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## EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting  
October 9, 2015

### Members present:

Amin Wahab, Chair  
Chris Aldridge

### Members absent:

Jason Kent (excused)

### Staff present:

Mari Lopez, Board Administrator  
Jenn Gilbert, Executive Assistant  
Jennifer O'Neill, Social and Communications Media Specialist

### Others present:

Katharine Lozano, Assistant Attorney General  
Shelly Duquette (observer)  
Ken Hoffine (observer)  
Logan Miles (observer)

The meeting of the External Relations Committee (ERC) was called to order at 9:35 a.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

#### The Oregon Examiner Articles

The ERC reviewed articles for the Oregon Examiner. The first article covered the welcoming of the Board's new members; Christopher D. Aldridge, RPP and Logan T. Miles, PLS. Mr. Miles provided a few editorial comments. The ERC reviewed a second article for the Oregon Examiner covering the 2015 Symposium. After a brief discussion, it was moved and second (Aldridge/Wahab) to recommend the Board approve the articles for publication as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

### **2015 OSBEELS Symposium Feedback**

The ERC congratulated staff on organizing such a successful symposium, particularly noting the limited time and resources staff had to put it together. Chair Wahab enjoyed the feedback given by Symposium attendees who completed the online survey. Staff agreed that it was very nice to receive suggestions on what individuals would like to see at future symposiums. Given the suggestions received, staff wondered how the ERC felt about not having a theme to allow a broader spectrum of topics; ones that may be trending and/or important to each profession the Board regulates. A suggestion was made to consider multiple sessions for each profession for individuals to choose from. Mr. Aldridge also suggested that since the feedback was from symposium attendees, it might be worth publishing in the Oregon Examiner the opportunity for suggestions and comments; such as topics, presentations, and presenters. There was a brief discussion held regarding the technicality of the presentations provided.

The ERC then discussed the pros and cons of hosting the Symposium in the month of September. With this being the largest attendance and the shortest registration timeframe, a comment was made regarding the possible effects of advertising for the Symposium well in advance versus having a shorter registration timeframe.

Ms. Lopez brought back the question on whether or not the ERC wanted to stick with having a themed symposium. Chair Wahab responded that if the Board determined to stick with a theme that it would be beneficial to keep them in tracks based on each profession. Mr. Miles suggested that the Board consider adding a presentation given by OSBEELS. There was no further discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.