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OREGON SPECIFIC EXAMINATION TASK FORCE

Minutes of Meeting
December 11, 2015

Members present:

Oscar Zuniga, Chair
Ken Hoffine
Logan Miles
Amin Wahab

Staff present:

Mari Lopez, Board Administrator
Jenn Gilbert, Executive Assistant
Jennifer O'Neill, Social and Communications Media Specialist
Danee Vig, Registration Specialist
Brianna Weekly, Registration Specialist

Others present:

Katharine Lozano, Assistant Attorney General
Jason Kent (observer)
Michael Hardy, Professional Engineers of Oregon
John Sessions, Oregon Specific Forest Engineering Exam Liaison

The meeting of the Oregon Specific Examination Task Force (OSETF) was called to order at 11:29 p.m. in the OSBEELS Conference Room at 670 Hawthorne Avenue SE, Suite 220, Salem, OR 97301.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

New Business

Proctoring the Oregon Specific LS examination

Ms. Lopez elaborated on an email received from Ms. Donna Sentell from the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board regarding the interstate proctoring of various state specific land surveying examinations. AAG Lozano wondered about the examination schedules of participating states. Mr. Miles added that it would be necessary, if the Board decided to participate, that the examinations be held on the exact same day, to prevent early examinees from providing answers or information to later examinees. He further added that some state specific examinations are Computer Based Testing (CBT) allowing individuals to take their examinations anywhere which would add difficulty to marrying the examination schedules.

Mr. Zuniga wondered about the examination security when sending examinations to other states and asked Mr. Miles, as an Oregon Specific examination team member, what his thoughts were. Mr. Miles confirmed that there would be an issue of security. AAG Lozano questioned how the Board would be compensated for proctoring other states' exams. Ms. Lopez responded that compensation was not addressed. AAG Lozano explained that the Board is not permitted to spend state funds on another entity, and that there would be a variety of logistical and risk-based complications to be considered as well. It was moved and second (Zuniga/Hoffine) to recommend to the Board to not participate in the interstate proctoring of state specific examinations. The motion passed unanimously. There was no further discussion.

Permitted Materials

The OSETF was provided with the current Permitted Materials document. Ms. Lopez asked that the OSETF review the document and provide revisions, if any. A discussion was held about new technology and the difficulty to regulate the evolution of said technology. The OSETF had no revisions. There was no further discussion.

Acoustical

The OSETF reviewed an email received from Mr. Art Noxon, Oregon Specific Acoustical Engineering Examination Liaison. Ms. Lopez also provided the OSETF with the responses received from other member Boards regarding whether and how they recognize Acoustical engineers. Ms. Lopez added that based on the responses received from other member Boards, most do not recognize specific branches of engineering, contrary to Oregon, but allow a P.E. to practice in whatever branch(es) he or she is competent, like Oregon. A discussion was held about the charges assigned to the OSETF at the November 2015 Board meeting. AAG Lozano brought up Mr. Noxon's question about a due date and reminded the OSETF that the examination is suspended and a specific resumption date cannot be provided, as the committee's assigned charges have not been initiated, much less completed. There was additional discussion regarding how psychometric evaluations are conducted. There was no further discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.