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## EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting  
February 26, 2016

### Members present:

Amin Wahab, Chair  
Chris Aldridge  
Jason Kent

### 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

The meeting of the External Relations Committee (ERC) was called to order at 10:44 a.m. in the OSBEELS Conference Room at 670 Hawthorne Avenue SE, Suite 220, Salem, OR 97301.

### **Public Comment**

There was no discussion.

### **Unfinished Business**

The Oregon Examiner Article: Land Surveying Topics Recently Discussed by the Board  
Staff provided the draft copy of the "Land Surveying Topics Recently Discussed by the Board" article which was considered during the February 14, 2014 ERC meeting. At that time, a request was made for AAG Lozano to conduct additional research on the legislative history of ORS 672.047. That advice was discussed during the December meeting of the Law Enforcement Committee and has not been waived by the Board. After a brief discussion, it was moved and seconded (Wahab/Aldridge) to recommend the Board approve the article as written to be published in the Oregon Examiner newsletter. The motion passed unanimously. There was no further discussion.

### **New Business**

#### 2016 OSBEELS Symposium

Staff provided the ERC with the two dates available in September to host the 2016 OSBEELS Symposium at the Salem Convention Center. Mr. Kent suggested not hosting the Symposium on Labor Day weekend. According to the information provided by staff, AAG Lozano noted the large amount of topic suggestions pertaining to water. Mr. Kent added that water would be a good focus.

Ms. Lopez suggested including a presentation for Oregon Certified Water Right Examiners by inviting the Water Resources Department (WRD) to present. Mr. Kent then suggested a presentation on Blue-Green LiDar. Staff inquired about water topics that would include engineering as well as surveying. A brainstorm of suggestions included diversions, storm water management, storm water design, and waste water. Mr. Wahab mentioned an upcoming topic regarding storm water design and the boundaries of landscape architects and engineers. Mr. Kent suggested having a presenter from Portland State University's stream restoration certificate that is taught by a number of engineers. Additional suggestions made included: the design responsibilities for restoration in water work, Surveying Blue-Green LiDar/Hydrographic soundings, advances in storm water design, river gate clean-up/the big dig, Portland's Bull Run water supply, WRD and dam safety, the National Resources Department regarding drought, fish passage, wave energy and Oregon State University (OSU), Tsunami preparedness, and water treatment. Mr. Kent suggested the Director of the WRD as a possible keynote speaker. The ERC addressed the duration and number of sessions that would be offered and any subsequent change to Continuing Professional Development. Mr. Kent requested staff to contact the Salem Convention Center to reserve September 16<sup>th</sup> for the 2016 OSBEELS Symposium.

#### The Oregon Examiner Article: May 10, 2016 Rules Hearing

After a brief discussion, it was moved and seconded (Wahab/Aldridge) to recommend the Board approve the article as amended to be published in the *Oregon Examiner* newsletter. The motion passed unanimously. There was no further discussion.

#### The Oregon Examiner Article: Professional Surveying Computer Based Testing

After a brief discussion, it was moved and seconded (Wahab/Aldridge) to recommend the Board approve the article as amended to be published in the *Oregon Examiner* newsletter. The motion passed unanimously. There was no further discussion.

#### PEO Annual Conference

The ERC reviewed an email received by Belinda Rasmussen, Executive Director of the Professional Engineers of Oregon. In her email, Ms. Rasmussen requested a guest speaker from OSBEELS to present during their Annual Conference that will be held May 5th & 6th at the Valley River Inn in Eugene, OR. She also requested if OSBEELS would be interested in having a joint pre-Board meeting like the one held in Sunriver, May 2015. After discussion regarding the request for an OSBEELS guest speaker on the topic of safety, Mr. Kent suggested that the discussion be forwarded to the full Board for consideration. Following a brief discussion regarding the request for a joint pre-Board meeting, it was moved and seconded (Aldridge/Kent) to decline the invitation. The motion passed unanimously. There was no further discussion.

#### Speaking in Local Schools

The ERC reviewed an email received by Grace Geddes from Salem Area Chamber of Commerce requesting volunteers to speak in local schools about their career and education path. After a brief discussion, it was determined that the request did not seem to require consideration of the ERC or the Board. Rather, the ERC directed staff to forward the information provided to each member of the Board to be considered independently. There was no further discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.