

PEI Conf. Call 11/29/2010

This conf call is a follow-up previous conf call of 10/28/2010.

Participants: Neal, Bill, Wonjune, Burrell, John, and Frank

### **Practice Division**

Kelly Norris will send a note out to the entire membership to say a member can join state practice divisions by mailing a check to the state office.

### **Continuing Education**

There was discussion of the proposed law and some other items, as follows. Frank proposed to take the comments and incorporate them into a clean copy for comment. In addition to the comments, you are requested to supply reasons justifying the changes.

Bill suggested a provisional registration where SED could require a course (or courses) reported to them on a monthly basis. Also, it may be a good idea to require an ethics course if an engineer is requesting a provisional license.

John suggested we would need reasons why an engineer would be able to practice concurrently to making up courses as opposed to fulfilling the requirement before being allowed to practice.

Neal said that the inactive engineer's knowledge may be out of date.

Proposal for change:

- 1. An engineer who is inactive or one who has not taken the needed Professional Development Hours (PDH) may petition the State Education Department (SED) for permission to practice while the PDH requirement is fulfilled.**
- 2. SED would allow the engineer to become active or continue to be active for the next three year period as long as the engineer complies with the following:**
  - a. In the next three years the engineer must make-up PDH for the previous missed PDH up to three years (36 PDH) at the same time the engineer is taking PDH for the current three years.**
  - b. One PDH must be in an ethics course.**
  - c. The engineer would need to report to the State Education Department on a monthly basis and would need to show progress on courses taken such that 24 PDH per year are completed until the requirement at the end of the three years is completed.**

Justification:

1. When the regulation became effective and in the following few years, there were limited courses available for industry engineers.
2. Companies continued to present courses to their own engineers, but these courses were not accredited. The process to accredit courses, at the time, was not well defined.

3. Many industry engineers have not renewed their registration because of the above reasons. The revision is proposed to allow them back into the Professional Engineering ranks.

### **Suggested Courses**

We decide to keep a list of courses we would like to see presented and, also, attaching people to the courses that would do the presentations. Frank later circulated a list that his chapter (giving credit to Tim Hanna) had started. You are asked to send Frank other courses as you think of them. During the conf call we added:

1. Welding Design
2. Welding Applications
3. Welding Guides
4. Gear Manufacturing

Further, the courses need to be gear towards industrial use and should be non-commercial.

### **Next Conference Call**

We decided to have on-going conference calls for PEI to keep us updated on activities and prepare for state meetings. The next call is March 14, 2011, at 11:00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank Roma