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State Board Accepts Settlement Agreements and Sanctions Examinee

At its meeting on April 15, 2009 the Board accepted a settlement agreement from Jack R. Youngs, a resident of Derwent, Ohio. During the Board's annual audit of the continuing professional development requirement it was discovered that Youngs had not completed the 15-hour annual requirement yet indicated on his annual renewal that he had completed the requirement. The Board accepted the settlement agreement wherein Youngs agreed that his professional engineer registration would become permanently inactive.

The Board also accepted a settlement agreement from Clyde Burgess, a resident of Laurelville, Ohio. The Board had received several complaints that Burgess was offering surveying services to the public. Burgess placed several advertisements in area newspapers offering Affordable Line Staking, Corner Location and offers to locate property lines. Burgess agreed to enter into a settlement agreement with the Board wherein he would agree to immediately cease and desist offering surveying services.

At its meeting on April 15, 2009 the Board voted to not permit Michael Chabes, a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana, to take licensure examinations in Ohio for five years. On December 8, 2008 the Board received a letter from Chabes requesting an Engineer Intern certificate and number. Included with the letter was what appeared to be a grade letter from ELSESES stating that he had passed the Fundamentals of Engineering examination. The grades for the Fundamentals of Engineering examination had not been released at that time and the wording of the letter was not the same as the Ohio grade letter. Further investigation confirmed that the letter was not legitimate.

Chabes was interviewed and admitted to investigators that he did falsify his grade letter from ELSESES to show that he had passed the Fundamentals of Engineering examination and then mailed it in to the Ohio Board to obtain his Ohio EI certificate. He stated this was accomplished by reproducing his ELSESES grade letter from the Fundamentals of Surveying he took in Indiana as a template.

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