

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS,
SURVEYORS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by Section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Date: Thursday, November 10, 2011

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: King Kalakaua Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii

Present: Mike Miura, Rules Committee Chair
Dan Hirota, Surveyor Member
Jay Manzano, Public Member
Carol Sakata
Roberto Yumol, Architect Member
James Kobashigawa, Executive Officer
Sandra Matsushima, Executive Officer

Excused: Shelli McCelvey, Landscape Architect Member
Clayton Pang, Engineer Member
Marc Ventura, Alternate Architect Member

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Discussion on Amendments To Chapter 16-115, HAR, & Chapter 464, HRS: Mr. Miura updated the Committee that the Board has approved amendments to section 16-115-5, Display of certificate; section 16-115-54, Examination, qualifications, applications, fees, documents required; and added section 16-115-10.5, Examination irregularities.

Mr. Hirota summarized the status of pending action related to the definition of surveying and requiring continuing education ("CE") for surveyors. The Surveyor Committee is still working on the definition of surveying and the Board previously indicated legislation will not be pursued this year to require CE for surveyors based on the Board's survey result of only 22% of the licensed surveyors voting in favor of mandatory CE.

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Mr. Kobashigawa reported that in attending the NCARB Member Board Executives ("MBE") Workshop, discussion was generated as to whether MBEs have the authority to issue a license to an applicant holding a NCARB certificate. It was found that most states allow the MBEs such authority, resulting in a faster licensing process.

After further discussion, the Committee recommends delegating staff the authority to issue licenses to applicants who are NCARB Certificate holders, NCEES Model Law Engineers, NCEES Model Law Structural Engineer, NCEES Model Law Surveyor, and CLARB Certificate holder.

Also discussed at the MBE Workshop was whether states allow direct registration of the A.R.E. to NCARB. It was found that many states allow interns to register for the A.R.E. directly with NCARB and does not need to apply with the Board first. In approving an applicant for the A.R.E., NCARB applies each state's requirements to qualify to take the A.R.E. Once the intern passes all the sections of the A.R.E. and has completed IDP, the intern would apply with the state board for licensure.

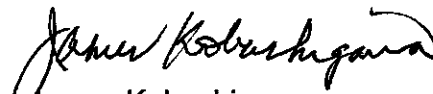
After further discussion, the Committee is in favor of allowing direct registration to NCARB to be eligible to take the A.R.E.

Next Meeting: The next Rules Committee meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday, December 8, 2011
8:30 a.m.
King Kalakaua Building
King Kalakaua Conference Room, 1st Floor

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Taken and recorded by:


James Kobashigawa
Executive Officer

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Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____.