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PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

December 9, 2011

Members present:

Sue Newstetter

Steven Burger

Jim Doane

John Seward

Staff present:

Mari Lopez

Jenn Gilbert

Others present:

Katharine Lozano, AAG

The meeting of the Professional Practices Committee (PPC) was called to order at 1:00 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.

Unfinished Business –

Oregon Surveying Questions

As a result of the discussion held during the October meeting from an email inquiry related to land surveying received from Melissa Armstrong, the Committee reviewed a chain of email correspondence from Staff. JR Wilkinson provided Ms. Armstrong guidance compliant with Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 672.005(1) when determining whether a professional land surveyor or engineer is required when setting internal controls for a project that construction persons can use for project layout. There was no further discussion.

New Business –

Reference Manual for Building Officials – 8th Edition

The Committee reviewed two memos requesting participation in the Reference Manual for Building Officials; one on behalf of the Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners (OSBGE) and one on behalf of the Oregon State Landscape Architect Board (OSLAB). Currently, the Reference Manual is updated in cooperation with the Oregon Board of Architect Examiners (OBAE) on a biennial basis to correlate with legislative changes. The 8th Edition of the Reference Manual will be led by the OBAE. After a brief discussion, the Committee concurred with including reference to OSBGE and OSLAB. Mr. Seward noted that the possible language suggested by the OSBGE included a statement related to the Memorandum of Understanding

that would not be beneficial to the Reference Manual but is available from the Board office upon request. There was no further discussion.

Discussion –

Industrial Exemption (use of “engineer” in job title)

The Committee reviewed information gathered by Ms. Lopez related to the title of “engineer” and the various range of exemptions allowed in other jurisdictions. Mr. Seward also distributed information obtained related to restrictions in the State of California. Many different issues come before the Committee and the Board related to the use of the title that improperly conveys a professional registration in Oregon. AAG Lozano noted that since a law enforcement case regarding this matter is currently in appeal, it would be appropriate to table the discussion of the “engineer” title.

However, clarifying what the industrial exemption does allow in ORS 672.060 and when an industrial exemption may or may not be applied would be another avenue for the Committee to consider its efforts. Staff was directed to gather previous PPC correspondence and any AAG opinions related to the topic for further discussion in February.

The meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.