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OSLAB Review

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LEGISLATIVE AUDIT REVEALS ISSUES WITH OSLAB

A budget note in Oregon's HB5053 (2003 Legislative Session) requested a review of models of government, including the semi-independent model. The Joint Legislative Audit Committee (JLAC) subsequently authorized the review which commenced June 2004. OSLAB was one of eight semi-independent boards included in the audit. The October 2004 preliminary audit report revealed several deficiencies with OSLAB.

The most serious deficiencies involved:

- ◇ Filing of administrative rules
- ◇ Use of executive sessions

Additional deficiencies included:

- ◇ Lack of a website
- ◇ Lack of a newsletter
- ◇ Recording of voting actions
- ◇ Lack of use of the Department of Justice

On October 14, 2004, Board Members Leisinger and Figurski appeared before the JLAC to present testimony on behalf of the Board. Both acknowledged the deficiencies and requested time to correct them. JLAC Co-Chair Senator Ferrioli suggested that OSLAB be granted an opportunity to correct the deficiencies.

After considerable discussion, JLAC approved OSLAB's request.

Currently a financial audit is being conducted through the Secretary of State's (SofS) office. The Board requested the audit upon advice from the Assistant Attorney General.

Future issues of the OSLAB Review will include results from the S of S audit.



OSLAB Works to Resolve Deficiencies

In November 2004, OSLAB began to address the deficiencies reported in the JLAC review.

Administrative Rules have been filed to correct this deficiency.

Information about the Board is now available on the State

of Oregon website.

The 2005-07 draft budget of OSLAB includes funds to publish a quarterly newsletters to keep all registrants updated on the workings of the Board

Additional efforts are underway to improve internal op-

erations, public outreach and registrant relations.

The Board sincerely apologizes for failing to recognize deficiencies that were affecting the regulation of the profession.



Knowledge feeds
the mind and the
soul.

NOTICE:

A Public Hearing on the 2005-07 Budget and Fee increase is scheduled for Friday, May 13, 2005 at 10:00 AM



Home is where the
heart is.

CONTINUING EDUCATION NOW REQUIRED

Notification of the continuing education requirement was delivered to all registrants with renewal statements issued in 2004. Since that time Administrative Rules to implement the continuing education process have been adopted.

The Rules can be found under OAR 804 Division 25. These rules can be accessed through the web at www.oregon.gov. Look for the a-z listing, then land-

scape architects, next go to administrative rules.

OAR 804-025-0020(2)(a) states that each Landscape Architect shall have completed 24 professional development hours (PDH) during the two years immediately preceding July 1, 2006.

Your current log of activities should include all coursework since July 1, 2004.

Should you have any questions regarding education credits, please direct them to Board staff in writing.

Future newsletters will include updates about continuing education requirements, including questions and answers provided to and from the Board.

2005-07 Budget Prepared for Hearing; LA Fees to Increase

On February 11, 2005, the Board convened for a special telephone meeting to review and approve the draft budget for the 2005/07 biennium.

Board Members Kylo and VanWormer developed and presented the proposed budget.

After close scrutiny and many cuts, the Board ar-

rived at a budget that nearly balanced anticipated revenue with anticipated expenses. In order to achieve a balanced budget, the Board reluctantly agreed it was necessary to propose an increase in the annual registration fee for LA's by \$25.00. This is the first increase in annual LA fees since 1999.

Individual registration fees are the primary source of operating capital for the Board. Business registration fees cover a small percentage of total revenue.

A Public Rulemaking Hearing to discuss the budget will convene on Friday, May 13, 2005 at 10:00 AM in the conference room of the Board Office.

ADDRESS CHANGE NOTIFICATION

Registrants are reminded that renewal notices will be issued to your address on record in the Board office.

If your mailing address has changed since last year's renewal, please provide **written** notification to the Board staff of your corrected address. Include your LA registration number.

Address updates may be emailed, faxed or sent via US Mail. Address updates are *not accepted via telephone*.

Your renewal could be delayed if your address is incorrect. Late renewals are assessed a \$100.00 penalty.

NEW STAFFING, FACES AND PLACES

Effective December 2004, OSLAB contracted with the Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners (OSBGE) for office administration.

Susanna Knight, OSBGE Administrator, is now serving as Administrator for OSLAB. Knight has served as OSBGE's Administrator since January of 1999. She previously worked with the Oregon Board of Massage Therapists, the Oregon

State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying, the State Fire Marshall's Office and Oregon State University.

The Board's address remains the same however the office has moved to a new location within the building to accommodate the joint venture. Plans are underway to add a half-time support staff to assist Knight with the multitude of tasks

required by both Boards.

Leslie Clement served as Board Administrator from 1999 through November 2004.

In late October Clement gave notice to the Board of her decision to seek other employment. Clement had previously worked for the Architect and Engineering Boards.



The magic of flowers!

Getting to Know your Board: Mel Stout Appointed

OSLAB welcomes Mel Stout as a new Board member appointed by the Governor effective July 1, 2004. Stout recently retired from David Evans & Associates after twenty-three years and is currently the principal of Mel Stout Landscape Architecture, a sole proprietorship dedicated to client service and stewardship of the land.

Stout grew up in Kansas and holds a BLA from Kansas State and a MLA from Michigan. He has 30+ years of experience in Oregon with a particular expertise in recreational development. Stout believes that it is very important for the profession to have state registration and a strong Board. "The profession of landscape architecture is important to

the State of Oregon's economy, beauty, natural resource stewardship, and the health, safety and welfare of its citizens. I believe in the value of collaborating closely with other design professionals. With this perspective, it is my desire to assist with maintaining the stature and quality of those practicing landscape architecture in this state.

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OSLAB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 13, 2003 Public Rulemaking Hearing, 10:00 AM
- May 13, 2005 Quarterly Board Meeting @ Board Office in Salem following Rule Hearing
- May 16, 2005 Release of annual renewal notice
- June 13, 2005 Administration of Section C of L.A.R.E.
- June 14, 2005 Administration of Section E of L.A.R.E.
- August 12, 2005 Quarterly Board Meeting, Salem



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go to A-Z and select
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Is there information you would like to see in future issues? Please direct comments/suggestions to Board staff. Also, e-mail the Board with information you would like to see included on the web page.

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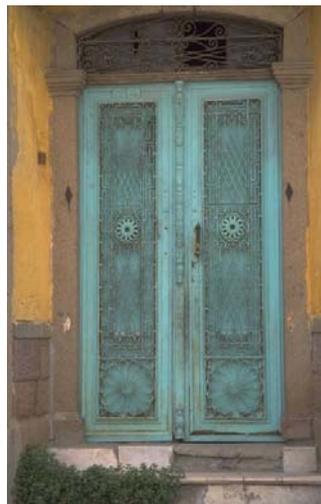
INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE

One of the major duties of the BOARD is to review violations of the Oregon State Landscape Architecture statutes.

Do you know of individuals who are using the title or practicing landscape architecture without a license?

There could be many listings in the yellow pages of your phone book under Landscape Architect or Architecture. Have you read articles or advertisements in your local newspapers identifying individuals or businesses as Landscape Architects or involved in the practice of Landscape Architecture?

Are all of these individuals or businesses registered in Oregon? If not they are in violation



Creating inviting entries into homes and businesses set the tone for interactions to come.

of the registration laws of Landscape Architecture.

The Board is currently reviewing numerous compliance concerns brought to their attention.

You can submit information about unlicensed practitioners to the Board staff.

Information will be provided in future newsletters about compliance cases and updates.

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