

**OHIO'S STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS**

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BOARD ISSUES FINAL ORDERS IN TWO CASES

At its meeting on September 13, 2007 the Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors issued Final Orders in cases involving **Morris M. Girgis, Ph.D. of Springboro, Ohio** and **Steven M. Burnett, E.I. of Toledo, Ohio**.

On May 23, 2007 the Board, through its Hearing Examiner, conducted an adjudication hearing concerning **Morris M. Girgis of Springboro, Ohio**. Dr. Girgis's registration as a professional engineer expired on December 31, 2001 for failure to renew pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4733.15. Dr. Girgis's registration was expired for more than four (4) years and pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 4733-25-01 Dr. Girgis is required to take and pass the Principles and Practice of Engineering exam as a condition of reinstatement. On December 29, 2006 Dr. Girgis applied for reinstatement of his professional engineer registration and requested that the Board waive the examination requirement and reinstate his professional engineer registration.

On September 13, 2007 the Board denied Dr. Girgis's request for reinstatement until he passes the Principles and Practice of Engineering exam.

On May 23, 2007 the Board, through its Hearing Examiner, conducted an adjudication hearing concerning **Steven M. Burnett, E.I. of Toledo, Ohio**. Mr. Burnett took the Principles and Practice of Engineering exam in April 2006 in Cleveland, Ohio. On June 13, 2006 the Board was notified of an exam irregularity involving Mr. Burnett's exam and that based on a collusion analysis of the exam it appeared that Mr. Burnett had copied answers from another examinee.

On September 13, 2007 the Board issued a Final Order denying Mr. Burnett the opportunity to take the Principles and Practice of Engineering exam until April 2009 since he violated the examination instructions by copying answers from another examinee. This action constituted a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4733.20 (A) (7).

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