

# Florida Board of Professional Engineers

## CEU Revision Committee Meeting

### Minutes

Date: January 25, 2017

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Ken Todd, Committee Chair, opened the meeting by discussing the purpose of the Committee. Mr. Todd indicated it was to review the aspects of the CEU Rule (FAC 61G15.22) that need revision and to make recommendations to the FBPE. He further explained that the Committee was comprised of three FBPE members: Ken Todd, Bill Bracken, and Babu Varghese. Additionally, several Professional Engineers were invited to participate in the discussions as public advisors to offer ideas and concerns. Mr. Bracken commented that the Committee needs to finish all revisions within roughly six months to provide ample time for providers and engineers to adjust to the revisions before the next license renewal period ends.

All of those on the conference call introduced themselves. Those in attendance were:

Ken Todd, FBPE

Bill Bracken, FBPE

Babu Varghese, FBPE

Patrick Ferland, FES

Art Nordlinger, IEEE

Bill Dunn, Suncam

Gerry Ward, Licensed Engineer

Al Garza, Licensed Engineer

Zana Raybon, FBPE Exec. Dir.

Rebecca Sammons, FBPE Assist. Exec. Director

Larry Harris, FBPE Counsel

Attendees then discussed specific concerns with the current rule. Mr. Todd asked each participant to also seek out peers they come into contact with for additional concerns and solutions. The following list of concerns was raised and a more in depth discussion on these concerns will be held at the next conference call. Any new concerns should be sent to Rebecca Sammons, as the Committee Point Person, to be sent to all the participants.

1. What types of "Board" participation can an engineer expect to be given CEU credit? As an example, various technical Civic Boards.
2. What type of educational courses can be given CEU credit? i.e., engineering business courses
3. Should live course require an exam or at least some written response by each participant describing the key issues taught in the course to obtain CEU credit?
4. Long term certification of providers (3-5 years) has been a problem for FES.
5. Should the course be required to designate whether it is an advanced course or basic material? Apparently, too many courses are not teaching to the expectation of attendees.
6. Courses offered should be less broad in coverage and cover fewer subjects in more detail.
7. Courses offered should be more instructive and less self study or done in a group discussion manner.
8. Should we develop a methodology for checking compliance of the rule by providers?

The group agreed that Thursday is probably the best day to hold the conference calls, if schedules allow, but all conference calls should definitely be held on either Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. Furthermore, it was agreed that all calls should be held in the morning, such as 9:00 a.m. EST or EDT. Meetings will be held bi-monthly in an attempt to meet the six month deadline. Finally, all meetings will be approximately one and half hours in length, but can go longer to finish discussion on a particular topic.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

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