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**PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Meeting

August 9, 2013

Members present:

Sue Newstetter, Chair

Anne Hillyer

Ron Singh

Tom Van Liew

Staff present:

Mari Lopez, Executive Secretary

Jenn Gilbert, Executive Assistant

Joy Pariante

Others present:

Katharine Lozano, Assistant Attorney General

William Boyd (Observer)

Bob Neathamer (Observer)

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

**Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**Unfinished Business**

**Meaning of ORS 215.080**

Steve Haddock posed a question to the Committee during the April 2013 meeting, regarding the meaning of ORS 215.080 Power to enter upon land. As a result, the Committee requested AAG Lozano to research the matter and provide advice.

AAG Lozano reported that her draft advice regarding ORS 215.080 is currently being reviewed by the chain of command at the Department of Justice. The formal advice memorandum will be issued by the Opinions Office at the Chief General Counsel's Office and will be discussed during the October 2013 PPC meeting.

**OSBGE Case #13-01-005**

As a result of the June PPC meeting, AAG Lozano has reviewed prior AAG advice (OP-5476) concerning whether registered professional engineers can engage in practices within the definition of geology, if any limitations exist, and if any limitations apply to such practices. She

reported that the advice provides guidance, but doesn't answer whether the specific actions undertaken in this case fall within the overlap in scope or if the actions are solely the practice of engineering or geology. The Committee determined that further technical insight was necessary for the review of this case. This topic will be forwarded to a future Joint Compliance Committee (JCC) for consideration.

### **New Business**

#### **The Practice of Software Engineering**

The Committee reviewed information provided by the Texas Board regarding software engineering as a licensed discipline. Proponents of software engineering licensure have previously appeared before the Examinations and Qualifications Committee in February 2013 and the full Board in March 2013. **Ms. Newstetter recommended putting this topic on the agenda for discussion during the September Board meeting.** She also said Staff should arrange for a public forum to hear from both sides of the argument regarding adopting software engineering as a licensed discipline in Oregon.

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.