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# OSLAB Review

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## RULE Changes Completed

Two Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) revisions were recently completed. Following a Rules Hearing held February 10, 2006, fee additions were made. OAR 804-040-000 now includes three fees not previously listed:

- \$100.00 application fee for initial LA registration
- \$100.00 application fee for business registration
- \$50.00 fee for registrant list

In addition, the initial Landscape Architect registration fee was increased by \$25.00 to the current

annual renewal fee amount of \$250.00.

The Board also revised OAR-804-030-0020. Civil penalties may now be assessed up to \$5,000.00 rather than "shall be" assessed \$5,000.00 for each offense. This provides the Board with an option of issuing a civil penalty of less than \$5,000.00.

The Board is currently solidifying the rules for a CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION FOR BUSINESS ENTITY. Registration of businesses was passed by the Legislature in 2001. House Bill 2196 was the Landscape Archi-

tect Practice Act that became effective January 1, 2002. It mandated that all businesses providing or advertising to provide landscape architecture services in the State of Oregon be registered with OSLAB.

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## RULES Committee Chair Appointed

Chair Andrew Leisinger announced the appointment of Ron Nichols, Public Member of the Board, as the Rules Committee Chair. Nichols replaces Jim Figurski whose term as a Board member recently expired.

The Rules Committee is charged with the development and revision of the Administrative Rules Chapter 804 that govern how the Board carries out its statutory mandate.

A Rules Advisory Committee is comprised of LA

volunteers who serve in the Administrative Rule development and review process. If you would be interested in serving on this committee, please contact administrative staff at the Board office for additional information.



## CLARB Restructures Section C and E of LARE

Information was released January 20, 2006 by the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) office, Vienna, Virginia, about improvements to the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE). Beginning in April of this year, Graphic Sections C and E of the LARE will be shorter in length and will contain only four vignettes each.

Candidates will now have an average of one hour and fifteen minutes to complete each vignette problem. The changes are expected to make the testing experience less stressful for candidates and make it possible to complete the vignette problems in the allotted time.

The changes being made are based on the 2005 Job Analysis Survey conducted by CLARB. In this study, 6000 practicing LAs from across the United States and Canada were questioned about the knowledge areas and competencies needed to provide LA services. Those found to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public make up the content for the licensure exam.

CLARB is dedicated to ensuring that all individuals who affect the natural and build environment through the practice of landscape architecture are sufficiently qualified to do so. CLARB's members, of which Oregon is one, work together to establish standards of education, examination, and experience required for the professional licensure of landscape architects.

Former OSLAB member Jim Figurski now serves as the First Vice Chair of CLARB. [See related article].

## FIGURSKI HONORED



February 10, 2006 marked the final board meeting for Jim Figurski of Lake Oswego.

Jim has served three terms as a Board member starting in July 1994.

The Board honored Figurski with an engraved wall plaque to remind him of his tenure. In presenting the

plaque, Vice Chair Gladys Biglor stated: "This plaque is such a small token for all the contributions Jim has made over his long tenure on the Board. Jim was instrumental in moving the law governing Landscape Architects in Oregon from a title to a practice act. This was no small feat and will be a lasting legacy of Jim's willingness to serve his State as well as his profession."

Jim's service is not over. He is now moving on to service with CLARB, the national landscape architect body that writes the LARE examination for registering LAs. He currently serves as First Vice President and is the President-elect for the national office. [See related article].



## PUBLIC Member Ron Nichols is Welcomed to OSLAB

Effective February 9, 2006, Ron Nichols became part of the regulatory arm of the practice of landscape architecture in Oregon. His induction “party” began with a Public Rulemaking Hearing on the morning of February 10, 2006 and ended at 3:15 PM with the closing of the quarterly Board meeting. He indicated that he enjoyed his day. This is good news since his appointment is effective until June 20, 2009 at which time he will be eligible for reappointment.

Nichols works as head groundskeeper of Willamette University. For the past 20 years, those of you that have admired the beautiful campus that sits directly

on the south side of the State Capital now know to whom the credit can go for maintaining this beautiful park-like setting.

Nichols came to Willamette in 1986 after spending 10 years as owner/operator of Green Heritage Landscape Contracting—a business that found him working throughout the Willamette Valley as well as the mid-coast area. He also worked as the landscape construction foreman for the City of Salem from 1973 to 1977. Nichols graduated from Oregon State University in Horticulture in 1969, then went on to acquire his teaching certification in 1970. He served as a vocational agriculture teacher in

the Portland School District from 1971 to 1973.

Nichols is affiliated with the Northwest Turf Grass Association; the American Rose Society; the International Society of Arboriculture; and the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta.

He resides in Keizer, Oregon with his wife Cheryl.

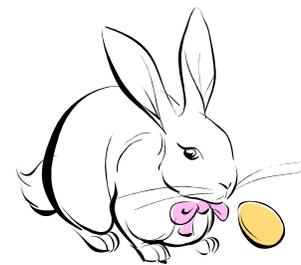
Nichols stated in his OSLAB application: “I often have wished there were some way whereby I could give back to the landscape industry. I believe serving on the Oregon Landscape Architect Board would provide the opportunity to fulfill this wish.” The Board welcomes Nichols.



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## OSLAB CALENDAR

April 30, 2006	Renewal notices issued 3/15/2006 due in office
May 2, 2006	University of Oregon, Presentation on LA Registration
May 12, 2006	8:30 AM, Board Meeting—Salem, Oregon
May 31, 2006	Renewals issued 4/15/2006 due in office
June 12th	LARE Examinations—Salem, Oregon
June 13th	LARE Examinations—Salem, Oregon
June 30, 2006	Renewals issued 5/15/2006 due in office
August 11, 2006	8:30 AM, Board Meeting—Salem, Oregon
Sep 7-9, 2006	CLARB National Meeting, San Antonio, TX



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*Two new members  
were recently ap-  
pointed to OSLAB by  
the Governor's  
Office .*

*Ron Nichols replaces  
outgoing Public Mem-  
ber Tony Nitz.*

*David Olsen replaces  
Jim Figurski.*

*Thank you to both  
outgoing individuals  
and welcome to both  
new members*

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## **Oregon's Double-duty Relationship with CLARB**

In a news release dated March 9, 2006, CLARB announced that Gregg K Sturtevant of Wallowa, Oregon was appointed President of the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB). The appointment was announced on September 10, 2005 at CLARB's Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, California.

In that same release, CLARB announced that James W. Figurski, Lake Oswego, Oregon, was elected First Vice President/President-elect at the same meeting. Figurski was recently honored by the Oregon

State Landscape Architect Board (OSLAB) for his twelve years of service.

Sturtevant has been a registered Oregon Landscape Architect since 5/13/2005.

Figurski has been registered with OSLAB since 12/10/1985.

Congratulations to both of these Oregon residents for their appointments to CLARB's Executive Council.