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On behalf of the Structural Engineers Association of Nebraska (SEAON), I would like to extend our thanks to the membership for completing the Structural Licensing Survey that was sent out last December. Out of 86 active members surveyed, we received responses from 58 engineers expressing their opinions on Structural Licensing in Nebraska. This is a response rate of over 67% which is great!

The purpose of the survey was to get feed back from our membership on the future of licensing as it relates to Nebraska. Your input is important to us as we consider how SEAON will pursue licensing issues in our state.

The survey results indicated that 87% of the responses favored some type of practice act over the current title act in the State of Nebraska and the majority of responses favored a grandfathering clause. This is consistent with the national trend to “raise the bar” for structural engineering licensure. Nebraska has always been on the forefront of licensure changes, and rightfully so, when it relates to public safety, practicing in multiple states, and reciprocity with other states.

Where does SEAON go from here? Our plans are as follows:

1. SEAON is informing its membership of the results in this newsletter and it will be available on our website.
2. The SEAON board has contacted the Nebraska State Board of Engineers and Architects. We are planning an April meeting with the NSBEA Board to discuss the results of the survey, how the new 16-hour exam will affect licensing in Nebraska, and we will give them a presentation on the National Licensing Trends.
3. After SEAON meets with the Nebraska Board, I will meet our SEAON Licensing Committee to discuss the Board’s reactions to the results of the survey and discuss our next step towards some type of licensure in Nebraska.

Once again, thank you for your time and please feel free to contact SEAON with any questions you may have with regard to this survey and the state of Licensing in Nebraska.

Pete Vaccaro, PE  
SEAON Licensing Committee Chair

# Nebraska Structural Licensing Survey Results

Total Number of responses =

58

<u>QUESTIONS</u>	<u>ANSWERS</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1. I am currently a licensed:	EIT	7%
	PE	69%
	SE	40%
	Not Licensed	2%
2. I have taken and passed the following exam:	Civil	45%
	Architectural Eng.	0%
	Structural I	36%
	Structural II	24%
	State run Str. III	3%
	Prof. Eng.	28%
3. If you took and passed the Civil or Arch. Eng. Exam, did it have a structural module?	Yes	47%
	No	12%
	Not Applicable	41%
4. I have a:	Bachelors Degree	45%
	Masters Degree	50%
	Other	3%
5. Check level of professional experience	0-4 Years	9%
	5-10 Years	16%
	11-15 Years	12%
	16-20 Years	16%
	Over 21 Years	48%
6. I primarily design:	Bridges	14%
	Buildings	79%
	Other	14%
7. My primary industry is:	Consulting Eng.	76%
	Design/build	7%
	Construction	2%
	Industrial	3%
	Sales/Marketing	0%
	Management	3%
	Gov – state/local	0%
	Gov – Fed	2%
	Military	0%
	Retired	0%
	Other	16%
8. I have heard of the new 16 hr. Str. Exam	Yes	100%
	No	0%
9. I understand the difference between a partial practice act & title act?	Yes	97%
	No	3%

10. I am licensed in other states besides Nebraska?	Yes	64%
	No	34%
11. I actively practice in other states besides Nebraska?	Yes	69%
	No	28%
12. If you do practice in other states, do any of the states have a:	Title Act	28%
	Partial Practice Act	22%
	Full Practice Act	19%
13. I am currently licensed in states w/ partial practice acts	Yes	24%
	No	64%
14. I would support the following in the state of Nebraska:		
	A Title Act only	13%
	A Full Practice Act	12%
	A Partial Practice Act	16%
	A Full Practice Act w/ Grandfathering	16%
	A Partial Practice Act w/ Grandfathering	43%