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**EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**  
Minutes of Meeting  
April 11, 2014

Members present:

James Doane, Chair  
Ken Hoffine

Staff present:

Mari Lopez, Administrator  
Jenn Gilbert, Executive Assistant  
Joy Pariente

Others present:

Warren Foote, Assistant Attorney General  
Anne Hillyer (Observer)  
Jason Kent (Observer)  
Dr. John Sessions, Forest engineering examination liaison (Observer)

The meeting of the External Relations Committee was called to order at 11:45 a.m. in the OSBEELS Conference Room at 670 Hawthorne Avenue SE, Suite 220, Salem, OR 97301.

**Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**Oregon Examiner Articles**

The Committee reviewed four articles for the upcoming *Oregon Examiner*:

- Scouting and STEM: Encouraging a new generation of engineers and land surveyors
- Who came first? A brief history of the first registered professionals in Oregon
- Outgoing Board member – Carl Tappert
- Upcoming Water Resources Department classes

Ms. Hillyer noted that Oregon's first registered professional and the first Board president, Olaf Laurgaard, was her great-grandfather. The Committee recommends the Board approve the articles presented for the upcoming *Oregon Examiner*. There was no additional discussion.

**Social Media and Web Update**

Ms. Pariente informed the Committee that levels of online interaction with OSBEELS are maintaining. She also noted that the website shows a steady pattern of visitation; with the highest number of visits (250-300) on Monday and Tuesday and a gradual drop to the lowest number of visits (less than 100) on the weekends. There was no additional discussion.

### **2014 OSBEELS Symposium**

Ms. Pariante had a number of questions for the Committee regarding the upcoming symposium. The Committee determined to keep the registration fee at \$80 for the third year in a row and to send information regarding the symposium to local government engineering and surveying departments to increase visibility for the event. Ms. Lopez suggested contacting the Oregon Association of County Engineers and Surveyors (OACES) for mailing information for county engineering and surveying personnel. The Committee members suggested also contacting Professional Engineers of Oregon and Professional Land Surveyors of Oregon to obtain their mailing lists for members.

The Committee also discussed the possibility of offering the symposium sessions online after the event for professional development hours (PDH). While the Committee members supported this idea, they directed Ms. Pariante to conduct additional research into the cost and technological requirements to offer PDHs online. There was no further discussion.

### **Website question**

Jon Proud submitted a Question Form inquiring about the possibility of adding disciplinary decisions as a searchable item on the OSBEELS website. He said he believed the information would *“be invaluable to the public and professionals alike. For the public they could research a professional before hiring him and also use the information to evaluate the service they may or may not of received by easily retrieving and reviewing past disciplinary actions. For professionals they too could easily retrieve past cases and use it for a learning tool to change a practice that they did not realize the board found unfavorable.”*

Mr. Doane noted that the California Board offers this option. AAG Foote said other boards he works with have disciplinary action as an informational category in the searchable licensee database on their websites. On these websites, users can view a PDF of the Final Order of any disciplinary action against a licensee. Mr. Doane asked what registration information is currently available on the OSBEELS website. Ms. Gilbert said only registration status information is currently available. Disciplinary action information is published quarterly in *The Oregon Examiner* and documentation can be accessed via a public records request.

Mr. Hoffine asked about the difficulty in implementing a system such as this. Ms. Lopez said the Board’s information technology contractor also works for the medical and dental board and he said it would be a system OSBEELS could implement and would only require scanning all Final Orders into the OSBEELS database. Mr. Hoffine said Staff should plan to scan all Final Orders from 2000 forward. Mr. Doane directed Ms. Lopez to work with the Board’s IT contractor to develop a proposal for the implementation of this system, including a timeline, for the Board to review at its May meeting. There was no further discussion.

### **Speaking Engagements**

Ms. Pariante reported that Board member Shelly Duquette participated in an engineering ethics panel discussion at University of Portland on March 18, 2014. Accounts Department Staff and Board president Carl Tappert are scheduled to speak at the annual PEO Conference on May 8, 2014 on the topic of the audit process and the importance of CPDs. There was no additional discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.