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EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
February 15, 2013

Members present:

Amin Wahab, Chair
Sue Frey
Jim Doane
Sue Newstetter

Staff present:

Mari Lopez, Executive Secretary
Jenn Gilbert, Executive Assistant
Joy Pariente

Others present:

Katharine Lozano, Assistant Attorney General
Steven Burger (Observer)
Carl Tappert (Observer)
Bob Neathamer
Jim Griffis

The meeting of the External Relations Committee was called to order at 2:30 p.m. in University of Phoenix classroom 101 at 670 Hawthorne Avenue SE, Salem, OR 97301, as the conference room of the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying (OSBEELS) is under construction. The Committee meeting start time was pushed back to accommodate Oregon Specific Exam Task Force guests.

Oregon Examiner

The Committee reviewed four articles for the upcoming *Oregon Examiner*:

- [VA benefits now available for select licensure examinations](#)
After discussion, the Committee determined to present VA benefits now available for select licensure examinations article to the Board for approval during the March meeting.
- [Land Surveyors, Water Right Examiners, and Right of Entry laws](#)
After discussion, the Committee determined to present Land Surveyors, Water Right Examiners, and Right of Entry laws, with minor changes, to the Board for approval during the March meeting.
- Board members – Reitz, [Hoffine](#)

The question was raised during the Committee meeting of whether Dr. Reitz met the statutory residency time requirement. Pending this determination, the Reitz article was put on hold. Committee members also inquired about Thomas Van Liew's welcome article. Ms. Pariante informed the Committee that she was waiting for a response from Mr. Van Liew regarding his article. **The Committee determined to present Mr. Hoffine's article to the Board for approval during the March meeting.**

Staff update: Mr. Reitz did not meet the statutory residency time requirement. His Board nomination was withdrawn by the Governor's office.

Mr. Van Liew and Ms. Pariante have completed his [welcome article](#). **The article will be reviewed by the Board during the March 2013 meeting.**

- [Proper use of the term "engineer"](#)
After discussion, the Committee determined to present the Proper use of the term "engineer" article, with minor changes, to the Board during the March meeting for approval.

Outreach and Engagement Events

Ms. Pariante reported that Staff have spoken or will speak at the following engagements:

- Registration Department
 - Portland State University Engineering Career Fair – February 6, 2013
 - National Engineer's Week Career Exploration Dinner (Coos Bay) – February 20, 2013
 - University of Portland Engineering Career Fair – February 22, 2013
 - Oregon State University Engineering Career Fair (with George Fox University) – February 28, 2013
- Regulation Department
 - Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) – March 19, 2013
 - Professional Engineers of Oregon (PEO) Conference – May 17, 2013

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.