

# Tennessee Structural Engineers Association

Minutes of the  
State Board of Directors meeting  
Friday October 28, 2011  
9:30 AM CDT  
By Conference Call



<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Eugene Adams	President	Present
Otto Schwarz	V. President	Absent
David Cartwright	Treasurer	Present
Andy Milligan	Secretary	Present
Stephen Shearer	Past President	Absent
Robert Paullus	Delegate	Present
Logan Meeks	Delegate	Present

## **Call to Order**

The president Eugene Adams called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM CDT.

## **Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the September 30, 2011 meeting were approved as transmitted to the board members.

## **Treasurer's Report**

None.

## **New Business**

- Our delegates to the national convention reported that the proposal to recommend separate licensure for structural engineers was passed by a unanimous vote. The policy has been posted on the NCSEA website. It was also resolved to move the awards banquet to Friday next year in an effort to improve attendance.
- The president presented an agenda for the next two years, and discussions centered on the items of the agenda.
- Promote separate licensure for structural engineers in Tennessee. A white paper to the State Board on separate structural licensing. Form licensure committees in east and west regions to work with the middle region committee.
- A white paper to the State Fire Marshall on special inspections. The code officials around the state appear to be looking to us to provide guidance on special inspections. Knoxville has adopted the 2006 IBC but does not have a program in place to administer special inspections. Middle region has composed a position paper and posted it for comment by affected parties. West region is forming a committee to advise Shelby County which will be adopting a new code by January 2012. East region needs to reform the code advisory committee. A standard of practice needs to be developed.
- Increased membership. Reach out to professors and students at local universities to start student chapters. Formalize a student member grade in bylaws. Hold meetings near universities. Try to attract government engineers. Look into co-sponsoring chapters in border areas with

neighboring states. Kirt Swenson is a contact in Georgia to discuss the Chattanooga/Dalton area. Discuss reciprocity for members in these areas.

- Annual TNSEA conference. Form a committee to investigate a state wide annual conference to be held within the next two years. A Friday in May or June is suggested, with the first few meetings to be held in Nashville. It will offer a chance to bring everyone together, for state committees to meet and to hold seminars. We should investigate sponsorship from vendors.

Other new business.

State board meetings are to be announced to the general membership. The president will formulate a schedule for publication to the membership. One face to face meeting per year will be planned. The first is tentatively set for a half day Friday January 13, 2012 in Nashville.

Old business.

Mike Sheridan has withdrawn from the NCSEA code advisory committee. TNSEA is not responsible for filling that position. However anyone interested in being an active participant in that committee should contact David Bonowitz..

Two items were tabled for future discussion.

State delegate term.

State Board membership (7 vs.9).

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM. The next board meeting was set to be held by conference call on Friday December 9, 2011 at 9:30 AM CST.

  
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Andy H. Milligan, Secretary