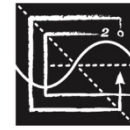


**MINUTES OF THE 2024 CENTRAL ZONE ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Jan Bostelman, P.E., Central Zone Vice President, Presiding**  
**Chicago, Illinois, August 14–17**



**NCEES**  
*advancing licensure for  
engineers and surveyors*

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15**  
**BUSINESS SESSION 1**

**Call to order**

Central Zone Vice President Janice Bostelman, P.E. (NE-PE) called the meeting to order at 10:44 a.m. and welcomed all Central Zone attendees.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice President Bostelman led the Central Zone members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Welcome**

After a brief welcome from Vice President Bostelman, first-time attendees were asked to stand and were welcomed to the meeting.

**Roll call**

Secretary Jason Suelter, P.E., S.E. (NE-PE) called roll for the Central Zone membership. Representatives from all Central Zone member boards were present, and a quorum was declared.

Illinois PE	Illinois SE	Illinois PS
Indiana PE	Indiana PS	
Iowa		
Kansas		
Michigan PE	Michigan PS	
Minnesota		
Missouri		
Nebraska PE	Nebraska PS	
North Dakota		
Ohio		
South Dakota		
Wisconsin		

**Review of schedule**

Vice President Bostelman noted a quick schedule for the meeting.

**Call for additional agenda items**

Vice President Bostelman asked for any additional agenda items. There were none.

**Approval of minutes from 2024 Central Zone interim meeting**

Vice President Bostelman called for an approval of the zone meeting minutes from the 2024 Central Zone interim meeting. Indiana PE moved for approval of the minutes; Iowa seconded. The motion passed.

**Discussion**

The members briefly discussed the potential implementation procedures of the newly signed mutual recognition agreement with the United Kingdom. The hope was that NCEES would be able to provide some initial direction/clarity on how reciprocity cases will be handled.

John Greenhalge (OH) indicated that the MBA Committee motion to amend *Model Law 150.20*, pertaining to sealed or expunged records, would be pulled. A brief discussion followed.

**State reports**

An abbreviated report from each of the Central Zone states is provided as an appendix to these minutes.

### **New business**

Vice President Bostelman opened the floor for discussion of issues relevant to the members. The following items were discussed:

- The Western Zone invited the Central Zone to a dinner that night at Time Out Market to celebrate the upcoming combined zone meeting in May 2025.

### **Adjournment**

Vice President Bostelman adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Jason Suelter, P.E., S.E.

NCEES Central Zone Secretary

## APPENDIX: STATE REPORTS

### Illinois PE, SE, and PLS Board Updates

Each board has had new members added in the last few months.  
An update to number of engineers and surveyors was provided.  
Discussions were ongoing as it pertained to the MRA with the UK.

### Indiana PE and PLS Board Updates

PE Board was working on the updates to the rules.  
A committee was being formed or put in place to look at the Engineering Tech degree.  
An update to the number of engineers in the state was provided.

PLS had changes on the board as well.  
There are ongoing discussions and work with updating the rules with the requirements of each person having to submit their CEU's.

### Iowa Board Update

Iowa has two new board members and a new MBA.  
Emeritus member Rita Perea is serving on the newly formed NCEEs Foundation Board.  
This years NCEEs President is Laura Sievers.

Recently finished the administrative rule changes and were able to survive the suggested cuts to the members of the Board.

Iowa currently supports the PLSS exam is working to adopt it through the Legislature. When adopted they will maintain their state specific exam but remove the PLSS questions from the item bank.

### Kansas Board Update

An update to number of members in the state and upcoming challenges the Board is working on.  
Working on the review of all the Board regulations which is due mid 2025.  
Reviewing Post Renewal Continuing Education audit procedure and regulations.

### Michigan Board Update

PE Board provided an update to number of licensed Professional Engineers in Michigan.

Several rule changes were implemented and continue to be clarified.  
Newly implemented rule revisions pertaining to the alignment of re-licensure CE hours with renewal CE hours, and pathways to licensure via work experience are on going.

### PS Board

*Michigan Board of Professional Surveyors Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA)*

The Michigan Professional Surveyors Board (PSB) is under Michigan Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), Board of Professional Surveyors. The PSB meets quarterly in January, May and September.

*Michigan Professional Surveyors Board (PSB)*

The PSB consists of 5 Professional Surveyors, 1, Professional Engineer, 1 Licensed Architect and 2 Members of the Public.

### *General Information*

- Michigan has 798 Professional Surveyors. Approximately 440 are residents of Michigan.
- In January 2024 new rules were approved by the Michigan Board of Professional Surveyors. The revisions were minor in nature.

Michigan Land Surveying Licensure requires (<http://www.michigan.gov/bplrules> & <http://www.legislature.mi.gov>)

➤ *Education*

- a bachelor's degree in any discipline
- See Michigan Rules - R 339.17201 Educational requirements
- *Testing*
  - Take the NCEES FS Part I & PS Part IIA Nation Exams
  - Take the Michigan Part IIB State specific test ([www.psiexams.com](http://www.psiexams.com))
- *Maintaining License*
  - Licenses are renewed every 2 years on the anniversary date a license is issued.
  - The license fee or renewal is \$100 and must be renewed online at BPL's website using the online payment system.
  - If the license expires for more than 60 days, you will be required to apply for re-licensure to reactivate the license.
  - A Professional Surveyor in Michigan shall complete an average of 15 hours of continuing professional education annually for a total of 30 hours during a 2-year license cycle.

#### *Land Surveying Universities and Colleges*

- Michigan has 2 Universities that offer a bachelor's degree in Land Surveying
  - Michigan Technological University (MTU)
  - Ferris State University (FSU)
- There are 2 colleges that offer associate degrees in surveying.
  - Northern Michigan College (NMC)
  - Macomb College (MC)
  - NMU offers an Associate Degree in Marine Surveying. Michigan Technological University (MTU) and Ferris State University (FSU) offers a 2 + 2 Bachelor's Degree for NMC students.

#### *Complaints*

- All complaints filed against a Professional Surveyor are filed with LARA.
- LARA will have an investigator review the case and interview witnesses.
- If LARA determines the complaint is credible, they will forward the complaint to the chairperson on the licensing board who then reviews the complaint or assigns it to another board member to review.
- If it is determined the professional surveyor is found to be in violation of the Occupational Code or Land Surveying Rules. The Licensing Board will make recommendations on fines and/or penalties.

#### Missouri Board Update

Update on the 15 person board membership with 1 vacancy covering Architects, Engineers, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects.

The current \$35 bi-annual renewal will be increasing.

A new computer system is being put in place.

#### Nebraska Board Update

PE Board pertaining to the number of licensed engineers in the state.

There are ongoing discussions about multiple boards combining as well potential board additions.

Current Legislative proposals are being considered at a committee level that may have impacts on the Board size and appropriations.

PS Board consists of 4 surveyors and 1 public member. The State Surveyor serves as Ex-Officio Secretary of the Board.

An update was provided as to the number of currently registered Surveyors and Surveyors in Training.

Processes pertaining to the approval for initial and reciprocity applicants was provided.

There are 30 PDH's required of the 2-year period including 2 hours of ethics.

Legislative Bill 102 currently passed which revises the following:

- Nebraska Plane Coordinate System Act

- Land Surveyors Regulation Act

- Give authority to professional land Surveyors ass to public and private lands

- Defines the scope of practice and licensure processes for land surveyors

- Defines a professional disciplinary process for the Act

- Changes 'registered' to 'professional' land surveyor

- Requires those employing land surveyors to obtain a Certificate of Authorization

### North Dakota Board Update

They have a new executive director, Kimberly Gullickson.

Provided an update on number of current professional engineers and land surveyors.

NDCC- updated to allow decoupling and allow civil penalties.

### Ohio Board Update

A brief update on the board indicating that 2 new members have been added.

The Board will allow up to two years of overlapping engineering and surveying experience provided the applicant can demonstrate the experience contained both engineering and surveying work. This will reduce the time to become licensed as both a PE and PS from eight to six years.

Ongoing sunset review of Ohio's occupational licensure review process. Ohio requires 1/3 of Ohio licensing agencies to be reviewed every two years to determine if there is a need for changes to increase efficiency and eliminate unnecessary requirements for licensure.

The legislature continues to focus on low fees, the continuing professional development requirement, barriers to licensure, and the ease of applying for licensure and the time and takes for approval in order to quickly approve applications

### South Dakota Board Update

Board is a combination of PE/LS/AIA.

7 members including 1 public, with 3 new members on the Board

Most recently launched a new online database for engineers.

Have continued to work on the rules in order to add decoupling.

Trying to promote licensure as much as can still complying with rules/laws

### Wisconsin Board Update

The Board has a new MBA and applications for land surveyors is up.

The engineers are working on the rules pertaining to electronic documents.

Working on better defining the 'supervision of practice' definition.