Board Accepts Settlement Agreements in 4 Cases

At its meeting on February 18, 2014 the Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors accepted settlement agreements from Loren R. Purdom, P.S.; Humphrey Design & Drafting, LLC; Roy W. Light, P.S.; and Art J. Hunkele, P.E.

Loren R. Purdom, P.S., a resident of Wheelersburg, OH, failed to disclose a suspension of his Kentucky professional surveyor registration by the Kentucky State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors to the Ohio Board as required by Ohio Administrative Code 4733-35-07. In order to avoid being charged with violations of Ohio Revised Code 4733 and Ohio Administrative Code 4733 Mr. Purdom entered into a settlement agreement wherein he agreed to pay a $2500.00 dollar fine, accept a six (6) month stayed suspension providing he complies with the terms of the settlement agreement, successfully complete a professional ethics course and accept a public reprimand.

Humphrey Design and Drafting, LLC of Pataskala, OH, offered and provided engineering services in Ohio at a time when the firm did not possess a Certificate of Authorization with this Board. Any firm offering and providing engineering or surveying services in the State of Ohio must be registered with the Board and receive a Certificate of Authorization. In order to avoid legal action for violations of Ohio Revised Code 4733 David Humphrey of Humphrey Design and Drafting, LLC entered into a settlement agreement wherein he agreed to cease and desist from offering or providing engineering services in the State of Ohio.

Roy M. Light, P.S., a resident of Coshocton, Ohio, entered a plea of guilty to making False Material Statements under the Clean Water ACT, 33 USC 1319(c)(4), a class B felony. Mr. Light failed to disclose the conviction to the Board within sixty (60) days as required by Ohio Administrative Code 4733-35-07. In order to avoid being charged with violations of Ohio Revised Code 4733 and Ohio Administrative Code 4733 Mr. Light entered into a settlement agreement wherein he agreed to pay a $2000.00 dollar fine, accept a two (2) year stayed suspension providing he complies with the terms of the settlement agreement, successfully complete a professional ethics course and accept a public reprimand.

Art J. Hunkele, P.E., a resident of Cincinnati, OH, affixed his seal and signature to documents certifying to the accuracy and completeness of the information contained in the sealed documents that was later determined to be incorrect. In order to avoid being charged with violations of Ohio Revised Code 4733 and Ohio Administrative Code 4733 Mr. Hunkele entered into a settlement agreement wherein he agreed to pay a $250.00 fine, accept a public reprimand, and to only engage in engineering practice for which Mr. Hunkele is qualified based on education, training, and experience.

ABOUT THE BOARD
The Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors is the state agency that regulates and licenses the professions of engineering and surveying in Ohio. The Board has approximately 30,000 registered professional engineers and professional surveyors, 2,500 registered engineering and surveying firms and administers more than 2,500 licensing examinations yearly. The Board’s mission is to safeguard the health, safety, property and welfare of the citizens of Ohio by providing effective licensure and regulation of professional engineers, professional surveyors and engineering and surveying firms.

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