

# PROFESSIONAL DESIGN ALLIANCE COMMITTEE

## - DRAFT MINUTES -

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1. Update on Proposed Chapter 327 Legislative Changes: Language should be ready to file this week; sponsors have asked questions about parts of the bill; questions about expert witness new language -does it have to be a Missouri engineer or just a registered professional engineer; some of the changes can always be clarified through the rule-making process. Reason for changes in to clarify incidental practice.
2. MSPS's efforts in Trying to Get Their Education Bill Passed: SB 704 - allows for surveyors to count surveying and engineering experience for RLS licensure. SB 704 should be referred to committee soon. This bill should be kept separate from registration law changes at this point.
3. Design/Build Legislation: HB 1212 - need to define what is "technical proposal" and maybe \$1 million threshold is too low but otherwise it is something won't oppose ; AIA has talked to sponsor and wants to propose that c.m. at risk is the better approach and will get language to him. AIA does not like HB 1212 as is.
4. Other Legislation of Interest: HB building codes for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class counties
5. Missouri Structural Licensing Coalition's Interests and Efforts Towards Structural Licensing: The participating organizations are SEI (Structural Engineering Institute, an institute of ASCE) and SEAKM (Structural Engineers Association of Kansas and Missouri). SEI and SEAKM held a panel discussion in St. Louis. NCEES has new structural exam in addition to PE exam in order to be SE. Emphasis on seismic design; bridge or building exam; multiple choice and problems. Missouri is especially vulnerable to seismic activity. Complex design challenges are calling for separate structural licensure. This would pertain to next generation of licensees and would most likely grandparent existing PEs. Does it require a separate licensing board? How is structural practice more risky than environmental engineering, etc.? The body of knowledge necessary to practice in structural area is much greater because of complex design challenges. Significant complaints to Board are structural competency issues. The group supporting separate structural licensure will come up with draft language to be reviewed as the next step. When NCEES makes PE and SE exams that are computer based then will be easier to justify structural licensure.

6. MDNR Job Titles: Complaint against DNR staffer using engineering title; they said won't do it again. Board feels that others need to help guide DNR into doing the right thing.
7. Discussion of Producing a Video Recording/Documentary on a Project Explaining all Aspects or Phases of the Architecture, Engineering, Surveying, and Landscape Architecture Work that is Involved in Design Professions. Use as a PR piece for general public and public agencies. Could involve regulatory and professions promotions. Make it more toward regulatory side so Board could finance.
8. Early Taking of the P.E. Exam: Proposed to be part of NCEES model law and many states have already made the change. This change has the potential of getting more engineers into licensure track early. Focused on reasons for industrial engineers not licensed. Architects have 7 separate exams. Testing for academics vs. testing for experience is the issue. Also BS + 30 or now known as Master's equivalent for licensure of engineers was discussed. Architects are going toward Master's level for their licensure track already.
9. Board Appointments: 9 of 10 board members have officially expired, although all continue to serve, but additionally there are 5 vacant positions (unfilled). The only active member (Bob Shotts) will also expire in September. Board has been operating without an appointed chair for some time but Bob Hartnett has been serving in that roll. Governor's administrative person is A. J. Fox. The governor should be making several appointments this week. Need to press governor on allow acting Registration Board chair to become appointed chair. All the organizations will support this with letters to the Governor.

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