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**RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Meeting

February 13, 2009

Members present:

Carl Tappert, Chair

Dan Linscheid

John Seward

Mari Kramer

Staff present:

Mari Lopez, Executive Secretary

Matt Bryan

Others present:

Katharine Lozano, AAG

Sue Laszlo, observer

The meeting of the Rules and Regulations Committee was called to order at 9:35 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:**

**OAR 820-010-0442 – Application Deadlines**

The Committee received several letters regarding the deadline for applications and the time in which results for an examination are released. Due to circumstances out of the Board's control, the October 2008 examination results were not released until after the December 1<sup>st</sup> application deadline. The Committee discussed several scenarios that could occur for an individual who submits a re-application prior to receiving the results from the previous examination. Currently, staff does not process the fee and re-application for an individual who sat for the previous examination and has not received those results. The current rules, cashiering process, staff time, and timelines set by the Engineering and Land Surveying Examination Services (ELSES) were also considered and discussed. It was determined that the Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 820-010-0300 would be revised to clarify that re-application fees are non-refundable. Additionally, OAR 820-010-0465 will be revised to inform individuals that re-applications from those examinees who have not yet received results will not be accepted prior to the release of the results from the previous examination. The revised draft rules will be further reviewed and discussed during the April Committee meeting.

**OAR 820-010-0230(3) – Information to be Furnished by Professional Engineer Applicants**

As directed during the January Board meeting, the Committee discussed individuals who apply for examinations with a Master's degree in a program that does not have the same title as the undergraduate degree. As used in OAR 820-010-0230(3), "*Graduation from a post-baccalaureate degree program in engineering at a college or university that has an EAC of*

*ABET accredited undergraduate degree program in the same field as the post-baccalaureate degree program may be substituted for one year of the four years of active practice required....”* Discussion was also held regarding the use of the word “branch” and “discipline” in the laws and rules. Therefore, it was determined that OAR 820-010-0230(3) would be revised to allow graduate degrees in “*a similar discipline*” as the undergraduate degree. In addition, OAR 820-010-0010 – Definitions, will be revised to include a definition that the words “branch” and “discipline,” are synonymous when referring to registration. The revised draft rules will be reviewed during the April Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.