



Practice Committee Meeting Report

February 21, 2024 | 11:15 a.m.

Radisson Hotel SeaTac
Orcas Room
18118 International Blvd Seattle,
WA 98188
(Virtual)

Committee

Ivan VanDeWege, PE, Chair
Doug Hendrickson, PE
Aaron Blaisdell, PLS

Guest(s)

Walt Dale, PLS
Mike Harney, PE
Dave Peden, PE, SE
Jim Wengler, PLS, CFedS

Staff

Ken Fuller, PE, Director
Kristina Horton, PLS, Deputy Director
Jill Short, Investigations & Compliance Manager
Shanan Gillespie, Regulatory Manager
Mackenzie Wherrett, Executive Assistant
Bryce Dickison, Administrative Assistant
Elizabeth Lagerberg, Advising AAG

1. Complaint/Administrative Closure Summaries

Total Complaints Received	5
Engineering Complaints	1
Surveying Complaints	4
On-Site Designer Complaints	0
Total Administrative Closures	6
Engineering Closures	2
Surveying Closures	4
On-Site Designer Closures	0

2. Compliance Report/Noncompliance Report

Ms. Short reported there are currently 3 individuals on compliance monitoring (Kent Huxel; Clifton Berkey, PE; and Steven Morta, PE).

Mr. Huxel is still going through the appeal process. the Court of Appeal accepted the appellant's (respondent's) brief. A response was drafted by the AAG. Next course of action will be for the Court to decide the case without oral argument. The Board will pursue civil action once the final appeal is determined.

Mr. Berkey and Mr. Morta are both in compliance with their board order.

Ryan Hawkins and Russell Bodge are on the Noncompliance Report for continued monitoring.

3. Chapter 18.43 RCW Task Force Update

The 18.43 Task Force gave a summary of results from the survey that was sent out. The task force reported the following action items:

- Staff to look at other state board regarding if they regulate the title “engineer” and if so, how many they have prosecuted, and if those prosecutions were acceptable. Staff will also contact APEGBC.
- Contact the list of survey responders who want to stay informed of this topic and thank them for providing comments.
- Ask the Communications Task Force to come up with a list of who we need to reach out to educate the public about licensure. (Title companies, real estate associations, etc.)

The task force is still reviewing the questionnaire results and has not action recommendation at this time.

4. PDH Audits Update

Staff provided the committee with a summary of activities that were reported from the PLS’ that were audited. Many of the hours are through professional organization conferences, safety/security training, CFedS courses, and online courses. Staff will continue to provide updates on audit findings in the future.

5. Board Policy 39 Update

Committee members reviewed the policy updates provided. Committee members agreed to add “current or former Board members...” under Item #2 of the AAG’s version and recommend the Board approve that policy.

Recommendations to the Board

- Approve Board Policy 39 as amended.

Action Items:

- None at this time.

Strategic Planning Goals:

None at this time.