



MONTANA PEPLS NEWSLETTER

SUMMER/FALL 2015

The Montana Board of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors met on August 5-6, 2015.

Here are some of the actions taken by the Board at that meeting:

APPLICATION REVIEWS:

PE by Comity

- Reviewed: 5
- Approved: 4

PE/EI by Exam

- Reviewed: 4
- Approved: 2 (all PE)

PLS by Comity

- Reviewed: 3
- Approved: 3

PLS/LSI by Exam

- Reviewed: 4
- Approved: 3 (all LS)

OTHER BOARD ACTIONS:

- The Board received a request by Great Basin College for the Board to approve its Land Surveying curriculum. The Board declined and decided to evaluate all out-of-state Land Surveying curricula on a case-by-case basis with each license application.
- The Board formed a Land Surveying Curriculum review committee that will review current Board-approved Land Surveying curricula at Flathead Valley Community College and Montana State University-Bozeman.
- The Board agreed to delegate authority for administrative suspension of licenses in certain circumstances to the Department of Labor & Industry under terms of SB 76, which passed the 2015 Legislature.

OTHER BOARD NEWS:

- The Board administered its new Montana (state-specific) Land Surveyor Examination on August 6. The next tentative date for the exam will be Friday, October 30. The location of the exam will be announced in advance.
- Board member Ruhul Amin and Executive Officer Ian Marquand will attend the NCEES Annual Meeting in Williamsburg VA August 19-22.

2015 Board Officers

Presiding Officer

David Elias, PLS/PE

Vice-Presiding Officer

Jane Eby, PLS/PE

Secretary

Byron Stahly, PE

Other Board Members

Ruhul Amin, PE

Ron Drake, PE

Wallace Gladstone, PE/PLS

Hal Jacobson, Public Member

Casey Johnston, PE

One public member position is vacant at this time.

Executive Officer

Ian Marquand

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OTHER BOARD NEWS (cont.):

- The Board's successful 2015 legislative effort to update licensing statutes in Montana for all engineering and land surveying licenses has been featured in the June issue of the NCEES "Licensure Exchange" publication. To read the full article, visit:
<http://ncees.org/about-ncees/licensure-exchange/licensure-exchange-june-2015/>

To read the text of HB 63, the Board's licensure bill, visit:
[http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/law0203w\\$.startup?P_SESS=20151](http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/law0203w$.startup?P_SESS=20151)
and search for HB 63.

**The Board's next regularly scheduled meeting:
Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. (one day meeting)
301 S. Park Ave. in Helena
Information and agendas for Board meetings are at:
www.engineer.mt.gov and www.landsurveyor.mt.gov**