



Survey Committee Meeting Report

June 12, 2024 | 11:30 a.m.

Teams Meeting (virtual) & Port Angeles, WA (in-person)

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In person:

Field Arts and Events Hall

The McGraw Room

201 W Front Street

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Committee: Aaron Blaisdell, PLS (Committee Chair)
James Wengler, PLS, CFedS
Dave Peden, PE, SE

Support staff: Kristina Horton, PLS, Deputy Director
Shanan Gillespie, Regulatory Program Manager
Jill Short, Compliance Manager
Bryce Dickinson, Administrative Assistant
Mackenzie Wherrett, Executive Assistant
Vonna Cramer, Licensing Lead
Ken Fuller, Director

Guests: Tom Barger, PLS
Tony Chenier, PLS
Paul Galli, PLS
Jeff Dugan, PLS

Meeting called to order at 11:30 a.m.

Agenda Discussion topics

- PDH: Compilation of activities from most recent PDH audits (JS/KH)
- Survey map requirement to record: Question from a PLS (KH)

- Status of filling PLS board position
- Maps provided to jurisdictions: Follow up from April 2024 meeting

Discussion topics - report

- Jill Short presented a table showing the breakdown of PDH credits, per categories in WAC 196-16-120, of the Professional Land Surveyor PDH audits between November 2023 and May 2024. There was discussion about the information provided, including that PDH audits will be part of the complaint process, if there are some units that should be limited or required, reaching out to LSAW about providing trainings based on areas lacking in PDH reports and the benefits of requiring professional development training. There was also some discussion about being too restrictive with requirements for PDH units. The CR-101 for possible changes to WAC 196-16-120 has been opened.
 - There was follow up discussion about survey map data, especially topographic map data, being used and sometimes modified by other professionals when used in plan/design sets, which was presented and discussed at the April 2024 Survey Committee Meeting. Jill Short and Kris Horton met with Board Member Executives from DOL who manage other professional licensing boards, to discuss this matter. They would like complaints filed when these issues occur, so that they can track and deal with them. They asked that Jill or Kris send them copies of the five (5) recent examples presented by Tom Barger at the April 2024 Survey Committee meeting. There was discussion about outreach opportunities with other boards and licensees.

Strategic Planning Items

- Determine the pathways to state specific PLS exam.
 - No discussion at this meeting.
- Work with DNR on proposed update of Survey Recording Act (RCW 58.09) and associated WACs and RCWs. Engage with appropriate stakeholders.
 - No discussion at this meeting.

Action Items

- Committee members will individually evaluate the PDH units in WAC 196-16-120 for: relevance, and if the allowed PDHs allowed for each unit is appropriate or if there is a max/min needed. They will send a report of their evaluation to Kris Horton or Jill Short by July 5, 2024.
- The committee recommends to the board that the question from Tony Chenier (see bullet item #2 on the meeting agenda) be answered as it being within the PLSs professional judgement.
- The following items will be added to the August 2024 Survey Committee meeting agenda: PDH compilation report; PLS Exam Project update; Continue the discussion about surveyor's data used by other licensees without their knowledge (see bullet item #4 on meeting agenda)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.