

PROPOSED POSITION STATEMENT

Adopt the following Position Statement in Favor of a Certification Program for Structural Engineers:

NCSEA finds that it is in the best interest of NCSEA to endorse and aid in the development of a self-sustaining certification program for structural engineers. To further this goal, NCSEA Member Organizations agree that it is reasonable for the NCSEA Board to establish, and appoint members to, a Structural Engineering Certification Program Administrative Body, as described in the report: "Structural Engineering Certification Report – A Report of Practical and Financial Feasibility", dated August 22, 2003.

Reason: Following 3 years of study and discussion regarding the establishment of a professional certification program for structural engineers, the NCSEA Board and Certification Committees concluded that: a certification program for structural engineers would be an extension of the 1999 NCSEA resolution to support separate licensing; existing licensing laws based on non-uniform requirements inhibit the passage of separate licensing laws where none exist; and the establishment of a certification program, based on uniform qualifications, including level of education, experience, and examinations, is in the best interest of the public and the structural engineering profession.

Therefore, the Board recommends a vote in favor of this Position Statement endorsing certification for structural engineers and authorizing the Board's establishment of a certification structural engineering certification program administrative body, as an independent organization.