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**STANDARDS OF LAND SURVEYING
PRACTICES COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Meeting

December 11, 2009

Members present:

Dan Linscheid, Chair

Ken Hoffine

Sue Newstetter

Carl Tappert

Staff present:

Jenn Gilbert

Mari Lopez (excused absence)

Others present:

Joanna Tucker-Davis, AAG

Bob Neathamer, PLS

Gary Johnston, PLS

The meeting of the Standards of Land Surveying Practices Committee was called to order at 12:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying (OSBEELS) office at 670 Hawthorne Avenue SE, Suite 220, Salem, OR 97301.

AAG Tucker-Davis briefly summarized Senate Bill (SB) 274 that recently passed as a result of the 2009 Legislative Session. Ms. Newstetter also provided a brief summary of the Professional Land Surveyors of Oregon (PLSO) prior attempt to draft a similar concept. She further stated that as a result of the Committee's research into the rules of other states, many states included unnecessary detail (how to make a tie).

The Committee discussed the draft developed to date. It was noted that the intent of drafting a rule is make clear the expectations of a professional land surveyor. The rule should not include the "processes" that a professional land surveyor may utilize. Furthermore, Mr. Neathamer applauded the Committee on its attempt to develop a rule but noted that a professional land surveyor makes many professional judgment calls that cannot be outlined in rule.

After additional discussion, Mr. Neathamer and Mr. Johnston also volunteered to assist the Committee in drafting proposed language and requested to receive the information sent to the Committee. The proposed language will continue to be sent to the members individually to provide input during the interim.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.