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EXAMINATIONS & QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

October 12, 2012

Members present:

Steven Burger, Chair

James Doane

Sue Frey

Amin Wahab

Staff present:

Mari Lopez, Executive Secretary

Jenn Gilbert, Executive Assistant

Matt Bryan

Jennifer O'Neill

Joy Pariente

Others present:

Katharine Lozano, Assistant Attorney General

Sue Newstetter (observer)

Eric Osman (Teleconference)

Carl Tappert (observer)

The meeting of the Examinations and Qualifications (E&Q) Committee meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.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.

New Business

Computer-Based Testing Update

The Committee reviewed information provided by National Council of Examiners of Engineering and Land Surveying (NCEES) regarding the updates on computer-based testing and the 4 models of approval offered. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee determined to recommend the model that states that once approved by a board, an examinee is allowed 1 attempt; he or she must be approved for each additional attempt. **The Committee will forward the matter to the Board for consideration during the November 13, 2012 Board meeting.**

Review of Applications

Comity Applications

Zhenjing Guo – The Committee reviewed a comity application from Zhenjing Guo for professional registration as a civil engineer. Mr. Guo had been disciplined by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers for not notifying his primary employer of secondary employment and using his primary employer’s resources for his secondary employment needs. Mr. Guo paid his civil penalty to the Texas board and completed an ethics course. After discussion, the Committee determined that compliance was met since he was fully reinstated in Texas and he notified the Board of this violation during the application process. As a result, **Mr. Guo will be placed on the list of comity applications for approval by the Board during the November 13, 2012 Board meeting.** Staff will notify Mr. Guo accordingly.

William Hodge – The Committee reviewed the findings of the investigation into the disciplinary action against Mr. Hodge with the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Land Surveyors as advised during the August 10, 2012 Committee meeting. Mr. Hodge is currently on probation in Wisconsin due to this disciplinary action. After a lengthy discussion, **the Committee will recommend to deny Mr. Hodge’s comity application compliant with Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 672.148(4) and to offer Mr. Hodge the opportunity to reapply at the end of his Wisconsin probationary period.** Staff will notify Mr. Hodge accordingly.

Mehul H. Soni – The Committee reviewed a comity application from Mehul H. Soni for professional registration as a civil engineer. Mr. Soni provided an official credential evaluation from NCEES Credential Evaluations demonstrating his Mechanical Engineering degree obtained from North Maharashtra University conferred in March 2001 is deficient in 11 semester credit hours in general education. Mr. Soni also provided official verification from the Texas State Board demonstrating successful passage of the NCEES 8-hour Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) examination in October 2002, official verification from the Colorado State Board demonstration successful passage of the NCEES 8-hour Professional Engineering (PE) examination in the Civil discipline in October 2008, a detailed experience record demonstration 5+ years of qualified engineering experience, and 6 references verifying his engineering experience. After a brief discussion, **the Committee determined that Mr. Soni qualified in accordance with Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 820-010-0225(3)(f) and will place him on the list of comity applications for approval by the Board during the November 13, 2012 Board meeting.** Staff will notify Mr. Soni accordingly.

Examination Applications

Eric Osman – The Committee reviewed a letter from Eric Osman, requesting the Committee to re-consider his qualifications to take the Fundamentals of Land Surveying (FLS) examination. In addition to Mr. Osman’s participation by teleconference, the Committee reviewed the information submitted and determined that Mr. Osman did not comply with OAR 820-010-0215(6), therefore, his October 2012 FLS examination application was considered incomplete. Mr. Osman’s application referenced community college courses, but did not include transcripts. His application was also missing a thorough description of his part- and full-time work experience. Staff will withdraw the Notice of Intent to Deny and issue a Lacking Letter.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.