LOOKING BACK . . . by Bruce Pitts, PLS

Looking back over my last 9 years with this board, many exceptional people and events come to mind. I feel very fortunate to have served with many dedicated board members, committee volunteers and a friendly and helpful board staff.

To begin with I had the opportunity to have served on the board with two highly conscientious and concerned public members, Vina Showers and George Vogler. Both served notice from the beginning of their terms that they were going to be leaders and very involved in board business. In fact Mr. Vogler went on to be the first public member to become chairman, and perhaps the first board member to serve two consecutive terms as chairman.

The state is indeed fortunate to have had PLS members Ted Sack and Roy Entz during my terms - both committed to the profession of land surveying and to the belief that for the public to be protected, the boundaries of this state should be correctly staked and permanently fixed. I also had the privilege of serving with many outstanding engineer members who by their example have set the standard of public service at the highest level. Jon Nelson, P.E., is a good representative of the caliber of engineer member I served with. Jon regularly spends his free time visiting college engineering classes promoting professionalism, ethics and professional registration. It has been a pleasure serving with so many engineers who make public protection their mission.

We are very fortunate to have a registration board which is so accessible and responsive to the needs of the public and its registrants. Kathy Hart, Executive Director, and her experienced staff have created an office which serves as a model as to how we want all governmental offices run. Principal Assistant Bill Dickerson, P.E., has been tireless in his assistance and encouragement to the board members. Sue Andrews has courteously worked with applicants and examinees to enable prompt and fair licensure for all individuals. I have often been complimented on the promptness, efficiency and friendliness exhibited by this wonderful group of individuals.

My thanks to the land surveyors who served on the exam writing committee for the last 6 years: Jim Helmert, Gary Rayner, Danny Turner, Billy Schooley, Greg Gunning, Burk Cornelius, Bill Wilson, Wes Bills, Roy Entz and Ted Sack. Thanks also to Diane Spicer, Executive Secretary of the Board, who has patiently worked with us and now has this exam entirely computerized. Through their efforts, Oklahoma’s state specific exam fairly compliments the NCEES exams and insures that Oklahoma registrants are competent in the Oklahoma Statutes and the U.S. Public Land Survey System.

The transition into continuing education for land surveyors was greatly facilitated by the work of the continuing education committee for land surveyors consisting of Don Vick, Gerald Middleton, Ron Leifheit, Ron Cornelius, Roy Entz, Ted Sack, Gordon Johnson and Steve Leblanc. Cindy Beil, Cont.Ed. Coordinator, also patiently walked all Oklahoma surveyors through the reporting process and assisted with audits. A very special thanks is extended to the Okla. Society of Land Surveyors and especially OSLS Exec. Dir. David Anderson for cooperating with the Board and providing so many quality, reasonably priced opportunities for continuing education.

I urge all registrants to take advantage of the opportunity we have been given to make policy and guide the direction of our chosen professions.
Retired or Inactive Status
April 1, 2000 to June 30, 2000

Active, professionals registered in Oklahoma 25 consecutive years, or 65 or older and retired from active practice, or disabled so as not to permit active practice, may request inactive status by filing an application showing compliance with Board Rules 245:15-7.4.

IN MEMORIAM
The Board and Staff wish to extend our sympathies to the families and friends of these individuals who have honored their professions....

William Bruce Hayes PE 17237
Tulsa, OK 4/2000

Albert C. Koegel PE 4840
Irving, TX 8/01/1999

B. VerNooy PE 6489
Tulsa, OK 3/2000

E. J. Boudreaux Jr. PE 15004
Houston, TX 3/21/2000

G. L. Kipps PE 16290
Talladega, AL 12/06/1998

Richard W. Hurn PE 2573
Bartlesville, OK 4/14/2000

E. B. Kidd PE 2567
Oklahoma City, OK 1998

BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS FOR FY2001
Chairman Jon Nelson, P.E.
Vice-Chairman George Vogler, Public Member
Secretary Ted Sack, P.L.S.

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FINAL ACTION
by Bruce Pitts, PLS

As I prepare to leave this Board, as a final action I wanted to again share with you the first sentence of our registration act and encourage you take this bold statement to heart. Certainly I encourage you to familiarize yourself with all of the Board statutes, rules and policies: but, this is the one statement that best summarizes our mission:

“In order to safeguard life, health and property, and to promote the public welfare, the practice of engineering and the practice of land surveying in this state are hereby declared to be subject to regulation the public interest.”

This comprehensive yet concise statement clearly places public protection as the ultimate mission for all who would hold themselves out as professional engineers and land surveyors. It is not asking us to be saints; but it is reminding us to be aware that each day there are actions and decisions that need to be filtered through the spirit of public duty.

One of the most important things we can do every day is to make the right ethical decision when we are confronted with a choice between the public welfare and economic self-interest. This would seem like almost a given; but, in my experience on the Board, there have been numerous times where we had to take action because a registrant let economic pressure or an unrealistic time schedule rule a design or procedure decision. While we can and should be promoting qualification based selection for our services, the reality is that we live and practice in a highly competitive environment that is often going to select the low bidder. To keep our doors open, we must learn to operate more efficiently and competitively; but, we must at all times keep the public welfare highest in our decision making process.

So, what obligation do we have as individuals towards the low bidder when we discover that the public has been endangered? I don’t believe our mission statement lets us sit idly by and hope that someone else takes care of the problem. I believe we have an obligation to communicate with that registrant and try and educate them on how to perform his or her duties. If that set of plans contains a design flaw which could lead to failure or if that boundary survey is so incompetent that unnecessary litigation will follow, and that registrant refuses to communicate with you, then you have an obligation to inform the Board. The public demands no less.

Finally, one of the best ways to protect the public is by promoting registration of all engineers and land surveyors. Registered individuals adhere to a professional standard of conduct and have demonstrated by education, experience and examination that they are qualified to be called professionals. Unfortunately industry, government and higher education do not always emphasize the importance of registration and the public does not know the difference and can be easily misled and unprotected when an unlicensed individual calls himself an engineer or land surveyor.

Obtaining the goals of public protection and raising the professional standard must be a joint effort between the Board, who interprets and enforces the provisions of this statute; the professional societies, who promote the professions; and the individual registrants who must apply these principles to their daily practice.

REMAINING BOARD MEETING DATES - 2000

September 13-15**
November 16-17

**The September meeting date was amended to include September 13.

Exam Dates & Cut-off Dates for submitting applications:

August 3, 2000 - Cut-off date for accepting P.E. and L.S. Applications for the October 27, 2000 Exams
Governor Frank Keating recently appointed Roy W. Entz, P.E., P.L.S. to serve as Board Member for a 6 year term. Mr. Entz previously served on the Board from 1991 - 1997, and has been an active Emeritus Member since that time. During his previous term as Board Member, Roy served two years as Secretary and served as Chairman from 1995-1996. He was instrumental in the original draft and adoption of the Oklahoma Minimum Standards for the Practice of Land Surveying. He was an original member of the Land Surveyor Continuing Education Committee and has worked on the OLS exam committee since its inception.

On the national level, Roy is an active member, and has been for many years, of the Committee on Examinations for Professional Surveyors, which assists in the writing of the Land Surveyor examination. He is an active member in the NCEES and has participated in many Southern Zone and Annual Meetings of the council.

Governor Keating also appointed Ross Relph, P.E., P.L.S. to fill the remaining term of Bob Cornforth which expires on June 28, 2002. Mr. Relph was a partner in the consulting firm of Lowrie & Relph Engineering Company in Oklahoma City from 1960 to 1985. Since 1988, Mr. Relph has been in the private practice of engineering and a fiscal consultant. His practice consists primarily of foundation reports and soils evaluations, damage reports covering fire and storm losses, and structural analyses of commercial buildings and ancillary equipment.

Mr. Relph was a member of the Board’s taskforce formed for the purpose of publishing a “Building Code Officials and Design Professionals Handbook”. Mr. Cornforth was heading that taskforce at the time of his recent death.

Mr. Relph is a member of the Men’s Dinner Club, past member of the Oklahoma City Rotary Club, past branch president and a life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the National Rifle Association, the Oklahoma Historical Society, and a member of the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce.

Pictured Left: Chairman Jon Nelson, P.E. swears in Roy W. Entz, P.E., P.L.S.

Pictured Below: Chairman Jon Nelson, P.E. swears in Ross Relph, P.E., P.L.S.
Proposed Administrative Rule Changes

The Board is currently reviewing its administrative rules and will submit proposed changes for the 2000-2001 legislative session.

The most substantive of the proposed rule changes involve signing and sealing issues; defining “direct control and personal supervision”; fee changes; allowing six (6) months experience credit for a master’s degree (currently no credit is given); providing the Board authority to require an Oklahoma Law and Engineering Exam for new P.E. applicants; revising PDH credits of continuing education college courses for land surveyors; and revising the Oklahoma Minimum Standards for the Practice of Land Surveying (per OSLS’s recommendations).

The proposed changes will be posted on our webpage in mid-September. A public hearing will be held in October/November for public comment, or you may comment in writing to the Board office prior to the public hearing. Please watch for more specifics in the September issue of the “Board’s Bulletin”.

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  Place of Employment:_______________________________________________________

*Complete if your address of record will be your business address:
**DISCIPLINARY ACTIVITY**

May 18-19, 2000

**IN THE MATTER OF GIA INTERNATIONAL, Case No. 99-30, Through Consent**, Respondent is found guilty of practicing and offering to practice engineering without a certificate of authorization. Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty in the sum of $500 and is ordered to cease and desist practicing or offering to practice engineering in the State of Oklahoma until such time as it is duly issued a certificate of authority by this Board.

**IN THE MATTER OF BOBBY R. STOBAUGH, PLS 1274, Case No. 00-04, Through Consent**, Respondent is found guilty of offering to provide engineering services without a certificate of registration. Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty in the sum of $500 and is ordered to cease and desist from practicing or offering to practice engineering for any client, facility or project in the state of Oklahoma until such time as it obtains a certificate of registration issued by this Board. For offering to practice engineering by and through Hill Environmental Resource Organization, Inc. is found guilty, reprimanded, assessed an administrative penalty in the sum of $500 and is ordered to cease and desist from offering to practice engineering for any client, facility or project in the state of Oklahoma until such time as it obtains a certificate of registration.

**IN THE MATTER OF STRABACK SURVEYING, LLC, Case No. 99-41, Summary of Findings and Order.**

For offering to practice engineering by and through Hill Environmental Resource Organization, Inc. is found guilty, reprimanded, assessed an administrative penalty in the sum of $500 and is ordered to cease and desist from offering to practice engineering for any client, facility or project in the state of Oklahoma until such time as it obtains a certificate of registration issued by this Board.

**IN THE MATTER OF ELITE ELECTRICAL, INC., Case No. 00-04, Through Consent**, Respondent is found guilty of offering to provide engineering services without a certificate of authorization. Respondent is reprimanded, assessed an administrative penalty in the sum of $250, and is ordered to cease and desist practicing or offering to practice engineering in the State of Oklahoma until such time as it is duly issued a certificate of authority by this Board.

**IN THE MATTER OF BOBBY R. STOBAUGH, PLS 1274, AND STOBAUGH SURVEYING, C.A. 2589, Case No. 00-07, Through Consent**, Respondents are found guilty of failing to achieve minimum standards as required by the Oklahoma Minimum Standards for the Practice of Land Surveying and for violating the provisions of the Corner Perpetuation and Filing Act. Respondents are jointly assessed an administrative penalty in the sum of $1,000, are hereby placed on probation from the practice of land surveying until November 14, 2000, Respondent Stobaugh shall complete and pass the OLS examination within 30 days of the date of the entry of this order. In the event Respondent Stobaugh takes but does not pass the OLS exam, upon his written request he may take the exam an additional time no later than 30 days from the date of his failure to pass the exam. Should Respondent Stobaugh fail to take and pass the exam within the time prescribed, both the certificate of registration for Bobby Stobaugh and the certificate of authorization of Stobaugh Surveying shall be automatically be suspended. Following suspension, Respondent Stobaugh will be allowed to take the exam 2 additional times in an attempt to regain his license and the certificate of authorization for Stobaugh Surveying.

July 20-21, 2000

**IN THE MATTER OF ALBERT C. PETRASEK, JR., P.E. 19452, Case No. 00-14, Through Consent**, Respondent is found guilty of preparing two engineering reports bearing his Texas seal and signature in connection with litigation involving property in Oklahoma prior to obtaining registration in Oklahoma. Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of $1000.

**IN THE MATTER OF JOHNNY LAU, PLS 1509, Case No. 00-25, Through Consent**, Respondent is found guilty of violating the Corner Perpetuation and Filing Act on at least four occasions. Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of $1000 and is paced on probation for a period of six months.

**IN THE MATTER OF FARRIEL THOMAS, JR. PLS 1469 AND FARRIEL THOMAS, SR. PLS 491, Case No. 00-08, Through Consent**, Respondent Farriel Thomas, Sr. is found guilty of allowing his seal to be placed upon mortgage inspections that he had not done himself or under his direct supervision or control and failing to take reasonable and necessary steps to secure his seal and copies thereof. Respondent Farriel Thomas, Sr. is assessed an administrative penalty in the sum of $1,500. Respondent Farriel Thomas, Jr. is found guilty of failing to take reasonable and necessary steps to secure his seal and copies thereof and is assessed an administrative penalty in the sum of $500.

**IN THE MATTER OF CELLXION MOBILE INTERNATIONAL, LLC, Case No. 00-10, Through Consent**, Respondent is found guilty of offering and practicing engineering without a certificate of authorization. Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty in the sum of $1000 and is ordered to cease and desist from the practice or offer to practice engineering until such time as it is duly issued a certification of authorization by this Board.
License Expirations
March 1, 2000 to May 30, 2000

EXPIRATION/REVOCATION - Certificates may be revoked by the Board for non-payment of renewal fees. Registrants will be notified of revocation by certified mail.*

RENEWALS - Each registration issued by the Board expires on the last day of the month in which renewal fees are due, and becomes invalid on that date unless paid. One notice of renewal is sent by first class mail to the address of record in the board files.**

REINSTATEMENT - Former registrants whose certificates have expired and were revoked for failure to pay renewal fees and desire to reinstate shall make application for reinstatement within 90 days after expiration and pay the prescribed renewal fee and penalty. After 90 days, a new application will be required, which shall be considered specifically by the Board, both from the standpoint of competency and of character.

*By practice, this notification is mailed 10 days following expiration. **In effect, provides notice two months prior to revocation.

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