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TESTIMONY PRESENTED TO LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR BOARD

On November 21, 2008, Board Administrator Susanna Knight presented testimony before the Oregon Landscape Contractor's Board (OLCB) on behalf of the Oregon Landscape Architect Board (OSLAB). The members of OSLAB collaborated on the testimony and Knight presented the testimony on the Board's behalf. Public Members Bob Edwards and Ron Nichols, both of Keizer, were present at the hearing.

The purpose of the testimony was to present OSLAB's concern about the expansion of the scope of practice of Landscape Contractors over the past two bienniums. The text of the testimony can be located on the Board's web page under the PUBLICATION tab. OLCB previously convened a hearing on this Administrative Rule in August, but OSLAB was not notified of the hearing so were unable to enter any concerns into the record.

Knight previously attended the September 21, 2008, OLCB meeting on behalf of OSLAB to advise OLCB of a September 18, 2008, letter to OLCB Chair Matt Triplett prepared by Board Chair Timothy Van Wormer and to offer public comment. Van Wormer's letter requested a copy of the OLCB draft definition of "plan" for review by OSLAB. That definition has not yet been presented to OSLAB.

Board Members Van Wormer, Edwards, and Nichols subsequently met with the Governor's Policy Advisor to inform him of the Board's concern for the healthy, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Oregon with the expansion of the scope of practice of licensees of OLCB.

BOARD SEEKS REGISTRANTS' INPUT

The September 2008 lead article was a letter from Board Chair, Timothy Van Wormer, RLA. In the letter, the Chair requested questions or inquiries from you, the reader. By replying to your inquiries or questions in the newsletter, the newsletter could provide helpful information for you.

But, alas, no such questions or inquiries were received. Does this mean that you are not reading the newsletter? Or does this mean that you do not have any questions? The Board will only know your expectations for the newsletter if you provide input. Please offer your suggestions for newsletter content or make inquiries to oslab.info@state.or.us. Or respond to this email address to acknowledge that you do read the quarterly Board publication and appreciate it as an informational document.

Also in his September 2008 letter, Chair Van Wormer solicited volunteers for Board Committees. No volunteers responded. Please read the lead article from the September 2008 newsletter again and consider volunteering your services by responding to the Board's email address.



MISSION OF OSLAB

During the August 8, 2008, Work Session, OSLAB developed a Mission Statement. Public Member Bob Edwards offered that such statements should be short and succinct. The Board researched possible action words for the mission statement and reviewed the definition of "regulate", the word currently used in statute. The definition of regulate is "to govern or direct according to rule". Since this is exactly what the Board does, it was agreed that "regulate" should remain.

In the end, the Board settled on this Mission Statement:

The mission of the Oregon State Landscape Architect Board is to regulate the practice of landscape architecture in Oregon.



COMPLIANCE UPDATES AHEAD

For the March 2009 newsletter, Public Member and Compliance Chair Susan Wright, Portland, will prepare an update on outcomes of various compliance cases during 2008. Please watch for that information in the next newsletter.

REGISTRATION UPDATES

Landscape Architects with Initial Registration in Oregon

Armstrong, Heather	LA678	11/14/2008
Bass, Jennifer	LA679	11/14/2008
Raad, Maureen	LA680	11/14/2008
Tuttle, Steven	LA681	11/14/2008
Wahlstrom, Rebecca	LA682	11/14/2008

New Landscape Architects by Reciprocity

Stander, Marilee	LA676	10/08/2008
Gaston, Patricia	LA677	10/30/2008
Mathis, Susan	LA683	12/03/2008
Ray, Stephen	LA684	12/03/2008

New Business Registrants

Weisman Design Group	L302	09/08/2008
Sanford Design	L303	10/07/2008
Bruce Bieri LA	L304	11/12/2008
Mayer Landscape Arch.	L305	11/12/2008
Thomas V. Rengstorf	L306	11/12/2008
CTA Inc.	L307	12/10/2008
Maul Foster & Alongi	L308	12/10/2008

Delinquent Registrations

Copenhagen, Bruce	LA302	10/31/2008
Goodwin, Debra	LA303	10/31/2008
Hughes, Mark	LA270	10/31/2008

BOARD EXAMS ADMINISTERED

The Board administered the national CLARB (Council of Landscape Architect Registration Boards) examination on December 8 and 9, 2008, in Salem, Oregon. Board Members Susan Wright and Timothy Van Wormer served as proctors for the examination. Nineteen candidates, the largest group in many years, completed Section C, Site Design. Seventeen candidates completed Section E, Grading and Drainage.

To be eligible to sit for these two sections of the LARE (Landscape Architect Registration Examination), candidates must have completed both their degree work and verify a minimum of one year of experience supervised by a Registered Landscape Architect. After passing Sections C and E (in addition to Sections A, B, and D, which are not administered by the Board) and verifying three years of supervised experience, these candidates are eligible to apply for registration as a Landscape Architect in Oregon.

OSLAB Mission Statement

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OSLAB CALENDAR

- January 1, 2009: New Year's Day, Office closed
- January 19, 2009: Martin Luther King, Office closed
- February 13, 2009: OSLAB Board Meeting
- Feb. 27-28, 2009: CLARB Spring Meeting, Charleston, SC
- March 10, 2009: Deadline for Accepting Application for Section C & E
- March 10-12, 2009: CLARB Multiple Choice Exams