

MINUTES

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

DATE: September 21, 2015

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: 500 N. Calvert Street
Room 308
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

PRESENT: Christopher Schein, Chairman
Charles Adams
David Locke
Gareth Diedrick
Suzanne Grefsheim

ALSO PRESENT: Pamela J. Edwards, Executive Director
James Baseman, Assistant Executive Director
Milena Trust, Assistant Attorney General
Leigh Hoyt, Board Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Christopher Schein, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:41 p.m.

MINUTES

A motion (I) was made by Charles Adams, seconded by Christopher Schein, and unanimously carried to accept the minutes of the May 5, 2015 meeting with corrections.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

16-LA-01 Attorney General's Office will offer a consent order with fine.

Motion (II) was made by Suzanne Grefsheim, seconded by Gareth Diedrick and unanimously carried to approve the complaint committee's report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Pamela Edwards introduced the new Board Secretary, Leigh Hoyt. The Board discussed Ms. Edwards's imminent retirement.

BOARD COUNSEL'S REPORT

Milena Trust reported that Governor Hogan's first Regulatory Reform Commission meeting was held in College Park on September 10, 2015. During the meeting an interest was shown in the Design Boards and the Joint Chairs Group which discusses and makes recommendations on overlapping practice issues. A recommendation made by the 2004 Overlapping Task Force was brought up at the meeting by an individual who was dissatisfied with a specific opinion issued at that time. It was noted that decisions submitted by the Overlapping Task Force cannot be appealed because decisions of the panel are recommendations only.

Ms. Trust noted that she spoke before the Regulatory Reform Committee regarding the transparency of the Overlapping Practice Committee and shared how the Joint Chairs Panel conducts open meetings and publishes its findings online, on DLLR's website.

NEW BUSINESS

Report on CLARB Annual Meeting

Chris Schein reported that the CLARB Annual Meeting, which was held in New Orleans from September 17-19, 2015, focused on regulations and licensing. CLARB did a great job with the workshops and was well prepared with national data. There were approximately 100 attendees. There were board training sessions regarding accountability and data tracking. It was stressed that newly graduated landscape architects should be an advocate for the profession. Some national statistics were enumerated: 28,000 license holders, 16,000 original licenses, 10,000 reciprocal licenses and 2,000 licenses in Canada; 50 states have a practice law and 41 Boards have CPC regulations. One in 3 Boards require firms to obtain a certificate of authorization.

Mr. Schein mentioned that at next year's conference CLARB is looking to do several things; review the model law and the bylaws, as well as strategic planning for boards. The threats to regulation will also be addressed.

OLD BUSINESS

CPC Regulations

Pam Edwards detailed the events that have occurred up to this point. The Board took final action to approve the proposed CPC regulations at the January 20, 2015 meeting. Due to a new departmental procedure for submitting proposed regulations, the Secretary requested a new concept sheet to be submitted along with all the public hearing comments, for additional review. The Secretary is

interested in stakeholder involvement and how the public comments are being addressed.

Ms. Trust suggested that the CPC Committee not reconvene until the concept sheet is approved, at which time the committee can begin discussions on CPC requirements. Based on comments previously received, consensus is in favor of CPCs but the Board needs to continue to refine.

A motion (III) was made by Suzanne Grefsheim and seconded by Gareth Diedrick, and unanimously carried to restart the process of getting the concept sheet approved.

APPLICATIONS FOR RECIPROCIITY

The following applications for reciprocity were approved:

James Langenstein	3844
Brian Richards	3843

APPLICATIONS FOR EXAMINATION

The following applications for examination were approved:

Bowers, Colleen	Miklus, Melissa
Carter, Emilie	Stetson, Elizabeth
Childs, Daniel	Tabor, Lindsey
Drummond, Paul	Vocke, Katherine
Mattiello, Jr., Richard	Zhou, Lu

Firm: Olin Partnership, LTD.

APPLICATIONS DENIALS

There were no application denials.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board agreed to schedule the next meeting for January 19, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board unanimously carried the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

With Corrections

Without Corrections



Christopher Schein, Chairman

Date: 3-21-16