

**The Board Report
October 2017
B. David Cox, Executive Director**

Firm Renewals

Firm permits expire December 31, 2017 and the online firm renewal system will open in early November at:

<https://kyboels.ky.gov/Renewals/Pages/default.aspx>

Be sure to select the firm renewal option; not the individual renewal option. We will mail post card reminders in late October or early November.

We will no longer be mailing wallet cards for firm renewals. You can check and print firm information including the permit expiration date using our searchable roster, which is updated nightly.

<http://elsweb.kyboels.ky.gov/kboels-web/Searchable-Roster.aspx>

Late Individual Renewals

If you missed the June 30 renewal deadline (odd number years for A-K and even number years for L-Z), you have up to one year to renew using the online renewal system. The system will automatically calculate the 10% per month penalty. You will also be an automatic audit for your continuing education.

However, the ability to renew late does not address the issue of practicing without a license. While your license is expired, you cannot practice, offer to practice, or use the PE designation. These are all violations that can result in disciplinary action. In addition, if you are expired more than one year, you must apply for reinstatement.

For all these reason, please renew timely. Be sure to check your address in our system using the searchable roster at:

<http://elsweb.kyboels.ky.gov/kboels-web/Searchable-Roster.aspx>

Also, please mark your own calendar so you know when to access our online renewal system and renew your license. Even though we send postcard notices, you are still responsible for renewing timely.

Continuing Education Tracking System

The link to the free tracking system is available on our website at:

<http://kyboels.ky.gov/Already-Licensed/Pages/Continuing-Education.aspx>

Please take advantage of this free service where you can track your hours; download attendance certificates; transmit electronically if audited; and use for any state or states you choose.

Upcoming PE Exam Changes

The PE Chemical Engineering exam was administered in the pencil-and-paper format for the last time in April 2017. The exam has been converted to a computer-based test with the first appointments available in January 2018.

Calendar of Events 2018

January 11	Committee Meetings	Frankfort KY
January 12	Board Meeting	Frankfort KY
April 26	Committee Meetings	Frankfort KY
April 27	Board Meeting	Frankfort KY
April 13	PE, STR Vertical Exams	Louisville KY
April 14	STR Horizontal Exam	Louisville KY
April 19-21	NCEES Southern Zone Meeting	Charlottesville VA
July 26	Committee Meetings	Frankfort KY
July 27	Board Meeting	Frankfort KY
August 14-18	NCEES Annual Meeting	Scottsdale AZ
October 11	Committee Meetings	Frankfort KY
October 12	Board Meeting	Frankfort KY
October 26	PE, STR Vertical Exams	Louisville KY
October 27	STR Horizontal Exam	Louisville KY

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS SUMMARY

For The Period
July 28, 2017 – October 13, 2017

STEVEN STEWART

On July 6, 2017, the Board received information that Steven Stewart, a licensed professional engineer from Cincinnati, Ohio had practiced professional land surveying in Kentucky without a license, in violation of KRS 322.020. Specifically, Mr. Stewart was alleged to have surveyed a residential lot in Park Hills, Kenton County, Kentucky, and prepared a plat of that survey. A board investigation confirmed that Mr. Stewart, who is not licensed as a land surveyor in Kentucky, did in fact perform the survey and prepare the plat. To resolve this matter, Mr. Stewart entered into an Agreed Injunction, which bars him from further unlicensed practice. No penalty was assessed for the current violation; however, the Agreed Injunction calls for a fine of \$1000 and seven (7) days in jail for any future violation. The Agreed Injunction was entered in the Franklin Circuit Court on September 26, 2017.

ALEXANDER BARBER, PLS

On April 14, 2017, Mr. Alexander Barber, PLS of Bowling Green entered into a Consent Decree in settlement of a disciplinary action against him. Among other things, that agreement called for Mr. Barber to attend a live course on the surveying Standards of Practice. Mr. Barber failed to submit proof of his completion of the course within the time specified in the Consent Decree. In accordance with the terms of the Consent Decree and after being notified of the default, Mr. Barber's professional land surveying license was suspended. The suspension became effective August 31, 2017.

TERRY FARMER, PE

On July 24, 2015, Mr. Terry Farmer, PE of Hyden entered into a Consent Decree in settlement of a disciplinary action against him. Among other things, that agreement called for Mr. Farmer to provide proof to the Board that he has satisfied any obligation to pay any civil penalty imposed on him by the Executive Branch Ethics Commission not later than 180 days after all appeals are exhausted. Mr. Farmer failed to comply with this term of the Consent Decree. In accordance with the terms of the Consent Decree and after being notified of the default, Mr. Farmer's professional engineering license was suspended. The suspension became effective August 31, 2017.

FRANK H. NEELY JR., PE

On November 1, 2016, the Board of Licensure opened an investigation of Mr. Frank H. Neely, Jr., PE of Madisonville after he failed to respond to an audit of his Continuing Professional Development (CPD) credits. Shortly after disciplinary charges were filed, Mr. Neely expressed his desire to resolve the matter by voluntarily surrendering his Kentucky engineering license. The Board of Licensure accepted the surrender, in the form of a Consent Decree, on October 13, 2017.

JAY WEBB, PLS

In 2016 and 2017, the Board of Licensure received complaints against Mr. Jay Webb, PLS of Berea. Based on the investigation, it was determined that Mr. Webb had accepted advance payment to survey an estate but then failed to complete the project. The investigation also identified several Standards of Practice violations in connection with Mr. Webb's survey for another complainant. The matter was resolved through a Consent Decree wherein Mr. Webb acknowledged the violations and agreed to the following sanctions (1) a written Reprimand, and (2) a \$2000 fine. Additionally, Mr. Webb agreed to complete the estate survey within 90 days from the date of acceptance of the Consent Decree. The Board accepted the Consent Decree on October 13, 2017.

DILIP KHATRI, PE

On May 18, 2017, the Board of Licensure learned that in January 2017, Mr. Dilip M. Khatri, PE of Pasadena, California had been disciplined by the California Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists. Based on a review of that case, it was determined that pursuant to the provisions of KRS 322.180 Section 11, reciprocal disciplinary action by the Kentucky Board of Licensure was warranted. The case was settled by a Consent Decree wherein Mr. Khatri agreed to have his Kentucky professional engineer's license placed on probation until he completes all terms of probation of his California license. Additionally, Mr. Khatri agreed to a fine of \$1000 for failing to disclose the California action on his Kentucky online license renewal application. The Board accepted the Consent Decree on October 13, 2017.