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# OSLAB Review

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### **BOARD DELIBERATES OVER DRAFT 2009-11 BUDGET**

The Budget Committee (BC) of Ron Nichols, Public Member, Treasurer and Timothy Van Wormer, Landscape Architect, Chair, presented the preliminary budget at the February 20, 2009, Board meeting. The budget takes into account a reduction in business and individual renewals to account for the slowing economy. During the BC's initial meeting on February 6, 2009 to draft the budget, consideration was given to reduce business fees. However, with the slowing economy it was decided to propose leaving fees for businesses and individuals at current levels.

In addition to an expectation built into the budget of fewer business and individual registrants, the Board was recently billed by State Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for \$77,706 for reimbursement of the insurance payment the Board received in 2006 for losses due to embezzlement by the past board administrator. This request for repayment by DAS was an unexpected expense for the Board.

A letter was issued to DAS requesting an explanation of the invoice. DAS attended the November 2007 Board meeting and explained that the state is self-insured and that repayments are required. DAS apologized for not communicating this to the board earlier. The Board subsequently requested repayment of this invoice over three biennia. DAS granted this request, but the Board must make a \$26,000 payment this biennium.

As background information on the insurance payment the Board received from DAS in 2006, funds were first used to pay off all outstanding and delinquent debts. The remainder of the insurance payment was placed into CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT (CD) as a reserve account. The BC recommended to the Board that the insurance invoice be paid from the CD account because an expense of this size would not be possible to absorb into the current or future biennial budgets.

The Board approved a draft budget of \$315,082 for 2009-11. An Administrative Rules Hearing will be held in the near future for purposes of accepting input from the registrants regarding the recommended 2009-11 budget.

## CIVIL PENALTY RECEIVED

The Compliance Committee of the Board has been diligently reviewing complaints presented to the Board and taking action. Complaints are often about non-registered individuals practicing landscape architecture.

For example, February 8, 2008, the Board issued a Final Order by Default against an individual for practicing landscape architecture without registration. A civil penalty of \$5000 was assessed. Payment of the penalty was received in May of 2008 and the case was closed.

The Board initially contacted the individual in July of 2005. Numerous contacts were made over the ensuing two years in an attempt to bring the person into compliance with the Oregon statutes governing the practice of landscape architecture. After receiving a FINAL ORDER BY DEFAULT, the individual requested to appear before the Board at the February 2008 meeting.

The person charged in this complaint was initially using landscape architecture in the title of his business and subsequently distributing a tri-fold glossy colored brochure at the Spring 2007 Home and Garden Show at the Expo Center in Portland, Oregon. The brochure used words, letters, figures, signs, cards, advertisements, symbols, or other devices to represent that the individual or business associated with the individual offers to perform or provide services that are the practice of landscape architecture within the meaning of ORS 571.310(5) and ORS 671.310 (2), (6), and (8).

And previously, a Stipulated Final Order was signed March 9, 2007 and a \$2500 civil penalty was subsequently paid to the Board by an individual practicing landscape architecture without Oregon registration. An article about this case was published in the March 2007 OSLAB Review. All prior newsletters of the Board can be found on the Board's website.



## ADMINISTRATIVE RULES UPDATE

The Administrative Rules Committee (ARC) is drafting rules to assist registrants with clarification of electronic stamping and electronic signatures. The ARC is also developing rules for Emeritus registration. The draft rules will be discussed with the Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) before the May 9, 2009, quarterly Board meeting where the Board anticipates taking action on approving Administrative Rule revisions.

All draft rules will be reviewed with the RAC before coming to the Board for final approval. The following registrants serve on the RAC: Brian McCarter, Eileen Obermiller, Greg Covey, Hal Beighley, John Lee, Justine Lovinger, and Kathleen Ellis. Ronald Nichols, Public Member of OSLAB serves as the Chair of the RAC.



## ATTENTION: COUNTY, CITY, STATE EMPLOYERS

If you are a county, city, or state entity that contracts for Landscape Architecture work, please be advised to confirm an applicant's registration with the Board. You may view the website or contact staff to confirm that the applicant has the proper registration credentials. To practice in Oregon, both individual Landscape Architects and businesses that offer the services of landscape architecture must be registered with OSLAB.

## REGISTRATION UPDATE

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

### New Landscape Architects by Reciprocity

Strawter, Charles	LA685	01/09/2009
Freeman, Wayne	LA686	02/10/2009
Rowe, John	LA687	02/10/2009
Hourian, John	LA688	03/20/2009

### New Business Registrants

CTA Inc.	L307	12/031/2008
Maul Foster & Alongi	L308	12/031/2008
Drakes 7 Dees	L309	01/05/2009
Douglas Lee LA, LLC	L310	01/06/2009
CIDA, Inc.	L311	01/26/2009
Sage Resources, Inc.	L312	01/28/2009
George R. Erdenberger	L313	02/03/2009
PacLand-Edmonds PC	L314	02/18/2009
Pinnacle Design Co.	L315	02/18/2009
Design Workshop, Inc.	L316	02/25/2009
IBI Group	L317	03/03/2009
Schultz & Long LA	L318	03/03/2009



## DECEMBER 2008 LARE GRAPHIC EXAM RESULTS

OSLAB staff recently issued the results of Section C and E of the LARE which were administered in Salem, Oregon on December 8th & 9th.

Of *nineteen* candidates that sat for Section C, *thirteen* received passing scores for a 68% passing rate.

Of *seventeen* candidates that sat for Section E, *six* received passing scores for a 35% pass rate.

Congratulations to those candidates who received passing scores!

### VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT YOUR ADDRESS INFORMATION:

If you are practicing Landscape Architecture in the State of Oregon, you are required to have an active *current* registration. An annual courtesy reminder of your registration renewal is US Mailed to your address on record in the Board office to assist you in maintaining a current registration.

You are responsible to keep your address information current with the Board office. It is critical that you maintain a current US mailing address if you wish to receive the courtesy reminder. Three addresses are critical to the Board: your home US Mail address; your work US Mail address; and a current email address.

Address changes are **not accepted via telephone**. Address changes must be received in *writing* and may be US mailed, faxed to the office, or sent via email.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS INFORMATION.**

**OSLAB Mission Statement**

To regulate the practice of landscape architecture in Oregon.

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSES . . . .**

to the Board's inquiry about the newsletter. The responses were read with great interest. The Board reminds you that all prior newsletters are available under the NEWSLETTER tab of the website.

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**OSLAB Calendar**

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| April 1, 2009    | Deadline to Withdraw for the June 2009 LARE Sections C & E Exam             |
| May 8, 2009      | OSLAB Quarterly Board Meeting, Salem, Oregon                                |
| May 21, 2009     | Continuing Education Presentation, Willamette Section, ASLA, Eugene, Oregon |
| May 25, 2009     | Memorial Day (Office Closed)  |
| June 8 & 9, 2009 | LARE Sections C & E Exam Administration, Salem, Oregon                      |