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What You Need To Know...New Board Rules & Policies In Effect

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As of October 1, 2000, you, as a licensee, are practicing under new Board Rules and Policies. It is no less than an understatement to say that it is vital to your ability to make a living that you read, understand, and comply with those new rules and policies. **The new Board Rules and Policies are found just a few pages beyond this one in this Annual Report.**

What's the big deal, you may ask? Although the revisions do not represent a philosophical shift by the Board in its interpretation of the law, the difference is in the articulation by rule for the first time of some statutory terms that have been major sources of confusion over the past several years: delineation of where the exemptions to the laws start and stop, defining the forms of organizations that can legally offer professional engineering and/or professional land surveying, and what constitutes the responsible charge of engineering and land surveying. It's ***your responsibility*** to be knowledgeable about these rules and be in compliance with them.

In addition, rather than the previous two sets of rules, the Board Rules of Procedure and Board Rules of Professional Conduct, the newly adopted rules encompass both in one set and have been completely reorganized and renumbered. The new format will hopefully make the rules easier to use.

The new sections in the "Bylaws and Rules" are:

- 1.0 Preamble and Bylaws
- 2.0 Abbreviations and Definitions
- 3.0 Rules of Conduct
- 4.0 Rules of Administrative Procedure
- 5.0 Rules of Professional Engineering Practice
- 6.0 Rules of Land Surveying Practice
- 7.0 Rules of Board Procedure

The Board Policies have also been revised with a parallel numbering system for ease of use and reference to relevant rules. The new system is:

- 10.0 Reserved
- 20.0 Abbreviations and Definitions
- 30.0 Reserved
- 40.0 Policies Concerning Administrative Procedure
- 50.0 Policies Concerning the Practice of Engineering
- 60.0 Policies Concerning the Practice of Land Surveying
- 70.0 Policies Concerning Board Procedure

Naturally, you are strongly encouraged to read *all* of the revised Board Rules and Policies. However, if you do nothing else with these, at a minimum please read and become familiar with the following rules:

2.2 - Definitions...of:

- Exemptions
- Forms of Organizations Permitted to Practice
- Practice of Engineering
- Responsible Charge of Engineering
- Responsible Charge of Land Surveying

5.1.2 - Seal Application

5.1.3 - Signature and Date through Seal Required

5.1.4 - Sealing Documents That Are Not Final

6.1.2 - Seal Location

6.1.3 - Signature and Date through Seal Required

6.1.4 - Dealing Documents That Are Not Final

These particular rules clarify what is expected of you to prevent so many of the disciplinary issues and confusion of the past several years.

Board Appointments To Be Made Soon

As of the writing of this newsletter in early October, it is anticipated that Governor Bill Owens will soon make appointments to the Board for those whose terms recently expired.

Diana Horner, PE, has served two full four-year terms on the Board and is not eligible for re-appointment. Her stalwart dedication to the Board's work has been an inspiration to all and she will be missed for her commitment to protecting the public, her integrity and professionalism,

and her subtle humor.

Dawn Bookhardt, Public Member, and Jill Tietjen, PE, are eligible for re-appointment to the Board and have indicated their willingness to continue to serve. Their participation in the many activities of the Board has been greatly appreciated.

Information on the status of the Board's composition can be found on the Board's web site at www.dora.state.co.us/engineers_surveyors.

Update on the Online Land Surveyor Monument Record System

If you've viewed the land survey monument records on line, or tried to since they became available in April, 2000, you know that we are dealing with a work in progress, to say the least! Hopefully, the fact that we have a system is a step in the right direction rather than none at all.

Please be patient and know that we are working hard to resolve the many problems with the software and the errors in the indexing of the rec-

ords. There is no doubt that this effort is going to take a long time to accomplish.

So, our recommendation to you is that you continue to rely on the good old systems to which you're accustomed - the paper version of the records in our office and the copies at the courthouse - and use the new system as a supplement to your research, at least until we're at a point where we've worked out the problems.

Board Statistics Fiscal Year 2000

Active & Retired Licensees	19,638
New PE Registrants.....	897
New PLS Registrants	39
New Engineer Interns	958
New Land Surveyor Interns	27
Number of Examinees	2,042

Disciplinary Actions

Complaints Filed.....	81
Complaints Dismissed	43
Letters of Admonition Issued.....	24
Cease & Desist Orders.....	5
Stipulations.....	21
License Suspensions	2
Licenses Voluntarily Surrendered	2
License Revocations	0
Fines Levied.....	8

Examination Pass Rates

Principles and Practice of Engineering	
Oct '99	40.31%
Apr '00	43.28%

Principles and Practice of Surveying	
Oct '99	61.11%
Apr '00	56.67%

Fundamentals of Engineering	
Oct '99	77.03%
Apr '00	71.69%

Fundamentals of Surveying	
Oct '99	52.94%
Apr '00	34.38%

Colorado State Specific Surveying Exam	
Oct '99	63.64%
Apr '00	65.00%



Have You Moved Lately?

It's imperative that you notify the Board office of your new address when you move so that we can keep you informed. Send us your new address in writing by mail, fax or email to
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Suite 1370,
Denver, Colorado
80202
FAX: 303/894-7790
Email: engineers_surveyors@dora.state.co.us



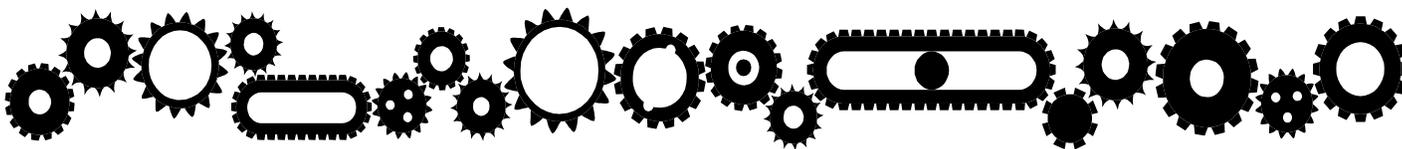
Remember!

You are obligated by law to keep the Board informed of your current address. If you fail to notify us that you have changed your address, you won't receive your renewal notice. Then, if you fail to renew your license and you continue to practice, you will be in violation of the law!

Your license expires every two years. We send you a renewal notice approximately one month in advance of expiration. But, if you don't let us know when you change your address, you may not receive the renewal notice. Regardless, it's **YOUR** responsibility to make sure that you renew on time.

If your license lapses for more than two years, you must formally re-apply to the Board for reinstatement.

So remember, renew your license every two years and let the Board know of any address changes.



ADDRESS CHANGE? Let Us Know!

Licensee name _____
Last Name Jr./III First Middle

License number _____

Current home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Current business address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Employer _____

Preferred mailing address: _____ Home _____ Business _____

Current daytime telephone () _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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DENVER, CO 80202

or FAX TO: 303/894-7790

or Email TO: engineers_surveyors@dora.state.co.us

Registrants who do not notify the Board in writing within 30 days of a change of address may be subject to disciplinary action.