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# OSLAB Review

## Oregon State Landscape Architect Board

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### What Cities and Counties Need to Know About Registered Landscape Architects: Oregon State Regulations, Authorizations, and Qualifications

This newsletter is distributed to Landscape Architects registered in Oregon and to the cities and counties of Oregon. The purpose of this article is to make sure cities and counties in Oregon are aware of the requirements for registration and of the qualifications of Landscape Architects in Oregon. Registered Landscape Architects are regulated by the State of Oregon in a similar manner to Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and other state regulated design professionals and are authorized and qualified to prepare site, planting, irrigation, grading, and drainage plans.

Oregon Revised Statutes 617.310 defines the Practice of Landscape Architecture. Specifically, a Landscape Architect is authorized to prepare and provide such services as:

(617.310.6.h) "...overall site planning, plans for grading and drainage, irrigation and planting and related construction details."

Registration as a Landscape Architect in the State of Oregon (Oregon Administrative Rules 804 Divisions 10, 20 and 22) requires the following:

- ◇ A Degree in Landscape Architecture from a nationally accredited Landscape Architecture Program (typically a 5 year program),
- ◇ Three (3) years of work experience under the direct supervision of a registered Landscape Architect, or, two years of the three years of experience may be supervised by a civil engineer, architect or credentialed planner;
- ◇ Receipt of passing scores in a five-part national examination (LARE) administered by the State of Oregon.

The five part exam is composed of a combination of testing including:

1. Professional Practice and Project Administration,
2. Project Programming,
3. Site Design (5 hour exam)
4. Design and Construction Documentation processes and,
5. Grading, Drainage and Stormwater Management Principals (5 hour exam).

Landscape Architects registered in Oregon are authorized and qualified to prepare preliminary and final site, planting, irrigation, grading, and drainage plans and should be listed as qualified professionals in the development codes of cities and counties. If you are a Landscape Architect, read and review the development codes in the community where you practice. If the development codes are not supportive of Landscape Architects' abilities and qualifications, contact the Oregon State Landscape Architect Board and we will contact your local city or county for you.

## **CLARB UNDERTAKES STUDY ON THE DEFINITION OF PUBLIC WELFARE**

An important study is under way by the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) regarding what "Public Welfare" means and how it is incorporated into the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE). A point to remember is that CLARB develops and grades the LARE for OSLAB. The exam assesses the knowledge, skills and abilities of a candidate for registration to protect and enhance the public's health, safety and welfare. CLARB has recognized the need to refine the public welfare component of the LARE and those portions of the LARE that pertain to public welfare. The study is expected this Spring and we will keep you informed of the results.

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION UPDATE**

The Continuing Education Committee completed the review of all PDH documentations submitted by registrants drawn for audit at the May 14, 2010 Board Meeting. Four registrants were requested to submit their PDH Log and support documents for the PDH hours claimed in the log. After thorough review of all the documents provided from audited registrants, the Board voted to approved the submitted PDH. The following registrants successfully completed and passed the audit:

Groznik, Frank, LA525  
Walker, Jason, LA496  
Goetz, Steve, LA080  
Huntington, Wallace, LA003

Notice of completing the continuing education requirements were mailed to the above registrants on August 20, 2010. Please inform staff if you did not receive it.

At the August, 2010 Board Meeting, six registrants were drawn for audit. The result of the audit for these registrants will be posted in the next issue of the OSLAB Newsletter.

### **EXAMINATION UPDATE**

OSLAB continues to administer Section C and E of the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE). Results of the June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 examination administration were recently released. Of nine candidates sitting for Section C, six received passing scores for a 66% pass rate. Of twenty candidates sitting for Section E, nine received passing scores for a 45% pass rate. Congratulations to those receiving passing scores.

The next administration of Sections C and E will be December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Board office in Salem. Starting with this exam administration, the start time will be 9:00AM instead of 8:00AM and the end time will be 2:15PM instead of 1:15PM.

## **WELCOME NEW REGISTRANTS!**

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

### **Landscape Architect with Initial Registration in Oregon**

Mathis, Michelle	LA721	08/13/2010
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### **New Landscape Architects by Reciprocity**

Canfield, Laura	LA714	06/28/2010	MD
Daugherty, Tim	LA715	07/07/2010	CA
Meyer, Dennis	LA716	07/14/2010	WA
Armstrong, Edward	LA717	07/19/2010	CA
Burns, Marianne	LA718	08/12/2010	NM
Jaynes, Jason	LA719	08/12/2010	WY
Gates, David	LA720	08/13/2010	MA
Jensen, James	LA722	09/09/2010	MT

### **New Business Registrants**

Terraforma Design Group	L351	07/12/2010
Whitney Environ. Consulting	L352	07/20/2010
Dekker/Perich/Sabatini	L353	08/13/2010
Anchor QEA, LLC	L354	08/13/2010
Laura Herbon LA, LLC	L355	09/13/2010
Power Engineers	L356	09/16/2010

## **REGISTRATION UPDATE**

The following individuals now have a delinquent status with the Oregon Board:

Hill, Andrew	LA500	05/31/2010
Lanstra-Nothdurft, Ardith	LA575	05/31/2010
McCarthy, Brian	LA148	07/31/2010
Principe, Kenneth	LA454	05/31/2010
Schoeder, Todd	LA429	05/31/2010
Seidenwurm, Kathryn	LA478	05/31/2010
Sturtevant, Gregg	LA573	05/31/2010
Wyatt, Jedd	LA661	04/30/2010
Zita, Richard	LA289	04/30/2010

## OSLAB Mission Statement

To regulate the practice of landscape architecture in Oregon.

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### Continuing Education for Registrants Registered for 25 years or more

Registrants registered for 25 consecutive years or more are eligible for the reduced 4PDH per year to satisfy the Continuing Education requirement for renewal of LA registration. For more information, please see OAR 804-025-0020(5).

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## OSLAB Calendar Of Events

November 1 – 5, 2010	LARE Redline Reviews
November 11, 2010	Veteran's Day (Office Closed)
November 12, 2010	OSLAB Quarterly Board Meeting, Salem, Oregon
November 25, 2010	Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)
December 13 & 14, 2010	LARE Section C and E Exam Administration
December 24, 2010	Christmas Holiday (Office Closed)
December 31, 2010	New Year's Day Holiday (Office Closed)