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# OSLAB Review



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### POTENTIAL CHANGES TO THE RULE FOR REGISTRATION BY RECIPROCITY



Board staff, the Licensure Review Committee, and the full Board have recently been struggling with the existing rule for registration by reciprocity and have determined there is a need to develop rule revisions. The Board solicits your input about this issue. For reference, the reciprocity requirements are contained in OAR 804 Division 22.

The current reciprocity rule applies the same criteria to a reciprocity request as are applied to applications for initial registration. The idea behind the rule is not bad – to set uniform standards for registration in Oregon. Certainly the Board does need to ensure sufficient education, passage of professional examinations, and demonstrated proficiency in the field. The primary problem with the rule is the requirement for documenting work experience under the supervision of a registered landscape architect (RLA).

The reciprocity rule essentially treats all reciprocity applicants, regardless of years of experience as RLAs in other states, as if they are at the beginning of their careers. Some applicants for reciprocity gained the required work experience many years ago. The companies or supervisors they worked for may not be available to sign-off on work verification forms. This makes documentation of supervised work experience difficult or sometimes even impossible for an applicant to obtain. The current rule does not allow the Board to consider how long the applicant has been successfully working as a RLA in another state as an alternative to supervised work experience.

The Board has asked the Administrative Rules Committee to work with the Licensure Review Committee and staff to consider alternatives to the current rule. Members of the Administrative Rules Committee will be called into service over the summer to early fall to help shape rule revisions. All are encouraged to share ideas and concerns with the reciprocity rule by sending comments by e-mail to [oslab.info@state.or.us](mailto:oslab.info@state.or.us) or by US mail to the Board office at 707 13<sup>th</sup> St. SE, Salem, OR 97301. The Board will be briefed at upcoming meetings in August and November of this year on input received via the Administrative Rules Committee or directly from registrants and other interested parties.





## OSLAB WANTS YOU!

### VOLUNTEER TO SERVE ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES COMMITTEE

The Board maintains a standing Administrative Rules Committee. The Committee is chaired by a member of the Board and is composed of members of the registrant community. The Committee is periodically called into service to review draft rules. In many instances, the reviews are completed individually by members with each person sending comments by e-mail to the Committee Chair and Board Administrator. On occasion, the Committee convenes for group discussion. The input provided by the Committee is very valuable to OSLAB as it determines if or how to proceed with particular rule updates.

### WHAT DOES OSLAB LOOK LIKE TO YOU?

The Board wants to positively reflect the profession within its communications and outreach efforts. The Board is interested in the idea of developing a new logo and related graphics to reflect the design skills and scope of the profession. We would like to hear and see ideas from registrants or even aspiring landscape architects and encourage all to contribute to how the profession is represented through Board outreach materials. All are invited to submit proposals for an OSLAB logo and any related graphics that would best symbolize the profession. Submittals should be in electronic format and provided with the understanding that the graphics could be subject to future Board use if selected. If there is sufficient interest in this design challenge, the Board will establish an impartial judging and selection process.

Come one, come all, and have some fun! Be part of the OSLAB Logo design challenge! All entries should be submitted to the Board Office by

**September 30.**



### PDH CARRYOVER HOURS – REQUESTING INPUT

The Continuing Education Committee (CEC) of the OSLAB has discussed with Board the idea of eliminating the allowance for carryover of professional development hours (PDH) for continuing education as is currently allowed under rule. The Board's continuing education rule allows a registrant to carry over a maximum 12 PDH into the next annual renewal cycle. (See Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 804-025-0020(2)(c).) The CEC asked the Board to consider changing this rule such that each renewal year would stand alone. This would mean that each registrant would have to complete 12 PDH in each 12 month period between registration renewal dates.

Why change the rule regarding carryover PDH? The CEC concern is that when a registrant is audited, the audit is intended to cover the prior 12 month period. But if the registrant chooses to apply PDH carryover hours, that registrant must also provide a log and all supporting documentation for the claimed carryover hours from the previous year. This means that the registrant is actually being audited on two years. Also, additional PDH could be required even if a registrant has 12 carryover hours. For example, a registrant with 12 hours of carryover where 6 of those hours are health, safety, and welfare (HSW) PDH and 6 hours are "other" PDH would still need to acquire 3 HSW PDH to meet the requirement for the next renewal period. In other words, the CEC wonders about the real value of PDH carryover to registrants.

The Board has not made a determination about changing the rule relative to PDH carryover but has decided through the newsletter to inquire with registrants as to their support of or opposition to such a rule change. Should OSLAB disallow PDH carryover and if so why? Should OSLAB keep the rule as is and if so why?

Staff and the Board express their gratitude to those registrants who take the time to consider this question and present their views for or against the use of PDH carryover hours. Related suggestions about continuing education requirement are also welcome. Please send any comments care of the Board Office.

### 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

Jeffrey Creel	LA747	05/13/2011
Fouad Elgharabli	LA748	05/13/2011
Patrick Gaynor	LA749	05/13/2011
Eric Parsons	LA750	05/13/2011
Douglas Rooney	LA751	05/13/2011
Jeff Sakacsi	LA752	05/13/2011
Samuel Shearman	LA753	05/13/2011
Marina Wrensch	LA754	05/13/2011

#### New Landscape Architects by Reciprocity

Richard Shaw	LA742	03/30/2011	AZ
Marjorie Kaspar	LA743	04/11/2011	CA
Kenneth Loney	LA744	04/11/2011	WA
Nicholas Johnson	LA745	04/12/2011	CA
Marcia Vallier	LA746	04/18/2011	CA

#### New Business Registrants

Karen Ford, LA	L368	04/01/2011
Lauchlin R. Bethune Associates	L369	04/25/2011
Place Studio dba Atelier Dreistl	L370	05/26/2011
David Evans & Associates – PDX	L371	06/02/2011
David Evans & Associates – Salem	L372	06/02/2011
Vallier Design Associates	L373	06/02/2011
Schirmer Satre Group	L374	06/20/2011

#### Delinquent Registrations:

The individuals listed below are now over 60 days *delinquent*:  
 Roger Iwasaki LA081, 1/31/2011; George Otten LA008, 01/31/2011; John Rowe LA687, 02/28/2011; Robert Smith LA617, 03/31/2011.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION UPDATE

The Continuing Education Committee (CEC) completed the review of all professional development hours (PDH) documents submitted by registrants drawn for audit at the February 14, 2011 Board Meeting. Eight registrants were requested to submit their PDH Logs and support documents for the hours claimed. After thorough review of all the documents provided by audited registrants, the Board voted on the submitted PDH documentation at the May, 2011 Board Meeting. Five of those eight registrants plus one from the previous audit period successfully completed the audit: Dean Christensen, LA376; Amy Jones, LA536; Elisabeth Lardner, LA179; Stephen Ray, LA384; Patrick Sweeney, LA413 and Steven Wilensky, LA560. Notices of completing the continuing education requirements were mailed to the above registrants on May, 23, 2011. Three registrant were requested to submit acceptable supporting documentation.

At the May 2011 meeting, four registrants were drawn for next audit. The results of the audits for these registrants will be posted in the next issue of the OSLAB Newsletter.



### NEW! QUARTERLY COMPLIANCE REPORT

#### **Closed Cases:**

<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Status</u>
10-03-007	Advertising as LA firm	3rd party error, no violation
10-04-008	Advertising as LA firm	3rd party error, no violation
10-05-009	Advertising as LA firm	3rd party error, no violation
10-04-010	Advertising as LA firm	3rd party error, no violation
10-04-011	Advertising as LA firm	3rd party error, no violation
10-04-012	Advertising as LA firm	3rd party error, no violation
10-04-013	Advertising as LA firm	3rd party error, no violation

#### **Pending Cases:**

<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Status</u>
10-10-014	Advertising LA w/o registration	Admin review
11-02-015	Advertising LA w/o registration	Admin review
11-02-016	Advertising LA w/o registration	Admin review
11-04-017	Professional quality of RLA's plan	Technical review
11-05-018	Public contracting/need for LA	Admin review



## OSLAB Mission Statement

To regulate the practice of landscape architecture in Oregon.

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## OSLAB Accepts the LA Continuing Education System.

ASLA said otherwise in a recent article but recently issued a correction.

## Companies Must not Violate the Law

The title Landscape Architect can only be used to identify an individual here in Oregon when that person is registered with OSLAB. Any business offering the services of landscape architecture must also be registered.

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### BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### Public Member Bob Edwards Completes Term with OSLAB

The members of OSLAB and Board staff are sad to see Bob go but whole heartedly thank him for his service to the Board and wish him all the best in his future endeavors!

The Board is working with the Governor's Office to fill the public member vacancy created by Bob's departure.



### OSLAB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 4, 2011	Independence Day, Office Closed
August 12, 2011	OSLAB Quarterly Board Meeting, Salem, OR
September 6, 2011	Deadline for accepting applications for the LARE, C & E
September 15-17, 2011	CLARB Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL