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## PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES AGENDA

Minutes of Meeting  
April 8, 2016

### Members present:

Chris Aldridge, Chair  
Shelly Duquette  
Logan Miles

### Members absent:

Oscar Zuniga (excused)

### Staff present:

Mari Lopez, Board Administrator  
Jenn Gilbert, Executive Assistant

### Others present:

Katharine Lozano, Assistant Attorney General  
Jason Kent, observer

The meeting of the Professional Practice Committee (PCC) was called to order at 1:17 p.m. in the OSBEELS Conference Room at 670 Hawthorne Avenue SE, Suite 220, Salem, OR 97301.

### **Public Comment**

There was no discussion.

### **Unfinished Business**

Right of entry – H. Timothy Fassbender

Public agency right of entry – Peggy Keppler

AAG Lozano reported that her research on the matter is not complete. Further discussion will be held in June.

### **New Business**

ORS 672.107 Requirements for certification for Peer Review services – Amit Kumar

Amit Kumar, Senior Engineer with the Structural Engineering Group for the City of Portland, submitted a Question form inquiring if a peer reviewer is also required to hold certification as a Structural Engineer in the state of Oregon to render peer review services on a particular project or if a certification as a professional engineer is adequate. The project is a significant structure (300+ feet tall building) that requires a peer review per the requirements of code (ASCE 7) due to the use of viscous dampers and a non-linear time history analysis. Staff informed the Committee that a phone call from Richard Rogers at Building Codes Division had also asked the

question, but since a Question form was already submitted, he didn't feel the need to submit another one. Ms. Duquette noted that she has no conflict of interest in this question or bias although she is also employed with the City of Portland, particularly because the City of Portland simply wishes to comply with the law.

The Committee referred to Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 820-040-0020 which states, "Structural Engineering" means that branch of professional engineering that provides analysis, design, **evaluation or review** of structures or their elements, parts or systems for support of external forces such as gravity, lateral loading, temperature, seismic influence, etc." [Emphasis added]. Therefore, yes the peer review must be conducted by a registrant of the Board that holds a structural engineering registration. Staff was directed to respond to Mr. Kumar and Mr. Rogers accordingly.

#### Stamping Requirements – Seda Collier

Seda Collier submitted a Question form asking if a letter needed to be stamped by a supervising engineer. The letter in question detailed a connection between an existing wood beam and a steel channel to be placed next to the beam due to the removal of interim support for the beam in a remodel of an exempt structure. The letter was signed by an engineer intern. After a brief discussion, the Committee noted that the structure is exempt and therefore the letter does not require the seal and signature of a supervising engineer. Staff was directed to respond to Mr. Collier.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.