



Structural Committee Report June 10, 2024 | 1:30 p.m.

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

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

Support staff: Ken Fuller, PE, Director
Kristina Horton, PLS, Deputy Director
Vonna Cramer, Licensing Lead
Shanan Gillespie, Regulatory Program Manager
Elizabeth Lagerberg, AAG
Mackenzie Wherrett, Executive Assistant
Greg Schieferstein, Communication & Outreach Manager
Bryce Dickison, Administrative Assistant

Discussion topics

- UK MRA question memo
The committee reviewed the response from NCEES concerning the UK MRA question memo. Ms. Lund and Mr. Fuller spoke with AK, CA, and HI concerning the MRA, and stated that these states will more than likely have an addendum to the MRA concerning SE licensure. The recommendation from the structural committee to the board is that SE licensure needs to be excluded from the MRA if it is signed.

There was a conversation about requiring the CA seismic exam as part of the licensure process. No decision was made
- Decoupling
Mr. Harney and Mr. Peden provided a report from the NCEES Western Zone meeting and their inquiries with other representatives concerning decoupling and how the other boards feel about it. The consensus was that other boards agreed that it is a beneficial process and makes the administrative side of licensing much easier.
- Review of language on SE application instructions and experience questions
The committee reviewed the current structural application and will be making updates. Ms. Lund provided an initial set of comments for the application for others to begin reviewing. The intent is to provide clarity for the information we want to receive from the applicants and their verifiers.
Action Item: Staff was asked to look at the application instructions and compare language with WAC 196-12-047 for consistency.
- Policy or Interpretation of SE RCW definition
The committee and staff have been receiving more than normal inquiries on 100' structures and if an SE is required. There were also questions about the experience records for significant structures that are all exactly the same type of work. Ms.

Ms. Lagerberg supplied WAC language that indicates that the board is looking for breadth of experience.

Action Item: Ms. Lund to reach out to Chun Lau to gather information, Mr. Peden to work on clarification language, and staff to gather all previous email responses and create an FAQ.

Next Meeting: Mr Peden will start a definition for different types of breadth of experience requested on applications. Agenda to include a discuss of the CA Seismic exam for PE Civils.