

Board of PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS



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References Should Be Carefully Documented

by Leif E. Johnson, Chairman
Board of Professional Land Surveyors

Your Board has recently spent time reviewing allegations and investigative reports regarding the validity of references furnished to the Board with an application to take the licensing examination.

When the Board initially reviewed the application in question, we relied on the references furnished by licensed land surveyors as to the applicant's time in responsible charge. After approving the applicant for admission to the examination, the Board received correspondence alleging that the applicant did not have sufficient time in responsible charge.

An investigation by a Department investigator revealed that there was some question as to whether the licensed surveyors signing the reference forms had completed the form personally before signing the form and having it notarized.

The purpose of this article is to strongly urge all licensed surveyors to be very careful when providing references for examination applicants.

Your Board must rely on the information furnished by the five licensed references to confirm the information furnished by the applicant. Without your cooperation in accurately and thoroughly completing the reference form, we cannot properly administer the laws and rules relative to the examination and licensure.

None of us wants to say "no" to a person striving for improvement in their professional status but, at the same time, we as surveyors have a responsibility to report facts. This responsibility applies to reference forms as well as to our work products.

Your Board will greatly appreciate your cooperation in the timely completion of reference forms and we urge you to REFERENCE WITH CARE.

Boards of Professional Land Surveyors/Engineers Host Southern Zone of NCEE

The Boards of Professional Land Surveyors and Professional Engineers hosted the Southern Zone Meeting of the National Council of Engineering Examiners May 2, 3 & 4 in Sarasota.

Thirteen states and territories were represented with 87 delegates in attendance. This zone meeting reports on the proposals for the Southern Zone to be presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on August 12-14, 1984.

The final results of the 1983 NCEE Task Analysis for the fundamentals exam will be finalized at the June workshop for release at the August meeting. The analysis will determine the content of future examinations.

The fall fundamentals examination for 1984 is complete but will probably still follow the 1979 Task Analysis.

The June NCEE Workshop will complete 1985 fundamental examinations.

Professional land surveyors are being asked to volunteer to write exam questions. Those interested should contact the NCEE or the Board of Professional Land Surveyors. State boards are being asked to furnish to NCEE old tests so that questions, or at least question ideas, can be taken from these examinations. Florida's old tests have already been submitted and reviewed.

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1984 Calendar

June 26

Deadline for Receipt of Completed Applications
For the October 1984 Examination

June 28 & 29

Board Meeting / Tallahassee

August 12-14

NCEE Annual Meeting / San Francisco, California

August 23 & 24

Board Meeting to Review Applications
For the October 1984 Examination
Tallahassee

October 11 & 12

Board Meeting / Miami

October 25 & 26

Examination / Orlando

November 29 & 30

Board Meeting / Tallahassee

Directory

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You Must Follow 1-(904)-488-9912

License Renewal 1-(800)-342-2837
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Professional Land Surveyors And Land Surveyor Businesses County Statistics

Below are statistics by county of the number of land surveyor businesses in Florida and the number of Florida-licensed land surveyors as of March 1984.

Land Surveyor Businesses Total 639

89	Dade	18	Alch	0	Gdsn	2	Swne	0	Nssu	2	Hlms	1	Flgr
22	Dval	5	Lake	0	Ptnm	6	Inrv	10	Mrtm	0	Bakr	1	Lfyt
26	Hlsb	18	Leon	6	Bay	3	Sant	5	Okal	5	Chrl	0	Unon
42	Pnls	12	Marn	4	StLu	0	Dsto	1	Smtr	0	Dxie	9	Colr
24	Polk	14	Mnte	1	Jksn	1	Mdsn	0	Brfd	0	Gilc	0	Waku
47	Pbch	22	Srst	5	Osci	0	Wltn	0	Jfsn	0	Hmlt	0	Gulf
34	Orng	7	Smnl	3	Hghl	3	Tylr	3	Ctrs	2	Okch	0	Lbrt
20	Visa	20	Lee	10	PSCO	7	Mnro	7	Clay	0	Clhn	0	Unkn
10	Escm	23	Brvd	3	Climb	2	Levy	1	Hndr	0	Frkl	32	OOS
41	Brwd	0	StJo	2	Hrde	7	Hrnd	1	Wash	0	Glds	0	For

(OOS = Out of State / For = Foreign)

Land Surveyors Total 2,169

199	Dade	37	Alch	9	Gdsn	5	Swne	9	Nssu	3	Hlms	6	Flgr
83	Dval	16	Lake	8	Ptnm	12	Inrv	27	Mrtm	0	Bakr	2	Lfyt
105	Hlsb	64	Leon	15	Bay	8	Sant	15	Okal	24	Chrl	1	Unon
104	Pnls	50	Marn	15	StLu	4	Dsto	10	Smtr	1	Dxie	37	Colr
67	Polk	24	Mnte	5	Jksn	3	Mdsn	3	Brfd	2	Gilc	0	Waku
137	Pbch	52	Srst	9	Osci	0	Wltn	0	Jfsn	2	Hmlt	2	Gulf
101	Orng	36	Smnl	15	Hghl	2	Tylr	13	Ctrs	5	Okch	1	Lbrt
60	Visa	59	Lee	30	PSCO	11	Mnro	13	Clay	0	Clhn	0	Unkn
35	Escm	57	Brvd	16	Climb	5	Levy	9	Hndr	0	Frkl	336	OOS
137	Brwd	11	StJo	4	Hrde	19	Hrnd	8	Wash	0	Glds	11	For

(OOS = Out of State / For = Foreign)

Kent/Shiskin Reappointed

Lewis Kent and Jim Shiskin have been reappointed to the Board for 4-year terms by Governor Bob Graham. Both are professional members.

Board Adopts Fee Changes

Since January 1984, the Board has adopted several new rules regarding fees and licensing examinations. The Board adopted new rules increasing renewal fees and established a licensure fee as well as a reactivation fee for activating a license. The amendments to 21HH-8.01 fees have been reproduced below.

(Medium-faced text = deletions; **bold-faced text** = regular text; ***bold-faced italic text*** = new wording.)

21HH-8.01 Fees

- (1) Pursuant to Section 472.011, F.S., the Board hereby establishes the following fees for applications, examination, reexaminations, licensing and renewal, temporary registration, late renewal, reactivation, registration by endorsement, voluntary inactive status, and replacement of certificate.
- (2) Land Surveying Fees (Individuals and firms)
 - (a) Initial application, and examination and registration—\$100.00
 - (b) Initial Licensure—\$50.00
 - (b) (c) Renewal—\$80.00 \$100.00 per biennium
 - (c) (d) Late Renewal Penalty—\$20.00 *Reactivation*—\$50.00
 - (d) (e) Registration by endorsement—\$100.00
 - (e) (f) Temporary Registration (individual)—\$25.00
 - (f) (g) Temporary Registration (firm)—\$50.00

- (g) (h) Registration for a Certificate of Authorization (firm)—\$100.00
- (h) (i) Biennial Renewal of Certificate of Authorization (firm)—\$100.00
- (i) (j) Reexamination—\$50.00 per part
- (j) Voluntary Inactive Status—\$5.00
- (k) Duplicate Certificate—\$5.00
- (l) Late Renewal Penalty—\$20.00
- (3) Land Surveyors Intern Fees
 - (a) Registration—\$30.00
 - (b) Reexamination—\$30.00 per examination

SPECIFIC RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: §472.011, F.S. 455.213, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: §472.011, 472.019, F.S.

HISTORY: New 12/14/79, Amended 8/81, 7/82, 3/84

The Board also adopted new rules for examination content effective with October, 1984 examination. This change in content was a result of the "Task Analysis" of the examination conducted by the Department of Professional Regulation in 1983.

21HH-4.01 Written examination designated; general requirements—

The Florida Board of Professional Land Surveyors hereby determines that a written examination shall be taken and passed prior to any applicant, not other than those applying for licensure endorsement, before receiving a license to practice as a land surveyor or land surveyor intern in the State of Florida. The examination shall be prepared in part by the National Council of Engineering Examiners (NCEE) and in part by a consultant or testing service employed by the Department of Professional Regulation. The examination will consist of two parts, each of which is eight hours duration. *the first part will be of a duration of eight hours or as designated by NCEE; the second part will be of a duration of not less than eight hours.* Except as provided by NCEE testing requirements, examinations are open book, that is, the use of notes, reference books, slide rule, and calculators are permitted; all such materials including pens and pencils are to be furnished by the applicant. Applicants should come equipped with ordinary drawing instruments. National examination security requirements as set forth by the NCEE and such security requirements as are set forth by the Department shall be followed throughout the administration of the examination.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: §455.217(1), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: §455.217(1), F.S.

HISTORY: New 1/30/80, Amended 1/84

21HH-4.02 Content of Examination—

- (1) No change
- (2) No change
 - (a) Land Boundary and Land Survey Computation Problems—(sectional surveys)—20% 50% (including any of the following; sectionalized surveys; metes and bounds surveys; lot and block surveys; water boundary surveys; construction layout surveys; photogrammetry; and geodetic surveys.)
 - (b) Land Boundary Problems (metes and bounds or lot and block type)—15% *Legal Responsibility, Professional Practice, and Research of Public and Private Land Records*—20% (includes the use and interpretation of Florida Laws and Rules related to land surveying and the research required to properly accomplish a survey.)
 - (c) General Surveying Computations (trigonometry, curves, intersections, areas)—10% *Land or Legal Descriptions or the Preparation of Survey Reports*—20% (includes the interpretation and preparation of legal descriptions or the preparation of survey reports, plats of survey, survey plans, profiles and affidavits related to land surveys.)
 - (d) Legal Responsibilities and Professional Practice (interpretation of Florida laws and rules governing Land Surveying)—15% *Record Plat Computations and Plat Preparation*—10% (includes computations necessary in the preparation of a record plat.) and all aspects of plat preparation.)
 - (e) Writing a Land or Legal Description—20%
 - (f) Construction and/or Topographic Surveying (layout, contours)—10%

- (g) Specialty Problems (e.g., Water Boundary, Surveys, error theory, condominium surveys)—10%

- (3) The content of part two of the examination will involve between six to eight a series of problems drawn from the above-mentioned areas. The number of problems in each area will correspond as nearly as possible to the percentage allocated for each area of the examination. The series of problems will include approximately 80% objective and 20% essay questions. The objective questions will include either series of paired items, in which both items must be correctly completed to receive credit, or individual items, or both. Each problem normally will generate from between five to fifteen multiple choice questions each of which receive two points of credit when completed correctly.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: §455.217(1), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: §455.217(1), F.S.

HISTORY: New 1/30/80, Amended 1/84

21HH-4.03 Grading Criteria

- (1) No change
- (2) No change
 - (a) No change
 - (b) No change
 - (c) Each multiple choice questions to be asked will contain either two related multiple choice items both of which must be answered correctly in order for the applicant to obtain two points credit for the question, or will contain a single multiple choice item for which one point credit will be received when answered correctly. Each item will generally have five multiple choice answers of which the applicant must choose the one most nearly correct. The multiple choice items are machine graded.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: §455.217(1), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: §455.217(1), F.S.

HISTORY: New 12/14/79, Amended 3/3/82—1/84

21HH-4.04 Passing Grades—

- (1) No change
- (2) A passing grade on part two of the examination is defined as 70% of the questions asked being answered correctly with the requisite reasoning for such answers as set forth in rule 21HH-4.03(2), (b) and (e) total possible points on the examination.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: §455.217(1), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: §455.217(1), F.S.

HISTORY: Amended 7/18/81—1/84

Licensees Sought

Listed below are those licensees who have incorrect addresses on file. It is the responsibility of the licensee to keep his address current.

Anyone who knows how to locate any of the following persons is asked to contact the Board Office.

LS 0002660
Brown, Norman C.
917 W. Jefferson
Brooksville, FL 33512

LS 0004017
Barnett, Roy R.
8380 Raindrop Way
Springfield, FL 32401

LB 0002688
Charles, D. Webb, Inc.
4712 S. Le June Road
Coral Gables, FL 33146

LS 0001824
Chance, Phillip W.
5421 N.W. 13th Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32601

LS 0003879
Farner, Robert Elliott
1112 W. Main Street
Apartment J-4
Leesburg, FL 32748

LB 0000760
John C. Brenda & Associates, PA
1409 4th Street, South
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

LS 0001431
*Niemeyer, Norman
1748 E. Swallow Street
Springfield, MD 65804

*PE 0007142

LS 0003286
Parker, Lewis J.
2516 N. "Q" Street
Pensacola, FL 32505

LS 0002357
Smith, John C.
Route 1, Box 75G
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

LS 0001227
Thompson, Gordon C.
14201 N.W. 2nd Avenue
Miami, FL 33138

LB 0000211
William G. Wallace, Inc.
P. O. Box 1368
North Palm Beach, FL 33408

This newsletter was developed and printed at a cost of \$557.85 or \$.14 per copy, and mailed at a cost of \$.11 per copy, to inform licensees about the licensing laws and rules of the Land Surveyors profession.

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Licenses Issued to 38 New Land Surveyors

The following persons passed the October 1983 examination, and were approved for licensures on February 8, 1984.

Aliff, William K. License #4047 P. O. Box 1341 Lake Placid, FL 33852	Goodman, Bobby Joe License #4055 2100 57 Ave., South New Port Richey, FL 33552	Jenkins, Thomas E. Jr. License #4063 P. O. Box 606 605 N. Rangeline St. Bonifay, FL 32425	Manzie, Michael Anthony License #4069 4071 Neros Dr. Lake Worth, FL 33463	Shirah, Kathleen Rose License #4077 Rt. 12, Box 371 Tallahassee, FL 32304
Berry, David L. License #4048 3805 E. Crenshaw Tampa, FL 33604	Gurney, Kenneth E. License #4056 Rt. 1, Box 54 Buhl, AL 35448	Keeley, Edward Arthur License #4064 2522 E. Civitan St. Lakeland, FL 33801	McCullen, John V. License #4070 5933 Winfield Blvd. Margate, FL 33063	Smith, Donald D. License #4078 2539 Waneta Dr. Sarasota, FL 33581
Brown, Stephen John License #4049 1615 Arapaho St. Stuart, FL 33494	Hardwick, Garland Robert License #4057 1521 N. Beach St. Ormond Beach, FL 32074	Kemp, Larry Edward License #4065 4225 Teridan Court Tallahassee, FL 32303	Minder, John C. License #4071 3970 Berlin Dr. Sarasota, FL 33583	Stevens, Everett Lee License #4079 3833 24 Ave., North St. Petersburg, FL 33713
Bunck, Timothy Martin License #4050 5336 Bayview Court Cape Coral, FL 33904	Hayner, Del William License #4058 1142 Adrian St. Port Charlotte, FL 33958	Krause, David G. License #4066 7804 N.W. 42nd Court Coral Springs, FL 33065	O'Steen, Carl License #4072 Rt. 1, Box 773-K Summerfield, FL 32691	Thompson, Kenneth Wayne License #4080 4215 Ewell Rd. Lakeland, FL 33803
Chase, William Ralph License #4051 193 S.E. 27th Ave. Boynton Beach, FL 33435	Heasom, William Craig License #4059 1115 Tennessee St. Lawrence, KS 66044	Lawler, Michael Francis License #4067 3824 Snapfinger Rd. Lithonia, GA 30058	Panik, Alex Joseph License #4073 2413 Hawk Ave. Palm Harbor, FL 33563	Viers, James Thomas License #4081 P. O. Box 1023 Lake Helen, FL 32744
Cooner, Jeffrey C. License #4052 5210-3 Cedar Bend Dr. Ft. Myers, FL 33907	Hebert, Stephen L. License #4060 4617 Wade Dr. Metairie, LA 70003	Lynch, William Michael License #4068 4361 S.W. 52 Court Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33514	Reige, Robert D. License #4074 6184 Michelle Way, Apt. 220 Ft. Myers, FL 33907	Walters, Joel Cowan License #4082 1012 Vernon St. Pensacola, FL 32504
Diehl, John Oregon License #4053 1318 Moreland Drive, Apt. 110 Clearwater, FL 33546	Higel, Michael Randolph License #4061 808 LaGuna Drive Venice, FL 33595	Robinson, Thomas Edward License #4075 1757 S. Oval Dr. Sarasota, FL 33579	Schweitzer, George Wesley License #4076 511 Bonna Dr. Brandon, FL 33511	Wright, Clabourne Hinton III License #4083 550 Browne Road, Middleburg, FL 32068
Gibbs, Stephen Harry License #4054 2723 Washington St. Hollywood, FL 33546	Holze, Robert Lee License #4062 456 10th Ave., N.E. Hampton, IA 50441		Young, James Winston Jr. License #4084 2350 Pine Ave. Vero Beach, FL 32960	

Examination Report: October 1983

	Surveyors		Surveyor Interns	
	#	%	#	%
Original Candidates Examined	36	35	3	100
Retake Candidates Examined	68	65	0	0
Total Candidates Examined	104	94	3	100
Candidates Not Appearing	7	6	0	0
Total Candidates Scheduled	111	100	3	100
Original Candidates Passed For Licensure or Certification	21	53	3	100
Retake Candidates Passed For Licensure or Certification	19	47	0	0
Total Candidates Passed For Licensure or Certification	40	38	3	100
Original Candidates Failing	15	23	0	0
Retake Candidates Failing	49	77	0	0
Total Candidates Failing	64	62	0	0
Totals	104	100	3	100

Candidates Approved To Take Exam

Land Surveyor candidates approved for the October 25 & 26, 1984 examination and Land Surveyor candidates ready for Board review to sit for the October 25 & 26, 1984 examination:

1. Belville, Bishop Carlton	6. Daws, Herbert Webster	11. Lufrio, Emilio Victor	16. Porter, Charles Edward	21. Stivender, James Akin, Jr.
2. Brown, Eddie James, Jr.	7. Dunham, Edward Scott	12. Lucas, Ronald Walter	17. Rivera, Edwin C.	22. Thomas, Richard Carl
3. Burdette, Guy Martin	8. Ehmke, Howard J. II	13. Milton, James Clyde, Jr.	18. Robinson, Michael Stanley	23. Walters, Tommy Clark
4. Celebrini, Sylvester Anthony	9. Godwin, James Andrew	14. Mitchell, Paul James	19. Sanborn, Wayne Alan	24. Woods, Joseph
5. Cooper, Robert Lee	10. Harper, David Ferrell	15. Noel, Vincent J.	20. Sanchez-Echeverria, Alfredo	25. Worden, Carl James

Disciplinary Actions

The Board has taken disciplinary action concerning the following licensees. Although every effort is made to ensure that the information is correct, before making any specific decision based upon this information, you should check with the Board office to assure accuracy. The listing may not reflect a change occurring near or following the publication date. Further, the listing does not reflect pending appeals or requests for rehearings. Each order is listed as follows with the name, the address, the violation, and the action taken.

NAME & LICENSE #	STATUTE VIOLATION	FINAL ORDER
October 1983		
Ralph D. Singleton LS 1690 Orlando, FL	472.033(1)(g) fraud, knowingly used his name in a business venture with a person or firm he knew was engaging in a fraudulent or dishonest nature.	Entered into Stipulation which called for a letter of reprimand and administrative fine of \$465.00.
Hulon Walshingham LS 3257 Panama City, FL	472.033(1)(g) negligence, surveys did not meet minimum standards.	Fined \$1,000.00 placed on probation for one year with review of five survey projects quarterly.
Amons D. Courtney, Jr. LS 2819 Milton, FL	472.033(1)(g) negligence, survey and plat were done in a grossly negligent manner. The plat contained numerous errors.	Fined \$400.00 and placed on probation for one year with review of five survey projects quarterly.
Michael J. Hitt LS 27 Plantation, FL	472.033(1)(g) negligence, five counts, surveys did not meet minimum standards.	Fined \$900.00 and placed on probation for one year with review of five survey projects quarterly.
Curtis, D. Davis LS 2676 Lakeland, FL	472.033(1)(g) fraud; charged customer for services not related to the practice of land surveying.	Default, license revoked.
December 1983		
William J. Lindh LS 1308 Venice, FL	472.033(1)(g) negligence, did not follow minimum standards	Letter of reprimand, review of five surveys quarterly with field notes, for a period of one year.
April 1984		
Robert B. Beadles LS 3331 Bradenton, FL	472.033(1)(g) negligence, did not follow minimum standards.	Default, license revoked.

Panel Reviews 34 Cases

The results of Probable Cause Panel meetings, where it is determined whether or not charges against licensees are warranted, are as follows:

April 6, 1984:	May 11, 1984:
22 cases reviewed	12 cases reviewed
Probable cause found 17	Probable cause found 6
No probable cause found 3	No probable cause found 5
More information needed 2	More information needed 1

When probable cause is found against a licensee, charges are filed.