MoAPEPLSPLA reported that they had an appearance by MO S&T professor to discuss faculty licensure. MO S&T administration requires/encourages licensure for professors. MoAPEPLSPLA works with faculty to get licensed. MO S&T has a 5 year tenure track.

Also the Board reported an appearance by DNR staff in follow up to sending the Board a letter concerned about consultants offering misinformation about possible public funding for wastewater treatment facilities. They offered to write an article for the Board’s newsletter. Division Director Steele gave an update about Board nominations. A.J. Fox, Boards & Commissions is the person to contact for re-appointments to the Board. The Board is working with a consultant on a new strategic plan. Need to plan better for timely appointments; succession planning for board staff; communication with licensees and the public.

Legislation of Interest: Consensus design/build legislation is moving in several bills this year. Also surveyors have revisions for Chapter 327 - surveyors for application must submit letters of reference. HB 2461 was filed which would eliminate the requirement for reference letters by surveyor applicants. This change would make the surveying application requirement consistent with the other three professions. Also, legislation was filed, vis SB 828, which provides that attorneys and title insurance companies are not precluded by land surveyor statutes from preparing property descriptions. In addition, legislation will most likely be filed by MSPS to increase education requirements for surveyors.

Electronic Seals for Design Documents: MoAPEPLSPLA has a committee working on this issue. Cody Dailey - with the evolution of our profession all documents are digital/electronic. Florida is very proactive with this issue - handouts. Springfield uses online reviews of design documents - ProjectDocs. Online submittals only. Need to address 3-D design products and BIM products. Need to authenticate the signing and sealing of documents. Also look at access for archiving.

Information for Building Officials: When should they look for an architect’s seal and when can they use an engineer’s seal? Don’t do anything at this point and just point to the current rules/law. Judge each circumstance on its own merit. Need to further educate building officials.

Important Dates: Feb. 17th - MALA Advocacy Day
Feb. 17th - MSPS Lobby Day
March 30 - AIA Lobby Day

The group adjourned at Noon.