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Minutes of 08/21/2024 Public Hearing

Division Staff: Jessica Spoja, Executive Officer
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The meeting was called to order by Executive Officer (EO) Jessica Spoja at 9:00 AM MT.

Negotiated Rulemaking 24.32.01

This is a public meeting to receive comments on IDAPA 24.32.01 Rules of the Idaho Board of Licensure of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors. Executive Officer (EO) Jessica Spoja stated that comments received during the scheduled public hearing(s), as well as submitted written comments, will be gathered and presented to the Idaho Board of Licensure of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors at its September 30, 2024 Board meeting.

George Yerion, Land Surveyor, requested clarification, posed questions, and proposed the following changes to the rules:

- 002.03 EAC-ABET: To ensure consistency with the definition, replace the slash between EAC/ABET with a dash (-) throughout the rule.
- 100.02.a. Educational Requirements and 100.04.a. Interstate Licensure Evaluation: With "Bachelor of Science" programs being replaced by "bachelor's degree" programs, does this imply that a Bachelor of Arts is also acceptable?
- 100.03.b. Three Examinations for Land Surveying Licensure: To maintain consistency with 100.03a. Two Examinations for Engineering Licensure, remove the word "separate" before "written examinations" in the first sentence. The third sentence, "Reexamination for failed attempts may be allowed." is duplicative of 100.03.c. Reexamination and should be removed.
- 100.04.i: With "Bachelor of Science" removed from 100.02.a. Educational Requirements and 100.04.a. Interstate Licensure Evaluation, should "Bachelor of Science in Engineering" programs be revised to "engineering programs".
- 200.01.b. Standard Seals for Engineers and Land Surveyors: With the removal of the sentence, "The Board adopts standard seals for use by licensed professional engineers and professional

land surveyors as prescribed by Section 54-1215, Idaho Code.” the seals are no longer considered standard. Consequently, the word “Standard” should be removed from the heading.

- 200.01.c. Seal for Professional Engineer/Land Surveyor: The slash (/) is used to denote the word “or.” Since a seal is required by both a professional engineer and a professional land surveyor, the slash in the header should be replaced with something that's grammatically correct.
- 200.02.a. Primary Obligation: The terms “licensee and certificate holders” should both be either singular or plural.
- 200.02.c. Professional Judgment: In the first sentence, "If any licensee’s or certificate holder’s professional judgment is overruled...," it should be revised to focus solely on the licensee’s professional judgment, as a certificate holder—being a corporation, company, or entity—does not possess professional judgment.
- 200.02.d. Obligation to Communicate Discovery of Discrepancy: This section pertains to a licensee’s work. The question is whether the term “certificate holder” is necessary in this section.
- 200.06.Form: Should the sentence specify DOPL’s website or is it more appropriate to refer to the board’s website, unless it is a section within DOPL’s website.
- 200.07 State Plane Coordinates: The term "Division" should be clarified to specify which division is being referred to.

Mr. Yerion also asked why an entire section was removed from the rules several years ago. This section, which addressed responsibilities to the public and competency for assignments, included statements about public policy and actions related to other licensees and certificate holders. Specifically, it was concerned with preventing attempts to maliciously or falsely influence the professional reputation, prospects, practice, or employment of other licensees.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM.