

Establishing S.E. Licensure in Your State SEA

Opportunity: The adoption of structural licensure is at varying stages in various states. SEAs desiring some form of structural licensure in their state have an opportunity to work towards the adoption of consistent licensing laws and rules in the interest of public safety.

Solutions

- **Develop a Plan**
 - Bring all relevant stakeholders and representatives to the table (NSPE, AIA, Universities, State Building Officials, ASCE) to discuss issues and address concerns up front.
 - Get NSPE to not oppose
 - The Board of Registration typically does not want to be presented a bill without consensus in the engineering industry.
 - Find an engineer in the House/ Senate to represent the Bill
 - Have a prepared response to “show me the bodies”
 - Make sure MO members are on-board and understand the process
- **Consider getting a lobbyist**
 - Some SEAs think invaluable. The amount of volunteer time without a lobbyist can hinder efforts.
 - Investigate costs of lobbyist
 - Share lobbyist if appropriate
- **Develop important details**
 - Determine whether to pursue a Title Act or a Practice Act
 - Formulate a grandfathering clause
 - Determine where neighboring states are in their process
- **Use available resources**
 - Young Members are generally pushing for SE licensure and can be used as advocates.
 - NCSEA Licensure Committee has a list of all current states’ licensure status and other resources. NCSEA Licensure Committee’s webpage has many resources that can be used in the effort to establish licensure.

See Oklahoma Structural Engineers Association PowerPoint slides: [“The Quest for SE Licensure in Oklahoma \(OSEA\)”](#)