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**STANDARDS OF LAND SURVEYING
PRACTICES COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Meeting

February 9, 2012

Board Members present:

Sue Newstetter

Dan Linscheid

Ken Hoffine

Carl Tappert (excused absence)

Public Members present:

Jim Hepler, PLS

Gary Johnston, PLS

Chuck Gibbs, PLS (absent)

Bob Neathamer, PLS (via telephone)

Staff present:

Mari Lopez

Jenn Gilbert

Others present:

Joanna Tucker-Davis, AAG

J. Edward Henricks, PLS

The meeting of the Standards of Land Surveying Practices Committee was called to order at 12:06 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.

Unfortunately, the timeline contained in the August 12, 2011 Committee meeting minutes was not achieved. Therefore, the Committee continued its discussion related to the narratives and reviewed the comments received. A copy of an article contained in the February 2012 edition of the Point of Beginning was also distributed for discussion. The article was titled, "Maintaining Relevancy in the 21st Century" and written by Jeffery N. Lucas, PLS, Esq. Discussion was again held with regard to the purpose of this Committee. Staff informed the members that requests are frequently made for standards relating to the professional practice of land surveying. It was also noted that a standard would also provide guidelines for the next generation of land surveyors.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the information submitted by Mr. Hepler. He provided his comments, including his belief that the profession will be elevated by better narrative writing. He also believes that the public will benefit from more reliable surveys as a good narrative forces

the land surveyor to think about what they are doing. The Committee reviewed each comment as they related to each subsection of the proposed draft language. After discussion, it was noted that Chair Newstetter will be presenting information at the PLSO Conference. As she prepares her presentation, she will request suggestions on disseminating the information in the hopes of gaining constructive feedback for the Committee. Discussion will continue in April.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.