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EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting
February 13, 2015

Members present:

Amin Wahab, Chair
Sue Newstetter
Oscar Zuniga

Staff present:

Mari Lopez, Board Administrator
Jenn Gilbert, Executive Assistant
Adaira Floyd, Social and Communications Media Specialist

Others present:

Katharine Lozano, Assistant Attorney General
Ken Hoffine (Observer)

The meeting of the External Relations Committee was called to order at 11:19 a.m. in the OSBEELS Conference Room at 670 Hawthorne Avenue SE, Suite 220, Salem, OR 97301.

New Business: Oregon Examiner Articles

OSBEELS Welcomes Oscar J. Zuniga, PE: The Committee reviewed the article drafted by staff. Through general consensus, the Committee recommended the Board approve the article.

Title Violations: The Committee reviewed the article drafted by staff. Mr. Zuniga provided minor revisions. Through general consensus, the Committee recommended the Board approve the article, as revised.

OSBEELS Proposes Bill to the 2015 Legislative Session (SB 297): The article was not provided to the members and remains in the drafting phase; however, the Committee recommended the article be included in the March Board packets for Board review.

Memo Regarding 2015 Annual PEO Conference

During the November 2014 Board Meeting, the Board decided to hold the May 2015 Board Meeting on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at the Sunriver Resort in Sunriver, Oregon. This follows the 2015 Annual Professional Engineers of Oregon (PEO) Conference. Three OSBEELS Board Members are scheduled to present at the Conference. In the event that OSBEELS' members

arrive early for the Saturday meeting and are interested in attending the sessions, PEO requires a registration fee. The members were asked if they wish to support the registration fees of the OSBEELS' members who choose to attend the conference. AAG Lozano inquired if the members could claim PDH credit for their attendance, and Ms. Lopez responded [yes]. AAG Lozano explained if the members wish to claim PDH credit, it may be necessary for them to pay the fees for the PEO meeting sessions personally (unless, potentially, the members do not wish to claim any PDH credit), which prompted additional discussion by the Committee. It was moved and seconded (Zuniga/Newstetter) to recommend approving payment of the members' registration fees to the 2015 PEO Annual Conference with understanding that members cannot then also claim PDH credit. AAG Lozano will conduct research on the ethics of the matters for full Board discussion in March. The motion passed unanimously.

2015 OSBEELS Symposium

Memo Regarding Date and Location:

During the December 2014 meeting, the Committee identified the following date and location for the 2015 OSBEELS Symposium: Friday, September 18, 2015 at the Salem Convention Center. After communications with the Salem Convention Center, staff was informed that another group has reserved the first floor. Staff was provided with alternative dates from the Salem Convention Center. The Committee discussed the options. It was moved and seconded (Newstetter/Wahab) to approve the following revised date: Friday, September 11, 2015. There was no additional discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.