

# OSLAB Review

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## Welcome New Readers from Oregon Cities & Counties

If you are a state or a political subdivision of the state and you are receiving this newsletter for the first time, then this article is for you. The Oregon State Landscape Architect Board (OSLAB) would like to make you aware of the legal requirements of the State of Oregon that pertain to your county or city regarding the practice of Landscape Architecture. The state regulates the practice of Landscape Architecture through OSLAB in order "to safeguard public health, safety, welfare and property and to eliminate unnecessary loss and waste in this state".

The Oregon Revised Statutes 671.412 sub-section (1) requires, "The state or a political subdivision may contract for landscape architecture service projects only with registered landscape architects, as defined in ORS 671.310." And in sub-section (2) "Drawings, plans, specifications, estimates and construction observation for public works of the state or a political subdivision that require landscape architecture services must be prepared by, or under the direct supervision of, a landscape architect....."

ORS 671.310 provides definitions for Landscape Architecture. ORS 671.310 sub-section (5) states that, "Landscape architecture" or the "practice of landscape architecture" means the performance of, or offer to perform, professional services that have the dominant purpose of landscape preservation, development and enhancement, including but not limited to reconnaissance, research, planning, landscape and site design, the preparation of related drawings, construction documents and specifications and responsible construction observation. "Landscape architecture" or the "practice of landscape architecture" includes the location, arrangement and design of tangible objects and features that are incidental and necessary for landscape preservation, development and enhancement.

Some of the work in your city or county that might be prepared by a Landscape Architect include park design and development; streetscape; and parking lot configuration. Both the practice of Landscape Architecture and the title Landscape Architect are regulated by OSLAB. If you have any questions regarding these requirements please contact the Oregon Landscape Architect Board staff or visit our web address listed in this newsletter to become more fully informed of all the laws and rules that govern the practice of Landscape Architecture in Oregon .

## Board Approves Revision of the Code of Professional Conduct

Under the leadership of the Rules Committee Chair Ron Nichols, the Rules Advisory Committee submitted a revision of Division 50 of Chapter 809 of the Oregon Administrative Rules for the Board's approval at the August 10, 2007, Board meeting. The revised rule organizes the previous long list of do's and don'ts into smaller groupings, each dealing with a registrant's responsibility. Registrants will quickly be

able to locate information about their responsibility to the Board versus the profession versus their employer.

Critical to the compliance work of the Board is the requirement under **Responsibility to the Board.**  
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## Continuing Education Questions Answered

**Can activities completed during my work day be submitted on my Continuing Education Log?**



If you are taking an organized, structured class or training with new information and a designated instructor and attendance is taken, such an activity can be claimed for PDH *even if it occurs during your work day.*

**My renewal form arrived and I must sign to verify that I have completed 12 PDH during the past year. I thought the Board required 24 PDH?**

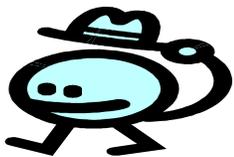


The Board does require 24 PDH every two years. *But,* renewal forms are issued annually. This means that during the past year, you should have completed a minimum of 12 PDH.

**But I completed 24 PDH during the past year. What happens to the extra 12 PDH?**



You would already have completed the minimum 12 hours for the next year. OAR (Oregon Administrative Rule) 804-025-0020 (2)(c) is clear about what happens. "If a registrant exceeds the total continuing education requirement in any renewal period, the registrant may carry a maximum of 12 PDH units forward into the next renewal period."



### HATS OFF TO FORMER BOARD MEMBERS

Since November 2006, the Board has celebrated the service of and thanked three departing Board Members: Gladys Biglor, November 17, 2006; Andy Leisinger, May 11, 2007; and Paul Kylo, August 10, 2007. Biglor and Kylo served as Public Members of the Board.

Leisinger served as Landscape Architect member of the Board. Amongst them, they represent over 34 years of volunteer service to the Landscape Architect Board. Our hats off to these three former Board Members.

### Code of Conduct (cont. from pg. 1)

In this section of the code, a Landscape Architect must report another landscape architect that has violated the code. The success of enforcing both the title and the practice acts of the Board rely on those individuals in the practice community

An Administrative Rules Hearing on the new revisions will be held prior to the convening of the November 16, 2007, Board meeting. Please contact Board staff for additional information about this rule revision. If you are interested in working with the Rules Advisory Committee, please submit your name to staff.



## WELCOME NEW REGISTRANTS

### New Landscape Architects

#### New Landscape Architect Businesses

Aaron Faegre, LA	L261	06/21/07
Big Sky Landscaping	L262	06/27/07
Meeks Design Group	L263	07/11/07
LOAM Studio LA	L264	08/06/07
SWA Group	L265	08/06/07
Fertile Ground	L266	08/10/07

Scott, John C	LA 633
Grantham, Trent	LA 634
Fleming, Nancy	LA 635
Watanabe, Tomomi	LA 636
Nielson, Chad	LA 637

#### CLARB Meeting Includes Oregon Representation

The annual national meeting of the Council of Landscape Architect Registration Boards (CLARB) was convened in Cleveland, Ohio on September 6, 7, and 8, 2007. Oregon's Board Chair Timothy Van Wormer and Oregon's Administrator Susanna Knight attended the event. Over 40 states were represented with a voting delegate.

During the meeting, the delegates elected officers for the position of President-elect, Second Vice President and Treasurer. Substantial changes to the CLARB By-Laws were also approved by vote of the assembly. CLARB's Nominating Committee for 2007-08 is comprised of six at-large members elected by the states.

Various sub-meetings brought together groups within CLARB, including new delegates, Member Board Executives, and Region Delegates and Administrators. These meetings allowed for small group discussions of issues. As a Region V CLARB member, Oregon participated in the selection of both a Director (California delegate) and an Assistant Director (Nevada delegate) for Region V for the upcoming year.

#### 60-Day Window is Enforced

Over a year ago, the Board established a procedure for dealing with those registrants failing to renew in a timely manner. The law currently provides a grace period of 30 days with no penalty. But a \$100 fee is charged should your renewal arrive between 31 and 60 days after the renewal date. If you fail to renew in that 60-day window, you must appear before the Board for an oral interview for reinstatement.

Numerous individuals have made the trek to Salem on Board meeting day. A job change is the primary reason the renewal is delinquent. That

may seem strange, but many registrants use their work site as their mailing address as the company pays their annual fee. When an employee moves on, the company has no obligation to pay a renewal fee or deal with the renewal info. The Landscape Architect becomes busy with a new job and fails to remember the LA registration.

If you use the company name for your mailing addresses on record with the Board office you must change that address when you change jobs to prevent a possible visit to the Board.

The secondary reason for delinquent registrations is simply failure to remember to do it. That failure is costly, first with the \$100 late fee AND a trip to Salem to seek reinstatement.

Mark your renewal date so that you are reminded to take care of this responsibility.

Your Oregon registration *must* be current with the Board if you are working or offering your services as a Landscape Architect here in Oregon.

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

**Rule Making Hearing**  
**November 16, 2007**

**8:30AM**

**Sunset Center South**  
**Conference Room**

**Landscape Architect**  
**Code of Professional**  
**Conduct**

**Link: <http://>**

**[arcweb.sos.state.or.us/](http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/)**

**[rules/OARS\\_800/](http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/rules/OARS_800/)**

**[OAR\\_804/804\\_050.html](http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/rules/OARS_800/OAR_804/804_050.html)**

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### Lapsed Registrations:

Thompson, Robert	LA 484	05/31/2007
Watts, John	LA 142	06/30/2007

### OSLAB CALENDAR

#### Nov. 16, 2007

OSLAB Board Meeting

Board Conference Room, Salem, OR

#### Dec. 3 & 4, 2007

LARE Administration—Section C & E

Chemeketa Community College

Salem, OR

