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## EXAMINATIONS & QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

October 9, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. in the conference room of the OSBEELS office at 670 Hawthorne Avenue SE, Suite 220, Salem, OR 97301.

Members present were:

Ken Hoffine

Mari Kramer

Ed Butts (excused absence)

Amin Wahab (excused absence)

Staff present was:

Jenn Gilbert

### **New Business**

#### **Inactive Status Request**

The Committee received a request from an individual requesting to place their registration in the inactive status due to a serious leg fracture. After reviewing the documentation submitted, the Committee determined that the injury was not a debilitating physical injury and did not qualify per the Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 820-010-0520(3)(b) & (c). Staff was directed to respond accordingly.

#### **Four-hour Oregon Specific Land Surveying Examination Proctor Request – Peter Brands**

The Committee reviewed a request from Peter Brands to sit for the four-hour Oregon Specific Land Surveying Examination in Washington State. Although the Board has determined to discontinue the proctoring of Oregon Specific examinations outside the State of Oregon, this rule may not be in effect until after the November 12, 2008 Rules Hearing. Therefore, the Committee approved Mr. Brands' request. Staff was directed to inform Mr. Brands accordingly.

#### **Fundamentals of Engineering Examination Results Request – Norman Buccola**

The Committee received a request from Norman Buccola regarding his score for the April 2008 Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) Examination. Mr. Buccola was admitted to the April 2008 FE Examination administration based on OAR 820-010-0225(2) & (3)(d). However, his degree has not been conferred by the registrar's office. Mr. Buccola is requesting the Committee to release the results of his April 2008 FE Examination scores based on OAR 820-010-0225(3)(f). After discussion, the Committee determined that the results for Mr. Buccola would not be released since he was not admitted per OAR 820-010-0225(3)(f). Staff was directed to respond accordingly.

#### Exempt Status Consideration – Will Pong

The Committee reviewed and briefly discussed an email submitted by Will Pong regarding possible accommodations for registrants previously in the “exempt” status. Mr. Pong states that he understands the reasons for the Board eliminating the “exempt” status, but requested that provisions be made for registrants who are out-of-state or presently occupied in a capacity other than engineering. The Committee appreciates his comments, but directed staff to reaffirm the options for Mr. Pong outlined in OAR 820-010-0510 and 820-010-0520.

#### Appeal to Notice of Intent to Deny Admission – Justin Elliot

The Committee reviewed a request from Justin Elliot to forward his application and fee for the October 2008 professional civil engineering examination to the next examination administration in April 2009. Mr. Elliot was denied admission to the October 2008 civil examination administration since the documentation initially submitted did not meet OAR 820-010-0225(3)(d). He was also informed that he may be eligible for the April 2009 examination upon gaining an additional six months of experience as determined during the August 22, 2008 Committee meeting. After a brief discussion, the Committee approved his request. Staff will notify Mr. Elliot accordingly.

#### ABET Visit to Oregon Institute of Technology

The Committee briefly discussed an invitation to participate in the ABET evaluation of the mechanical engineering program at the Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT). The evaluation will occur on October 26 – 28, 2008. Due to the timing of the ABET evaluation, staff was directed to forward the invitation to the Board members for a volunteer observer.

#### Professional Development Hour (PDH) Extension Request – Dan McCrea

The Committee received a request for an extension to complete the required professional development hours (PDH). The request was made by Janet Failing on behalf of Dan McCrea. She stated that Mr. McCrea did not engage in the practice of engineering during a portion of his renewal period due to a medical condition. This period included 21 months of time in which he would have had a chance to acquire PDH. After discussion and consideration of previous determinations made by the Committee, staff was directed to respond to Ms. Failing denying the request. Mr. McCrea may complete the PDH as required for renewal in the active status or submit a request and the appropriate documentation to have his registration placed in the inactive status per OAR 820-010-0520.

#### Continuing Professional Development Audit Grace Period Request – John Wells

The Committee reviewed an email from John Wells and memorandum from the OSBEELS Regulation Department regarding his request for a grace period in accordance with OAR 820-015-0026(3). Mr. Wells was requested to participate in the audit of documentation to support the PDH units claimed as a condition of the last biennial renewal period. After discussion, the Committee determined to approve his request. Staff will respond accordingly.

#### Unfinished Business

##### Revise Take-home Examination

The Committee reviewed the revised take-home examination prepared by Ms. Kramer. Ms. Kramer utilized the comments received from the Board members and AAG Joanna Tucker-Davis

to prepare the draft. **After a brief discussion, staff was directed to include the take-home examination in the November Board packet information for adoption.**

#### PLSO Response

The Committee reviewed the response to Professional Land Surveyors of Oregon, Board Chairman Ed Henricks. The response was submitted by Bob Neathamer on behalf of the volunteers who develop, grade, and score four-hour Oregon Specific Land Surveying examination. After a brief discussion, the Committee would prefer Mr. Neathamer to delete a sentence prior to sending the response. However, the Committee was appreciative of the time Mr. Neathamer spent in composing the response for the Board. Staff will correspond with Mr. Neathamer accordingly.

#### **Review of Applications**

##### Comity Application

The Committee reviewed a comity application from Neal Pickus for registration as a professional mechanical engineer. Mr. Pickus submitted a request to waive the supervisory PE reference. After review of the documentation submitted, the Committee will recommend Mr. Pickus to be placed on the list of comity applications for approval by the Board during the November Board meeting.

##### 1<sup>st</sup> Registration Application

The Committee reviewed an application for 1<sup>st</sup> registration from Masataka Fukumitsu. Mr. Fukumitsu submitted a course-by-course evaluation showing his foreign degree was equivalent to a U.S. bachelor's degree in Transportation Engineering. After review of the documentation submitted, the Committee will recommend Mr. Fukumitsu to be placed on the list of 1<sup>st</sup> registration applications for approval by the Board during the November Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.