

## **MINUTES**

### **BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS**

**DATE:** July 7, 2015

**TIME:** 10:00 A.M.

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

**PRESENT:** John Mettee, Chairman  
John Jensen  
Donald Ocker  
Daniel Lavelle  
Thomas Orisich

#### **OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Pamela J. Edwards, Executive Director  
James Baseman, Assistant Executive Director  
Milena Trust, Assistant Attorney General  
TJ Frazier, MSS  
Pat Simon, MSS  
Tim Quinn, MSS  
Don Chandler

**ABSENT:** Brian Dunne

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

John Mettee, Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

#### **ACTION ON MINUTES**

A motion (I) was made by Don Ocker, seconded by Dan Lavelle, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2015 meeting as submitted.

#### **COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Ocker provided the status of three complaints as follows:

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- 15-LS-04 OAH hearing is scheduled for September 28, 2015.
- 15-LS-07 Fine paid. Case closed.
- 16-LS-01 AAG will offer a Consent Order without fine

A motion (II) was made by Dan Lavelle, seconded by John Jensen and unanimously carried by the Board to accept the complaint committee's report.

### CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed an email from Donna Sentell, Executive Director of the LA Board. She forwarded two motions that will be presented by the Future of Surveying Task Force this August at the NCEES Annual Meeting. She stated that the motions are supported by the Board of Directors and are on the non-consent agenda.

Motion 1 proposes that NCEES fund a meeting of individuals interested in the future of surveying and that this group recommend outreach opportunities to promote surveying licensure. Motion 2 proposes that the NCEES Board of Directors implement an awards program to recognize surveying programs. The motions will be discussed at the annual meeting.

The Board discussed an article from *Kentucky Engineer Quarterly Magazine* regarding mapping sciences written by the Kentucky Executive Director. The Kentucky Board worked with state surveying and mapping associations to develop a written understanding of what work products are not covered by the definition of the practice of land surveying. Tom Orisich recommended reconvening the Mapping Science Committee to explore the possibility of adopting a regulation on the subject. Milena Trust commented that she would look again at the law and see if this could be done by regulation. Tom Orisich stated that this could be included in the Surveyors Forum at the annual meeting and could also be discussed in the MBE forum.

The Board discussed an email from Richard Smith from the New Jersey Board regarding a proposed revision to the Model Law definition of an engineering survey. The Committee is going to propose a modification of the model law language dealing with engineering surveys. They need four states to support it in order to present a motion at the annual meeting. The Board agreed to table the discussion until the next meeting.

Don Chandler addressed the Board. He stated that he took the Maryland Road Grade exam in April but did not pass. He passed the ethics portion of the

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Maryland exam but was not prepared for the drainage portion. He has a Virginia "A" license and he intended to ask the Board for an exception to taking the road grade exam based on having passed the Virginia exam. He stated, however, that he has decided to retake the Maryland exam.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

John Jensen reviewed the CPC provider application from RK&K. He made a motion (III) that the application be approved but noted that surveyors must verify that the class they are taking meets our CPC requirements. Motion was seconded by Don Ocker and unanimously carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Milena Trust discussed the second draft of the revisions to the education bill. She asked if the Board wanted to include in section (c) the provision that an applicant can earn one year of experience credit for each 30 hours of surveying classes completed. The Board agreed to the revision. Section (d) will also be revised to require for 30 hours of surveying related courses. Under section (e), "beginning in October 1, 2025..." will be deleted. Ms. Trust will make the revisions and redistribute the draft to the Board for discussion at the August meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

Pam Edwards had nothing new to report.

### **BOARD COUNSEL REPORT**

Milena Trust had nothing new to report.

### **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Milena Trust had nothing new to report.

### **MARYLAND SOCIETY OF SURVEYORS**

Mr. Frazier had nothing new to report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion (IV) was made by Don Ocker, seconded by John Jensen and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session at 12:05 p.m. at 500 N. Calvert Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. This session is permitted to be closed pursuant to State Government Article, Title 10-508(a)(7). Upon completion of the session, the Board reconvened its public meeting at 12:20 p.m.

**REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS**

The following applications for reciprocity were approved:

Daniel Gehr  
Douglas Richmond

The following applications for the professional land surveyor examination were approved:

Shaun Lewis  
Ryan Anderson

One application for professional land surveyor examination was not approved because the applicant lacked the required amount of minor engineering experience.


Following a review of the above applications by a minimum of two board members, a motion (V) for approval was made and unanimously carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be on August 5, 2015. There being no further business, a motion (VI) was made by Don Ocker, seconded and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:23 a.m.

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John Mettee, Chairman  
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