

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2022
BUSINESS SESSION 1**

Call to order

Northeast Zone Vice President Thomas Orisich, P.L.S. (MD-PS) called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He welcomed attendees to the Northeast Zone annual meeting.

Roll call

Northeast Zone Assistant Vice President Samuel Wilson, P.E. (DC) called the roll. The following boards were marked as present: CT, DC, DE-PE, DE-PS, MA, MD-PE, MD-PS, ME-PE, ME-PS, NH-PE, NH-PS, NJ, NY, PA, RI-PE, RI-PS, VT-PE, VT-PS, WV-PE, and WV-PS. A quorum was declared.

Review of schedule/agenda

Vice President Orisich reviewed the schedule and the agenda for the group. He asked for any other agenda items that need to be added to the list; none was suggested.

Zone business

Approval of zone meeting minutes from 2022 interim zone meeting

Azuanuka (Azu) Etoniru, P.E., P.L.S. (MA) made a motion, which was seconded by Howard (Skip) Harlerode II, P.E. (MD-PE), to approve the 2022 Northeast Zone interim meeting minutes. Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Discussion of motions/reports

Western Zone motion—Path to licensure

Discussions indicated that zone members were against the Western Zone motion for the following reasons: how to verify the 10 years, how was the original license obtained, could it be governor granted now to get a license—creates an additional pathway to licensure, state legislature dictates, does not recognize Model Law so the gold standard is weakened, sets the bar too high—why 10 years, create the lowest common denominator.

Elimination of the incidental drainage PS divisional exam

The proposed Incidental Drainage division is being eliminated from consideration of the potential changes to the PS exam because during the PAKS process survey participants did not identify it as being important enough, even though 200 responses were received. It was suggested that maybe the Northeast Zone in conjunction with the Southern Zone ask the Council to reconsider their decision. However, it was suggested that the zones not proceed with such a motion. Andrew Zoutewelle, P.L.S.; Doyle Allen, L.S.; and John Mettee, P.L.S., from the Colonial States Boards of Surveyor Registration are in discussions with Council leadership regarding the possibility of the Colonial States picking up where the Council stopped. NCEES CEO David Cox will schedule a meeting with the Colonial States stakeholders to review the PAKS results and provide all the backup data for their consideration.

Recess

Meeting was recessed at 4:50 p.m.

NOTE: The Northeast Zone meeting did not reconvene on Thursday August 25, 2022, as the NCEES business meeting ended early.

Respectively submitted,
John Mettee III, P.L.S. (MD-PS), Northeast Zone Secretary-Treasurer