

MINUTES OF THE 2022 CENTRAL ZONE ANNUAL MEETING
Michael Drewyor, P.E., P.S., Central Zone Vice President
Carlsbad, California, August 24, 2022



Call to order

Central Zone Vice President Michael Drewyor, P.E., P.S. (MI) called the meeting to order on August 24, 2022, at 4:15 p.m. (PDT).

Opening remarks and welcome

Vice President Drewyor welcomed everyone and made opening remarks.

Introduction of past Central Zone national NCEES presidents

- Michael Conzett, P.E. (NE)
- Dale Sall, P.E. (NE)
- Dean Ringle, P.E., P.S. (OH)
- Dale Jans, P.E. (SD)

Guest attendees

- Douglas Fick, P.E., representing ASHRAE
- Marlee Walton, P.E., P.L.S., representing ABET

Roll call of member boards

- Illinois PE Brian Berg, P.E.; Cristy Crites, P.E.; Kyle Lazell
- Illinois PS Gale Hake, P.L.S.; Kim Lyons, P.L.S.
- Illinois SE Steven Bishop, S.E.; Roy Cepero
- Indiana PE Jason Durr, P.E.; Tim Jensen, P.E.; Opal Kuhl, P.E.;
Greg Morical, JD; Sam Reed, P.E.; Susan Zellers, P.E.
- Indiana PS Jason Henderson, P.S.; Richard Hudson, P.S.
- Iowa Todde Folkerts, P.E., P.L.S.; Laura Sievers, P.E.; Marlee Walton, P.E., P.L.S.
- Kansas Bill Haverkamp, P.S.; Joseph Johnson; Larry Karns, JD; Kimberly Kramer, Ph.D.,
P.E., S.E.; Jessica Pierce; Jack Poole, P.E.; Jennifer Taylor, P.E., ENV SP
- Michigan PE Michael Drewyor, P.E., P.S.; Deveron Sanders, P.E.
- Michigan PS Kelly Fedele, P.E., P.S.; James Hollandsworth, P.E., P.S.
- Minnesota Daniel Kelsey, P.E.; Erica Larson; Jami Neiber; Tari Rayala; Paul Vogel, P.S.
- Missouri Mark Nolte, P.S.; Kevin Skibiski, P.E., S.E., P.L.S.; Amy Strauss, P.E.;
Shane Terhune, P.S.
- Nebraska PE Jason Suelter, P.E., S.E.; Daniel Thiele, P.E.
- Nebraska PS Casey Sherlock, P.S.
- North Dakota Nicholas Gludt, P.E.; Emmy Vareberg, P.E.
- Ohio Dean Ringle, P.E., P.S.
- South Dakota Ryan Callaghan, P.E.
- Wisconsin Karl Linck, P.E.

Call for additional agenda items

None

First-time attendees

- Christy Crites, P.E. (IL)
- Jason Durr, P.E. (IN)
- Tim Jensen, P.E. (IN)
- Greg Morical, JD (IN)
- Susan Zellers, P.E. (IN)
- Jennifer Taylor, P.E., ENV SP (KS)
- Daniel Kelsey, P.E. (MN)
- Erica Larson (MN)
- Jami Neiber (MN)
- Tari Rayala (MN)
- Mark Nolte, P.S. (MO)
- Amy Strauss, P.E. (MO)
- Shane Terhune, P.S. (MO)
- Emmy Vareberg, P.E. (ND)
- Jason Suelter, P.E., S.E. (NE)
- Ryan Callaghan, P.E. (SD)
- Nathan Vaughn, P.L.S., P.S.M. (WI)

Approval of minutes from 2022 Central Zone interim meeting

Brian Berg, P.E. (IL) moved for approval of the minutes of the 2022 Central Zone interim meeting (April 21–23, 2022), and Paul Vogel, P.S. (MN) seconded. The motion passed.

Discussion of motions and committee reports

No reports from zone committees

New business

No new business

Mobility challenge update

No report

State reports

No state reports presented—State reports submitted after the meeting are included as an appendix to the minutes.

Invitation to 2023 zone interim meeting

Vice President Drewyor announced that the 2023 Central Zone interim meeting (combined meeting for all zones), will be held in Houston, Texas, on April 27–29, 2023.

Attendees were also reminded of the following future meeting dates and locations:

- 2023 annual meeting: Boston, Massachusetts, August 15–18, 2023
- 2024 Central Zone interim meeting: Des Moines, Iowa, April 25–27, 2024
- 2024 annual meeting: Chicago, Illinois, August 20–23, 2024

Committee reports

No committee reports

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m. (PDT) on Friday, August 24.

Respectfully submitted,
Sam Reed, P.E.
NCEES Central Zone Secretary-Treasurer

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MISSOURI REPORT TO NCEES CENTRAL ZONE 2022

1. **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD:** Since the last report, David Smith, PE and Dan Govero, PLS are no longer on the Board. Shane Terhune, PLS is the newest member to be appointed and confirmed.
2. Board staff is experiencing a turnover with several new people being added and others assuming new roles. However, the Board and staff are continuing to operate at the same high level of consistency and professionalism that our licensees have come to expect and appreciate.
3. Our continuing challenges are occurring in the legislature where battles within the majority party have pretty much brought the Senate to a standstill, and very little being approved and sent to the Governor.
4. We are continuing to watch proposed edits to the Land Surveying statutes and watch for any last minute amendments affecting the other three professions.
5. We have adapted to the changes in Comity licensure passed last session at the last minute by the legislature. It created paths to licensure which were not allowed previously and, in some cases, make it easier for an out of state PE to obtain licensure in Missouri than an in state resident.
6. Our participation in the Design Alliance (all professional societies representing licensees and the Board) continues to work for all involved to get information distributed and a forum for discussion on issues that affect the licensees. A united coalition of member societies through their respective lobbyist approach the Legislature with a unified position on bills of interest.

**Respectfully submitted,
Kevin C. Skibiski, PE, SE, PLS
Engineering Division Chair**

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Iowa Engineering and Land Surveying Examining Board:

- completed 5-year rolling review of rules
- new licensing specialist
- new investigator
- adopted decoupling for PE exam, not for PLS exam

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Indiana PE Report

An Electronic Meeting Policy was reviewed by the board and the present policy will be revised our policy to include updates.

Jason Durr was elected Chair, Greg Morical was elected Vice Chair, and Tim Jensen was elected Board Liaison for 2022.

EI and PE data from the past three years is as follows: Number of licenses issued:

2019: EI – 196 PE – 898

2020: EI – 164 PE – 766

2021: EI – 234 PE – 916

To date, there have been 128 EI licenses and 456 PE licenses issued in 2022.

The Board has had lengthy discussions regarding decoupling. The board understands that there are currently approximately 24 states that have some version of decoupling, including neighboring states of Illinois, Kentucky, and Michigan. These discussions continue.

The Administrative staff asked for some guidance from the Board to reduce reviews of applications to take the PE Exam. The Board discussed the options and worked with legal counsel to determine that 864 IAC 1.1-4.1-2 will allow an applicant to sign an affidavit stating that they have an ABET accredited degree, passed the FE Exam, and will have the 4 years of experience prior to taking the PE Exam. The signed affidavit will be presented to the NCEES in order to schedule the PE Exam. If the applicant does not meet the specific requirements in the affidavit, they will need to apply to the Board for approval prior to scheduling their PE Exam with NCEES. This approach is consistent with several other states. The Board is having a draft version of the affidavit prepared for review.

The Board held a hearing to readopt it's rules (864 IAC 1.1-1-3 through 1.1-1-15) regarding the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers. This is required every seven years per IC 4-22-2.5-2. The Board voted unanimously to readopt the rules.

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RE: North Dakota Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (NDPELS) Yearly Update

Fellow NCEES Members,

The North Dakota Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (NDPELS) has had a busy year managing change and developing futuristic plans.

In effort to increase commercial registration within North Dakota, the staff initiated an outreach effort to past commercial registrants, which some dated back to 2017. Of the 399 mailouts/emails, we were able to regain over 110 lapsed licensures.

The Board conducted a strategic planning session in July of 2021, which resulted in the establishment of ten objectives. The plan is for calendar years 2021 through 2025. The major efforts of the plan include the review and rewrite of North Dakota specific exams, which was completed in June of 2022 and further automating our licensure processes.

We welcomed two new members to the Board. Ms. Emmy Vareberg and Mr. Ezra Ballinger were each appointed by the Governor of North Dakota to a five- year term.

The Board's Policy Manual and Human Resource manual were updated to provide clarity to the staff with respect to licensure and employee policies and benefits.

Legislatively, the Board proposed changes to their Administrative Code (NDAC Title 28). The North Dakota Administrative Rules Committee approved the proposed changes, which took effect October 1, 2021. The Board is assembling further change proposals for the upcoming legislative session, which begins in January of 2023

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The Minnesota Board is in the rule writing process and finishing a deep dive of their statutes and rules. The statutory change would reduce the years of experience required to serve on the Board thereby increasing the pool of candidates qualified to serve on the Board. Other changes are also being made.

Since January of 2022, the Board has taken 15 enforcement actions. Those Orders are available on our web page.

Our 21-member Board has three new Board members and at this meeting we have members attending for the first time. The Board appreciates the funding opportunity NCEES has provided to facilitate greater participation.

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KANSAS STATE OF TECHNICAL PROFESSIONS' 2022 REPORT

The Kansas State Board of Technical Profession over the past year adopted and/or amended regulations including, K.S.A. 66-7-1 Applications.

That revised regulation lists the materials to be submitted with an application for reciprocity pursuant to 2021 HB 2066 to demonstrate status as a military servicemember or military spouse or to prove residence in Kansas or intent to establish residence in Kansas.

In addition to amending the reciprocity regulation the Board has been please to return to more normal operations following the COVID pandemic. Our staff works remotely with a rotating schedule of one employee in the office each day.

Board members began traveling again and attended both the Central Zone Meeting in Oklahoma City and the Annual meeting in Carlsbad. As MBE I participated in the MBE committee meetings.

We are looking forward to working with NCEES in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Larry Karns

Executive Director