



Structural Committee Report

April 22, 2024 | 3:30 PM

Teams Meeting (virtual) & Olympia (in-person)

Committee: Marjorie Lund, PE, SE, Committee Chair
Dave Peden, PE, SE
Mike Harney, PE

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Discussion topics

- Review of legacy exams for PE and SE licensure.

The committee discussed a document in the packet showing the different structural exams the Board has accepted throughout the years.

- Review of other jurisdictions decoupling of exams and experience as it relates to structural.

There was a discussion about the differences between the NCEES Civil/Structural exam and the NCEES Structural exam. Because the Civil/Structural exam is specialized, should they look at a way, similar to what the Oregon Board is doing, that could allow an applicant to get licensed as a PE based on passing the NCEES Structural exam, get additional experience and then be granted a structural license. No decisions were made.

Action item: Mr. Peden and Mr. Harney to talk to state representatives at the Western Zone meeting in May about structural licensing, including decoupling and requiring (or not) PE licensure first in their state.

Action item: Ms. Lund to reach out to the Structural Engineers Association of Washington (SEAW)

- Discuss updates to the structural application.

The committee reviewed the current structural application. Ms. Lund stated she and Mr. Peden have been reviewing structural applications the past 6 weeks, and she is requesting staff continue to send applications for review because she believes it is valuable to see the different types of experience that is submitted.

The committee would like to continue discussions about requiring an additional PE exam for licensure when the applicant has only taken the NCEES SE examination.

Action item: Staff to reach out to the Oregon and California staff to request a copy of their structural application and experience records.

Action item: Staff to put agenda item for next meeting, the topic of requiring an additional PE exam for licensure when the applicant has only taken the NCEES SE examination.