COMMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is a pleasure to now serve as your Board President, and I look forward to faithfully discharging this duty. During my time on this Board, I have been impressed with the competence, integrity and actions of my fellow Board members. Many of the actions taken by the Board are of critical impact to the lives and careers of individuals and/or businesses and to the public welfare. Often our decisions required serious “soul searching” and it is comforting to me to realize that the positions taken by my fellow Board members, while not always in agreement with my own, are based upon a fair and intelligent evaluation of all sides of the issue.

Many of you may be aware that my father was President of this Board in 1960, 1964 and 1968. It is my understanding, from him, that the Board has almost always been composed of people like my fellow Board members. We are fortunate to have this tradition, and it is my hope that this will always be the case in Arkansas.

The past year was a very active year for the Board, and I want to thank Walt LeFevere for the outstanding job he performed as our Past President.

We have been (and still are in some cases) dealing with issues such as NAFTA, JTAS, continuing education, changing FE exams as well as our normal business. We processed 846 applications last year for engineers and land surveyors. 537 of these were approved for the exam. 226 of these were reciprocal applications of which 155 were approved. We now have 5,275 Arkansas Professional Engineers and 732 Arkansas Professional Land Surveyors. The application process involves, among other steps, a review of each application by all Board members.

The Board received 28 (twenty-eight) complaints against registrants and non-registrants last year which were all processed.

The Board conducted 3 (three) disciplinary hearings, most of which required a great deal of investigative work prior to each hearing. The results of these hearings ranged from decisions to take no action to rescinding the professional’s license and levying fines which ranged as high as $14,000.00 this year.

The pass rate on the PE exam of this last April was a disappointing 37% overall; 31% of mechanical passed; 6% of electrical passed; 62% of civil passed. The October, 1994 exam also had a disappointing 39% pass rate.

As most of you are aware, during this past year the Engineers and Architects struggled with the overlapping of our professions. Many of the different engineering and architectural organizations, as well as both Boards of the professions, worked through a sometimes painful process which resulted in legislative action (Acts 834 and 860) to address the issues of both professions (see related article). If you have not read these Acts, please do. The Board’s joint committee with the Architect’s Board continues to function with the goal of maintaining understanding and cooperation between the two Boards and the two professions.

As this Newsletter is being prepared, the Board prepares to attend our national meeting of the National Council of Engineering Examiners in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Issues on the agenda at this meeting are the exam, international practice and disciplinary action.

Your Board meets every two months and is open to the public. You are welcome to attend.

I look forward to serving as your President of the Board, representing you and your honorable profession with the purpose of safeguarding life, health and property and promoting the public welfare.
NEW LEGISLATION

Act 834 of 1995 was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. This Act amends the Engineering Registration Law to include the following: “The provisions of this chapter afﬁrm the legal authority of an engineer licensed under its provisions to provide consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning and design of buildings intended for accommodation of equipment, vehicles, goods and/or processes or other utilitarian functions, with human occupancy including ofﬁce space as required for the support of these functions, provided the engineer is practicing within his or her area of competency as deﬁned by this chapter.”

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The Board held a disciplinary hearing on Monday, July 10, 1995 on Mr. Herby Anderson, PLS #320. There were numerous counts of violation of minimum standards. The charges were also:

1. The respondent failed to be cognizant of the fact that the surveyor’s ﬁrst and foremost responsibility is to the public welfare.
2. That respondent failed to approve and seal only those surveys that conform to accepted surveying standards.
3. That respondent failed to be objective and truthful in professional regards.
4. That respondent failed to prevent the use of his name or ﬁrm by any person engaging in fraudulent or dishonest professional practice.
5. That respondent failed to maintain direct control and supervision of all land surveying work performed.

The Board found Mr. Anderson guilty of all charges. They imposed a civil penalty in the total amount of $14,250.00 and revoked Mr. Anderson's Professional Land Surveying license. This action has been appealed to the Circuit Court by Mr. Anderson.

LAPSED LICENSES

The following Professional Engineers did not renew their licenses as of December 31, 1994. Therefore, their licenses have officially lapsed:

John Addington
Herbert Allen, Jr.
David Andres
James Ballard
Frank Battisto
Eugene Billingslea
Richard Bock
Daniel Bohn, Jr.
William Brawner
Preston Bristow, Jr.
James Brown
Thomas Buehler
Louis Burford, Jr.
Robert Burson
Thad Bynum
John Campbell
L. Carlson
Kenneth Cervenka
Henry Chen
Paul Clouse
Stephen Coates
C. Cornelius
James Cowan
Doye Cox
Ronald Czajkowski
Ronald Davis
Joseph Dieterman
Ralph Dougherty
Joseph Duchateau
Avin Edwards
Sidney Epstein
Raul Espinosa
A. Fawcett
Jack Finley
David Fletrich
J. Ford
William Ford
Carl Fowler
James Gallagher
Jeffrey Garrett
Allen Gault
Samir Gerges
Clifford Gilstrap
Jack Goldberg
Charles Graves
Dalton Green
Jerry Gulaby
Kenneth Guthrie, Jr.
Frank Harrison
Dorol Harrison
Robert Hawkins
Allen Henson
Robert Hlavacek
Ben Hogan
J. Hogan
Jerry Howard
Ziyad Husami
Michael Jensen
Barry Jones
John Kartsonis
Fred Kasper, Jr.
Amir Kazeminia
Thomas Kelley, Jr.
Charles Khoury
Joseph Kingston, III
Paul Klipsch
Kevin Kyler
Laurence Lambert
James Lawson
James Longinotti
James Lovell
Marvin Lunsford
W. Marak
Michael Marion
James Marlow, Jr.
Donald McAlister
Gerald McChesney
Graham McElhanon
Richard McCaughy
Charles Metcalfer
Kevin Milgrim
Grover Moore, Jr.
Paul Morrisey
Viet Ngo
Emmanuel Nicolaides
Gordon Nielson
Homer Ooten
Jack Osborn
Josef Patten
David Peer
James Pouncey
Charles Redman, Jr.
John Reinhardt
Alan Richter
Ernest Russell, Jr.
Robert Sanders
Henry Schacht
Anthony Schneider
Ray Schneller
Robert Sears
Brian Seylerth
Terry Shaw
James Shields
Richard Siegler
Rayford Smith
Edward Smith
Joseph Spang, Jr.
Robert Sparks
Isaac Spoon
Leslie St. John
Robert Sullivan
Danny Tebo
Wayne Thomas
Donald Thompson
Robert Thompson
Rex Tidwel, Jr.
Thomas Tucker
James Turner
Benjamin Weintraub
John Wilson
Donald Wolniak
Philip Wood
Olen Yandell
Carlos Young
Sydney Zeid

NEWLY-APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

Governor Jim Guy Tucker has appointed 2 (two) new Board Members for terms to expire on July 1, 1999. The new members are as follows:

Dan Flowers, PE, was appointed to replace Charles E. Venable, PE, PLS. Charles had served for two (2) four-year (4-year) terms which expired on July 1, 1995. Dan is Director of the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department. He and his wife Sara live in Sherwood, Arkansas.

H. W. (Bill) Goodman, Jr., PE, was appointed to replace Samuel D. Cummings, PE. Sam had served for two (2) four-year (4-year) terms which expired on July 1, 1995. Bill is owner of H. W. Goodman, Jr., Consulting Engineers in Little Rock, Arkansas. He and his wife Molly live in Little Rock.

We would like to welcome both Bill and Dan to the Board and look forward to our association with them in activities of the Board.
PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

The following have completed all requirements and have been licensed as Professional Land Surveyors since the last newsletter:

Anthony Anderson  Lewis D. Jones, Jr.  Russell Podgorny
Thomas Costello  Lee Kendrick  Brian Scott
George Hamman  Kenneth Kuras  Paul White

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

The following have completed all requirements and have been licensed as Professional Engineers since the last newsletter:

George Tebbetts  Floyd Gunsaulis  David Porter
Glynn Adams  David Harris  Rudy Rieple
Billy Bradberry  Steve Hesse  Ted Schlueter
Lawrence Calhoun  William Hettel  Norman Scott, Jr.
Franklin Carpenter  Stephen Jeffus  Robert Seay
Jeffrey Carr  Steven Jones  Joe Shores
William Casady  Andrew Lachowsky  Abdel Siag
John Clark  Scott Lindberg  Ward Simon
David Copple  Charles Martin  Ronni Southerland
James Cramer  Christopher McComb  Gregory Thoma
William Cranston III  William McEntire  Donald Tutor
Sean Dockery  Michael McGuire  Kyle Walter
Kenneth Duncan  Nicholas Moore III  Timothy Webb
Jeff Geurian  Douglas Munell  Wendell Wells
Mohsen Ghadimkhani  Raymond Offenbacker  Ricky White
David Gilbert  Alvin Parent, Jr.  Ronota Woodbridge
Dale Gottspencer  Joey Pillow  Greg Yada

BOARD NEWS

H. James (Jim) Engstrom, PE of Little Rock, was elected President of the Board. His term runs from July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996.

James M. (Mike) Hart, PLS of Hot Springs, was elected Vice President of the Board. His term runs from July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996.

IMPORTANT BOARD DATES

Aug. 9-13, 1995 — NCEES Annual Meeting,
Pittsburgh, PA

Sept. 12, 1995 — Board Meeting, Little Rock
Oct. 27, 1995 — Principles and Practice of Engineering and Land Surveying Exams

and Land Surveyor in Training Exams

Nov. 6, 1995 — Board Meeting, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro
Jan. 1, 1996 — Renewal of PE License
Jan. 9, 1996 — Board Meeting, Little Rock
Feb. 1, 1996 — Deadline for applications for April Exams

APPLICATION REVIEW

One of the tasks of Board Members is to review all applications to determine if the applicant meets the requirements for a Professional Engineer's license in Arkansas. Most of the applications are very straightforward. However, one of our Board Members compiled the following comments. These were taken from actual applications that were received. (Misspellings were not corrected.)

Do you know an electrical engineer who is well grounded? "Mr. F. is well grounded and rounded engineer." "He is at the cutting edge of instrumentation engineering." "W is dedicated technically competent, and a natural curiosity." How about a "well-seasoned" and highly qualified engineer? Or one who is honest, capable, and "possesses integrity" or who has proven his "professionally"?

These are all descriptions of engineers which I have read on applications for licenses. Also, I read "Mr. S is extremely self conscious of his work." "His character is considered ingenious." Also, "I knows the fundamentals of design, but sometimes he gets lazy and conservative." "He is an exemplary engineer—a fast burner that is capable." "G is very competent and conscientious." I especially like "he is very conscience of his work", "A is intellectually capacious", and "D is very stable, scrupulous person". Another—"he is well respected as an engineer among his piers." "S is quite rounded in his knowledge." "G although not particularly expedient, is through." "He has the education, engineering training, and the guts to make right decisions." "He has happy clients" which is nice, but I also read "his neatness is his only drawback." "B is competent to engage assignment during his passed experience." "He is very thorough, experienced and contented on behalf of his clients." "Able to solve problems thru analysis and synthesizes" says one.

How about Mrs. P—"when she fine tunes her interpersonal skills, she will be a very good engineering/managerial prospect"? "W is starting myself." One respondent writes "my business connection with applicant is a manager interfacing with him in our in house events analysis group. "He has root cause analysis skills and has logical thought processing skills."

Another writes "applicant's general reputation and character are somewhat questionable." "H has both mechanical and electrical degrees—he is therefore flexible." "I feel his character and ethics are compatible with the engineering profession." Is this a compliment?
Please Take Note

Apparently, many of our registrants have been relying upon the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers, Arkansas Society of Professional Surveyors and other organizations to forward their address change notifications to the Board of Registration. As a matter of policy, the Board must review address change notifications in writing directly from the registrant. No other notifications of address change will be accepted. If your address on this mailing is incorrect, please complete the following and mail to the Board Office at P.O. Box 3750, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203.

Please Type or Print Clearly

NAME ____________________________

ADDRESS __________________________

CITY __________________________

STATE __________________________

ZIP __________________________

SOCIAL SECURITY NO. __________________________

PE/LS LICENSE NO. __________________________

SIGNATURE __________________________

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