

Legislation

September 24, 1931 - There was a brief discussion on the subject of the Registration of Engineers but no vote was taken to establish the standing of the Executive Committee on this matter.

December 2, 1931 - Some discussion took place on engineering registration.

January 5, 1932 - On the subject of registration of engineers Mr. Weller made a motion that a vote by the members of the Washington Section be obtained by mailing each section member a copy of the proposed bill, together with a postcard for reply.

March 13, 1934 - When a poll was made of the members of the local section of the AIEE regarding a previous bill covering the same subject (Licensing of Engineers) the local members had voted against the measure.

March 9, 1937 - Results of Poll on proposed registration of engineers:

- 71 - in favor of registration
- 26 - opposed
- 1 - not voting

- 52 - in favor of the classification of engineers as proposed in model law
- 29 - opposed
- 17 - not voting

- 47 - in favor of the model law as proposed
- 29 - opposed
- 22 - not voting

Cards were sent to all 257 members - 90 cards received.

January 11, 1938 - Dr. Meyers disclosed that ten societies approved and two disapproved of the latest bill on engineer registration.

March 10, 1942 - Mr. Beardsley of AIEE Policy Committee has called a meeting to take action concerning the protection of the consulting engineer against proposed adverse legislation.

April 16, 1942 - Mr. Beardsley of AIEE Policy Committee sends a letter advising that the matter of proposed adverse legislation against consulting engineers was a false alarm and that there would be no hearing.

October 13, 1942 - Mr. Cleary announced that the Society of Professional Engineers was working on a revision of the Bill in Congress covering licensing and Registering of Engineers along with the D.C. Council of Engineering and Architectural Societies. He suggested that Mr. Wilhelm be selected to represent AIEE in connection with this work.

January 17, 1943 - Mr. Cleary reported that a resolution had been passed by the DCCEAS to the affect that Senator Bilbo and Representative Randolph be requested to withhold action on the present registration bills S-1562-H-1653 pending further consideration by the Council. He stated that when these bills again become active their wording would be important to our membership and that it would cost about \$80.00 to procure copies for each of our members.

March 1, 1943 - Mr. Cleary reported on the meeting of the D. of C. Council Engineering & Architectural Societies. He reported that Mr. Rich of the American Society of Civil Engineers had submitted the old bill to Congress on the Registration of Engineers before bringing it before the Council.

The following resolution was passed:

"That the Executive Committee of the Washington Section of the AIEE feels that before any bill is presented to Congress for Registration of Engineers the legislative committee of the D. of C. Council of Eng. & Arch. Societies be given an opportunity to present such bill before each member of the participating societies for approval before submitting it to Congress, and we recommend that the bill now before Congress be withdrawn."

November 12, 1943 - Mr. Cleary presented a report on the bill for the Registration of Professional Engineers in the D. of C. The bill was considered by a committee composed of L. H. Cleary, H. W. Osgood, F. M. Defandorf and G. R. Wilhelm. Certain changes were recommended by the Committee for consideration of this section.

December 14, 1943 - The amendments of the Committee to consider the registration of professional engineers were discussed. It was moved and seconded and passed that the local section submit these amendments to the D. C. Council of Engineering & Architectural Societies.

December 6, 1944 - Mr. Cleary stated AAE had approved the "fourth" draft (10-5-43) of the proposed bill for registration of Professional Engineers in the D. of C. giving seven approvals out of thirteen societies. He stated, however, the approvals to be with minor stated proposed modifications in some cases. He stated the old proposed registration bill was expected to die in this Congress.

February 13, 1945 - Mr. Cleary discussed an article in the December 1944 American Engineer to which attention was directed in a letter from H. F. Lane of D. of C. Society of Prof. Engineers. The article describes the details of an Illinois Supreme Court decision holding the Illinois Act to regulate the practice of professional engineering to be invalid. Mr. Cleary also called attention to the January 18, 1945 letter of WSE to DCCEAS favoring S-1562 over the fourth draft of the proposed registration bill.

March 13, 1945 - Mr. Cleary described DCCEAS meeting of March 9 at which more members appeared than ever before. Approval action on the fourth draft still in committee of Civil and Mechanical. W.S.E. was not in favor of "Engineers in Training" and "Specified length of time of study" and certain other features of the fourth draft covered in letter of January 18, 1945. Signed by Locraft, Osgood, Wood, Gonwer and Tate. Mr. Cleary said bill before Congress seven years - time to do something.

February 18, 1947 - Mr. Black read to the Exec. Committee a letter from President J. Elmer Housley regarding the work of the Joint Professional Committee of the Founder Societies to actively promote revision of the Wagner Labor Relation Act in order to exempt engineers and scientific men from the provisions of the act. Moved by Mr. Wilhelm and seconded by Mr. Vaughan, it was voted unanimously by the Exec. Committee to endorse the Policy of the National Board of Directors adopted January 30, 1947.

November 4, 1949 - Upon motion made and passed unanimously with regard to H-R-2887, a bill to amend the Architects Registration Act, the Executive Committee authorized its delegates to notify the D. C. Council of its approval of this amendment.

September 19, 1950 - Legislation enacted.

November 16, 1950 - Nomination of:

Leo S. Cleary
J. E. O'Brien
C. W. Bogen

as electrical representatives on the Board for Registration of Professional Engineers were approved.

Mr. Leo S. Cleary appointed to Board of Registration.