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FEASIBILITY OF A “MENTORING QUALIFICATION”

OSLAB is presently requesting input into the possibility of revising the existing Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) regarding experience qualifications for Landscape Architect (LA) candidates. Presently, a LA candidate is required to have three years of work experience. One year of this experience must be under the direct supervision of a registered LA. Further explanation can be read on-line under OAR Chapter 804 Division 22—Qualifications for Registration. See OAR 804-022 at http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/rules/OARS_800/OAR_804/804_tofc.html.

For various reasons, the Board has received requests to expand the OAR Qualifications for Registration from LA candidates unable to find full-time employment. Many of these candidates live in less populated communities of Oregon where the potential for employment and direct contact with registered professionals is further limited. These individuals are unable to fulfill the work experience qualifications of the OARs as presently written. The idea has been suggested to the Board that a “mentoring qualification” could be developed between qualified candidates and registered professionals, which if implemented, might bridge this gap between meeting the intent of the OARs and gaining the valuable experience needed to sit for the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE).

OSLAB is researching examples of mentoring programs, such as that in use by the Alaska (AK) Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors. The AK Board has a mentoring program for the LA profession, codified in Title 12 of the AK Administrative Code Chapter 36 (12 AAC 36.068). The mentoring program sets three and four-year mentoring periods, dependent on LA degree held by the individual being mentored. The state created the program due to the remote nature of Alaska, i.e. population centers are few and far between. OSLAB has not made any determinations about the suitability of the AK example and will be looking at various options.

The Board realizes that there may be potential problems in the mentoring concept and unintended consequences to consider. But the Board is very interested in having this discussion with the LA community and needs your input regarding the issue. Please submit any comments you have to our Administrative Office, preferably by e-mail directed to the Board Administrator. (See page 2 for contact information.)

OSLAB WELCOMES A NEW ADMINISTRATOR

Christine Valentine started on March 23, 2011 as the new administrator for the Board. Christine brings to the Board a depth of knowledge and experience from more than 17 years working in state government. Christine has worked for state government in Alaska and Oregon, spending the last 15 years in Oregon in various positions with the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development, the Oregon Business Development Department, and most recently as part of Governor Ted Kulongoski's Economic Revitalization Team. She has worked in the fields of coastal and natural resources management, natural hazards management, community development, and economic development. Her government experience rests upon a foundation of science education, with her B.S. in marine science from Long Island University and M.S. in natural resources management from Oregon State University.

Christine is dedicated to public service and brings to the Board her strong commitment to provide quality customer service and ensure efficient and appropriate use of government resources. She reports that her desire for working with the Board relates to her long-standing interest in working with the regulated public, local governments, businesses, and others to help them accomplish their goals in a manner that acknowledges legitimate public interests. She looks forward to her work with the Board, registrants, and other interested parties.

You can contact Christine at 503-589-0093 or christine.valentine@state.or.us. She is located in the Salem office, joining Marilou Arrobang, Registration Specialist. When not in the office, Christine spends her time with her family in Dallas, OR or on their adventures exploring the great outdoors of Oregon.

EXAMINATION UPDATE

OSLAB continues to administer Section C and E of the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE). Results of the December 13th & 14th, 2010 examination administration were recently released. Of eight candidates sitting for Section C, four received passing scores for a 50% pass rate. Of fifteen candidates sitting for Section E, five received passing scores for a 33% pass rate. OSLAB congratulates those receiving passing scores. (For comparison purposes only, national passing rates were 70% for Section C and 50% for Section E.)

The next administration of Sections C and E will be June 13th and 14th, Chemeketa Community College, 2011 Winema Place NE (off Lancaster Drive NE), Salem, Oregon.

Although Sections A, B, and D of the LARE are administered through the Council of Landscape Architect Registration Boards (CLARB), Oregon candidates are required to have documentation of pre-approval before registering with CLARB.

WELCOME NEW REGISTRANTS!

The Board welcomes the following new Landscape Architects and Landscape Architect Businesses as registrants of the Board since the last newsletter publication:

Landscape Architects with Initial Registration in Oregon

Shawna Hickey	LA739	02/04/2011
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New Landscape Architects by Reciprocity

Cathy Merrill	LA735	12/07/2010	CA
Patrick Hart	LA736	12/22/2010	NC
Barbara Procissi	LA737	12/30/2010	CA
Nicholas Overall	LA738	01/28/2011	CT
Steven Arago	LA740	02/15/2011	CA
Rebecca Darr	LA741	03/09/2011	NY

New Business Registrants

Home Ground Studio LLC	L361	02/10/2011
WH Pacific - Bend	L362	02/10/2011
CSHQA, A Professional Assoc.	L363	03/03/2011
Galloway Landscape Architecture	L364	03/03/2011
Kimley-Horn & Associates	L365	03/04/2011
SPVV Landscape Architects	L366	03/04/2011
Cathcarth/Begin Associates Inc.	L367	03/17/2011

DELINQUENT REGISTRATIONS

The individual listed below is now over 60 days delinquent:

Thomas Rengstorf	12/31/2010
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CONTINUING EDUCATION UPDATE

The Continuing Education Committee (CEC) completed the review of all professional development hours (PDH) documents submitted by registrants drawn for audit at the November, 2010 Board Meeting. Four registrants were requested to submit their PDH Logs and support documents for the hours claimed. After thorough review of all the documents provided by audited registrants, the Board voted to approve the submitted PDH documentation at the February, 2011 Board Meeting. The following registrants successfully completed the audit: Mary Anne Cassin, LA150, Edward MacLeod, LA401 and Joseph Wilson, LA692.

Notice of completing the continuing education requirements were mailed to the above registrants on February, 10, 2011. One registrant submitted his PDH after the February Board meeting, and that result will be published after the next Board meeting in May, 2011.

Eight registrants were drawn for audit at the February, 2011 meeting. The results of the audits for these registrants will be posted in the next issue of the OSLAB Newsletter.

OSLAB Mission Statement

To regulate the practice of landscape architecture in Oregon.

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**OSLAB Calendar
Of Events**

May 13, 2011	OSLAB Board Meeting, Salem, OR
June 13-14, 2011	LARE Section C & E Administration