reimbursement of exam fees for all veterans. Requests directly to VA.

Old Business -- Ballots to be released to the membership on Monday, June 15th for the Council election and proposed revisions to the bylaws.

New Business -- None

Next meeting is scheduled on **Wednesday, July 8, 2015**, in the DAPE offices.

Meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

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