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Illinois State Board of Professional Engineers mourns the loss of Board Member.

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Philip Corlew, Member of the Professional Engineer Board, at the age of 79.



Phil served on the Illinois PE Board since March 13, 2007 and was very active with both the Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor professions. At one time he was licensed in four states and operated his own design firm for a while. After his company merged with another firm, Phil kept working as an expert witness and consulting engineer. He took great pride in the professional work that he did.

He was known for being extremely passionate about his position on the Board and ensuring that the health, safety and welfare of the public were being served in all areas of the profession. From reviewing the individual courses that comprise a Bachelor of Science degree, to the examination questions being asked and the type of experience gained by an applicant. Phil wanted to ensure that every application was given due diligence for licensure.

The Department, the Illinois State Board of Professional Engineers as well as members of the three other Design Profession Boards send our sincere condolences to his family and say that his presence on the Board will be missed.

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New Application Updates.

Continuing to expand on new and efficient processes.

In the last issue, we shared that the application process for intern enrollment or initial licensure for the design professions were transitioning to a paperless online format.

The framework and testing for the professions have been completed and the professions have been added to the online portal for use by applicants.

The paper versions of the applications are still available online, however, they will not be accepted after an official cut-off date has been selected and sufficient advanced notice is given.

The new online portal enables applicants to enter all required information electronically. Once submitted, applicants may monitor their application's status online as it moves through IDFPR's review process.

Impacted professions include: Architecture, Professional Land Surveyors, Professional Engineering and Structural Engineering.

As with any transition to new technology or program, there may be a set back or problem arise, and we ask for your cooperation and patience during the time.

"By transitioning away from the paper application, we are able to streamline tasks that, ultimately, allow us to better serve our applicants and licensees with a faster, more modernized regulatory experience." said Bryan A. Schneider, ID-FPR Secretary.

IDFPR's Division of Professional Regulation currently licenses over 1.1 million professionals in more than 200 license categories throughout the State of Illinois.

POINT OF INTEREST

Professional Engineer renewal

The Professional Engineer license is currently in renewal and will expire on **11/30/2017**.

Active licensees are able to renew online during this time. Make certain that you have a valid email address listed with the Department in order to receive the renewal notices and new license email.

You can renew here: https://www.idfpr.com/ Renewals/defaultSSL.asp

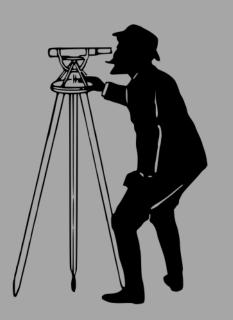
FILE A COMPLAINT ONLINE

Help us protect the public.

Complaints against any individual or entity regulated by the **Division of Professional Regulation** may be filed by contacting the Complaint Intake Unit.

To file a complaint, please use:
Online Complaint Form

Have Questions?
Call the Complaint Intake Unit at 312.814.6910.





Design Profession Trivia



Q: Can I gain experience before I take the Fundamentals of Surveying examination?

A: No.

In Illinois, all experience for licensure as a Professional Land Surveyor begins after the passage of the FS exam. A minimum of four years of verified and acceptable experience is required for licensure in Illinois.

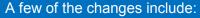
DESIGN BOARD SPOTLIGHT:

Professional Land Surveyor

Survey the possibilities.



al Land Surveyor Practice Act. These changes will take effect on January 1, 2018 and will afford a wider range of prospective candidates the opportunity to become licensed as well as update terminology to better describe the profession and remove barriers for licensure.



- -Revised the name Land Surveyor-in-Training to Surveyor Intern.
- -Revised educational requirements for enrollment as a Surveyor Intern.
- -Removed the cap on how long the Surveyor Intern certificate is valid.

Upon the changes taking effect, the Department will submit proposed amendments to the Administrative Rules to be in line with the new Act requirements.

We ask for your understanding during the transition period as we continue to bring efficient and responsive services for the profession.

Basic functions available online.

To better serve our applicants and licensees, several important functions may be found on the Department website to ensure quick and accurate interaction with the Department.

License Look-up -

https://ilesonline.idfpr.illinois.gov/DPR/Lookup/LicenseLookup.aspx

License Renewal (during renewal period) - https://www.idfpr.com/Renewals/defaultSSL.asp

Download a license -

https://www.idfpr.com/Applications/GetMyLicense/select.asp

Review the Code Enforcement Manual -

http://www.idfpr.com/forms/DPR/Design Code Manual.pdf

Review the requirements for Professional Design Firm Registration - https://www.idfpr.com/Applications/GetMyLicense/select.asp



Want to serve on a Board?

The office of citizen is the highest office in the land. One of the best ways to participate in our democracy is by serving on a state board, commission or committee.

These groups advise Illinois' state agencies and organizations on a wide range of issues that affect public policy and welfare.

Current Board Openings:

Professional Engineer Board Licensed Member

Link:

Board Member Application Form

Frequently Asked Questions:

To assist potential applicants for examinations and/or licensure, the Department has created an F.A.Q. document for each design profession to address the most common questions the Department receives.

Architecture: click here

Professional Land Surveyor : click <u>here</u>
Professional Engineering : click <u>here</u>
Structural Engineering : click <u>here</u>



Upcoming Board Meetings

We invite the public to attend the <u>open session</u> of our Board Meetings to gain a better understanding of what issues are prevalent in the respective professions.

November:

Structural Engineer – November 8, 2017 – Springfield Professional Engineer – November 9, 2017 – Springfield

Continuing Education

Visit the following sites for resources on available Continuing Education courses for your renewal requirements.

Architecture

www.aiail.org www.alatoday.org

Professional Land Surveyor www.iplsa.org

Professional Engineering www.illinoisengineer.com

Structural Engineering www.seaoi.org

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Monthly Discipline Report

You may review the latest monthly discipline report here: http://www.idfpr.com/News/Disciplines/DiscReports.asp

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