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THE ROLE OF THE RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) are the laws that govern the practice of landscape architecture. The ORS is established by the Oregon Legislature. Changes to the ORS can only occur through the legislative process which is lengthy. Often, the ORS needs clarification or the ORS empowers the Board to write out a procedure, such as the registrant Code of Conduct. The responsibility to clarify the ORS belongs to the Board. The Board cannot expand the scope of the ORS but it can clarify the ORS. To clarify how the ORS is to be administered, the Board is charged with writing Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR). In developing and revising the OAR, the Board relies on volunteers that serve on the Rules Advisory Committee (RAC).

The Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) convened via conference call on November 2, 2009. The RAC discussed numerous OARs that were revised in preparation for the Board's November 13, 2009 quarterly meeting. The RAC meeting was chaired by Public Member Ron Nichols. The following members participated: Hal Beighley, RLA; Greg Covey, RLA; Kathleen Ellis, RLA. Once reviewed by the RAC, the revisions move on to the full Board for approval.

The Board approved changes to the following OARs at the November meeting: OAR 804-030-0003, Signature; OAR 804-003-0000, OAR 804-035-0010, OAR 804-035-0020 Sole Proprietor; and OAR 804-035-0030 & OAR 804-035-0035, Certificate of Authorization.

Chair Van Wormer convened a follow-up meeting on December 9, 2009 via telephone conference call to finalize OAR language for three additional rules: OAR 804-025-0020(5), Continuing education standard for those registered for 25 consecutive years; OAR 804-022-0020, Reinstating a delinquent registration; and OAR 804-040-0000, Fees: reorganizing the order of the fee information. The revisions will soon be posted on the web page for interested parties to review.

The following rules were previously reviewed by the RAC, approved by the Board and then posted on the web page for registrant input. They are now final: OAR 804-020-0003, Application; OAR 804-022-0025, Inactive Emeritus Status; and OAR 804-030-0000, Seal of the Landscape Architect. In addition, the fee for business registration will be an annual fee of \$112.50 rather than a biennial fee of \$225.00. Revision to the Administrative Rules is an ongoing process.

CEC AND PROOF OF ATTENDANCE

The Continuing Education Committee (CEC) regularly reviews and evaluates support documentation received from audited registrants. When deemed necessary, the CEC may ask a registrant to provide additional justification explaining how submitted Professional Development Hours (PDH) qualify for credit, the value of the course in the practice of landscape architecture and how it meets the intent of the regulation. This submitted information is then reviewed by the CEC for use in finalizing the individual's audit.

Audited Registrant's are reminded to submit information which is clear and concise and which meets the intent of the regulation. While no doubt beneficial on a personal level, courses in Boater's Safety, foreign languages or attendance at Home and Garden shows do not typically meet the intent of Continuing Education and may not be accepted by the CEC.

The CEC also discussed what information can serve as "proof of attendance" for purposes of validating PDH. The CEC determined that providing a receipt or some other proof that money was spent or providing a copy of the agenda will **not** suffice as "proof of attendance".

Proof of attendance can be a certificate of completion, a transcript, etc. A summary article describing the event, date, location, hours spent and explaining the events value to you as a Landscape Architect could be submitted as "proof of attendance". Such a summary must provide sufficient support information to allow the CEC to evaluate the value of the PDH effort.



PUBLISHING COMPLIANCE CASE INFORMATION

During the Telephone Meeting convened on December 9, 2009, Public Member and Compliance Chair Susan Wright solicited input from the Board. Wright would like to see compliance information posted on the web and written about in the newsletter. She is interested in the Board's opinion about how this information should be presented.

Board Member Robert Edwards, Compliance Committee member, offered that the person or firm against whom the violation is listed should be named. Since coming to the Board, he has observed that landscape architecture is a self-policing profession. Self-policing would be excluded if people do not know who is involved in violations of the law. If the person continues to be in violation, self policing can occur because others know of prior violations. If the Board publishes compliance information, then the community of practitioners becomes aware of what is happening in the practicing community and can report violations to the Board.

The Board agreed with the concept and Wright will draft a format for publishing this information. The draft format will be reviewed at an upcoming Board meeting.

EXAMINATION UPDATE

The Oregon State Landscape Architect Board (OSLAB) administered the national CLARB (Council of Landscape Architect Registration Boards) examination on December 7 & 8, 2009, in Salem, Oregon. Thirteen candidates completed Section C, Site Design. Sixteen candidates completed Section E, Grading and Drainage. Board Chair Tim Van Wormer served as proctor for Section C. Examination results are received about 60 days after the exam administration.

REGISTRATION UPDATE

The Board welcomes the following new Landscape Architects and Landscape Architect Businesses as registrants of the Board since the last newsletter publication.

Landscape Architects with Initial Registration in Oregon

Cunningham, Casey A.	LA693	11/13/2009
Poe, Melanie C.	LA694	11/13/2009
Samuel, Anne E.	LA695	11/13/2009
Saven, Andrea D.	LA696	11/13/2009
Turula, Olena C.	LA697	11/13/2009
Vitkay, Karen R.	LA698	11/13/2009
Wilcox, Robin A.	LA699	11/13/2009

New Landscape Architects by Reciprocity

Wilson, Joseph	LA692	08/04/2009
Bonnin, Tim	LA700	11/18/2009
Pugh, Bradley	LA701	11/30/2009
Van Voorhis, Kenneth	LA702	11/30/2009

The following individuals have been granted inactive status:

Anderson, Jason	LA607	09/30/2009
Hilgers, David	LA558	11/30/2009
Long, Matthew	LA475	11/30/2009
Yamashita, David	LA213	12/31/2009

New Business Registrants

AECOM Tech. Service	L330	09/21/2009
LanPacific Inc.	L331	10/16/2009
Rizlandesigns	L332	10/30/2009
Mears Design Group	L333	11/11/2009
Schlesinger & Associates	L334	12/01/2009
Dennis Seven Dees	L335	12/14/2009

The following businesses are no longer registered with the Board to offer landscape architecture services:

Kelly Brignell, LA	L247	3/31/2009
Kencairn Sager, LA	L245	3/31/2009
SR Design	L256	5/31/2009
Big Sky Landscaping	L262	6/30/2009
Land Image Landscape	L193	6/30/2009
Zinnia Design, Inc.	L192	6/30/2009
Fertile Ground	L266	8/31/2009
Illahee Group, Inc.	L201	8/31/2009
Loam Studio	L264	8/31/2009
Phillips Farevaag Smallemberg	L181	8/31/2009
Robert Lamb Hart	L203	8/31/2009

The following individual now have a *delinquent* registration with the Oregon Board:

Smith, Scott	LA674	08/31/2009
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OSLAB Mission Statement

To regulate the practice of landscape architecture in Oregon.

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We're on the Web
www.oregon.gov/landarch

Do You Want To Receive Meeting Notice and Agenda?

Board meeting notice and agenda are posted on the web page approximately 2 weeks prior to the meeting. Visit www.oregon.gov/landarch. Please contact Board staff at oslab.info@state.or.us, if you would like electronic notifications.

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OSLAB Calendar Of Events

Dec. 17, 2009
Dec. 24, 2009
Dec. 25, 2009
Jan. 1, 2010
Jan. 18, 2010
Feb. 5, 2010
Feb. 26-27, 2010
March 11, 2010

Special Telephone Meeting of the Board, 12:00 PM
Governor's Day Holiday (Office Closed)
Christmas Day (Office Closed)
New Years' Day (Office Closed)
Martin Luther King Day
Quarterly Meeting, Salem
CLARB Spring Meeting, Dallas, TX
Application Deadline for LARE C & E

Happy Holidays