State Board Accepts Settlement Agreements in 6 Cases

At its meeting on March 15, 2012 the Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors accepted settlement agreements from Jason Kabbara, P.E., Frederick Hargrove, P.E., James Geeslin, P.S., Lynn Congos, P.E., Browne & Associates, Inc. and Paul Boeshart, P.S.

Jason Kabbara, P.E., a resident of Clinton, Ohio, applied his seal and signature to engineering plans for which he did not have personal professional knowledge and direct supervisory control and responsibility. The Board accepted a settlement agreement from Kabbara wherein he agreed to pay a $2000.00 fine and receive a reprimand for violations of the Ohio Revised Code.

Frederick Hargrove, P.E., a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, applied his seal and signature on engineering plans for which he did not have personal professional knowledge and direct supervisory control and responsibility. The Board accepted a settlement agreement from Hargrove wherein he agreed to pay a $2000.00 fine and receive a reprimand for violations of the Ohio Revised Code.

James Geeslin, P.S., a resident of Coldwater, Ohio, pled guilty to a felony OMVI in Mercer County Clerk of Common Pleas Court and was found by the Celina Municipal Court to have caused excessive crop damage to an adjoining land owner while performing a survey for the adjacent property. The Board accepted a settlement agreement from Geeslin wherein he agreed to a one (1) year suspension, pay a $1000.00 fine and receive a reprimand for violations of the Ohio Revised Code. The suspension shall be stayed provided Geeslin does not commit further violations of the registration act.

Lynn Congos, P.E., a resident of Columbus, Ohio, was selected for the Board's continuing professional development audit. Congos failed to respond and provide documentation as required. After repeated requests Congos submitted the documentation and entered into a settlement agreement wherein Congos agreed to pay a $500.00 fine and receive a reprimand for violations of the Ohio Revised Code.

Browne & Associates, Inc., located in Lisbon, Ohio, failed to renew their certificate of authorization to practice surveying in Ohio which expired on June 30, 2009. The firm continued to offer and provide surveying services while the certificate of authorization was expired. The Board accepted a settlement agreement from Browne & Associates, Inc. wherein the firm agreed to pay a $5000.00 fine and receive a reprimand for violations of the Ohio Revised Code.

Paul Boeshart, P.S., a resident of Hebron, Ohio, engaged in the unlicensed practice of engineering when he designed a storm sewer system and parking lot improvements for a project located in Newark, Ohio. Boeshart is not licensed as a professional engineer. The Board accepted a settlement agreement from Boeshart wherein he agreed to pay a $1000.00 fine and receive a reprimand for violations of the Ohio Revised Code.

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