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**STANDARDS OF LAND SURVEYING
PRACTICES COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Meeting

April 9, 2010

Board Members present:

Dan Linscheid, Chair

Carl Tappert

Sue Newstetter

Ken Hoffine (excused absence)

Public Members present:

Bob Neathamer, PLS

Gary Johnston, PLS

Staff present:

Mari Lopez, Executive Secretary

Jenn Gilbert, Executive Assistant

Others present:

Joanna Tucker-Davis, AAG

Mari Kramer (observer)

Ken Fuglee

The meeting of the Standards of Land Surveying Practices Committee was called to order at 12:20 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.

The Committee discussed the draft developed to date. A clean copy, comments and revisions deleted, was distributed after the February meeting. It was noted that no revisions were made during the interim.

Mr. Johnston inquired if it was appropriate to reference other publications that contain definitions of terms utilized in the land surveying profession. For example, Ms. Newstetter noted that American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ASCM) has good definitions in its publication. AAG Tucker- Davis agreed that another publication could have great definitions or even contain the intent the Committee is seeking. However, when referencing a publication in rule, the Board is basically adopting that outside reference.

A brief discussion was held regarding maps. A suggestion was made to remove item 7 under Section III. Research and create a new Section of "Maps." Furthermore, a Section of the Table of Contents should be for References.

In discussing Section VI. Marking of Boundaries, the Committee contemplated a few revisions. The Committee will recommend that revisions be made to this Section including the addition of the following **bold** language, “The monumentation, posting, and/or the marking of a boundary line between two existing **or established** corner monuments constitutes the “practice of land surveying” as defined....” Furthermore, the Committee recommends revising the second sentence of this Section to read, “Monuments, as defined in ORS 209.005(5), shall be used to indicate the position of property corners.”

Concern was brought forward with regard to Data Preservation. Current draft language refers to “every effort” will be made to preserve records. What is the intent of this phrase? A suggestion was made to research the policies of the other state agencies that employ registered land surveyors with the notion that policies regarding the retention of documentation exist. The Committee also considered retention of a minimum period of 5 years as an alternative.

Ms. Newstetter will incorporate language as discussed into the current document. Upon completion, Ms. Newstetter will send the draft to staff for re-distribution to the members individually for input during the interim. Mr. Linscheid will begin the review and include his comments. Upon completion, the draft will be sent to Mr. Tappert, Mr. Neathamer, and then Mr. Johnston. Mr. Hoffine will complete the review round. The draft including all comments will be further reviewed and discussed during the June Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.