



## Practice Committee Meeting

October 11, 2023 | 2:45 p.m.

Teams Meeting (virtual) & Location (in-person)

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### In person:

The Davenport Grand

Meeting Room 11

333 W Spokane Falls Blvd

Spokane, WA 99201

**Committee:** Ivan VanDeWege, PE, Chair  
Doug Hendrickson, PE  
Aaron Blaisdell, PLS

**Support staff:** Ken Fuller, PE, Director  
Kristina Horton, PLS, Deputy Director  
Shanan Gillespie, Regulatory Program Manager  
Mackenzie Wherrett, Executive Assistant  
Greg Schieferstein, Outreach & Communication Manager  
Vonna Cramer, Licensing Lead

**Guests:** Jim Wengler, PLS

### Discussion topics

- Complaints Summary & Administrative Closures Report

<b>Total Complaints Received</b>	<b>5</b>
Engineering Complaints	2
Surveying Complaints	1
On-Site Designer Complaints	2
<b>Total Administrative Closures</b>	<b>1</b>
Engineering Closures	0
Surveying Closures	1
On-Site Designer Closures	0

- Compliance Report



Mr. VanDeWege reported there are currently 4 individuals on compliance monitoring (Ryan Hawkins, Kent Huxel, Clifton Berkey, and Steven Morta).

- Mr. Hawkins has been turned over to collections and the Board is pursuing civil action against Mr. Hawkins.
- Mr. Huxel filed a Notice of Appeal to Snohomish County Superior Court. Our AAG filed a motion to dismiss his appeal. On 5/2/23 the judge granted the Board's motion to dismiss and advised Mr. Huxel of his right to appeal the judge's dismissal. On 5/12/23 Mr. Huxel filed an appeal to the 5/2/23 dismissal. On 6/22/23 the court decided the motion for reconsideration without oral argument and decided the motion in the Board's favor. On 7/12/23 Mr. Huxel requested a review by the court of appeals. The AAG received several letters from the court of appeals noting deficiencies in Mr. Huxel's appeal to that court. The court has set a compliance date of 7/31/23. If Mr. Huxel does not correct the deficiencies by that date, he will face monetary sanctions. The court would allow him additional time to correct the deficiencies. There is no action to take on our AAG's part at this time. 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.
- CR103 & Concise Explanatory Statement for WAC 196-09-015  
The committee reviewed Concise Explanatory Statement regarding WAC 196-09-015. No comments were received.

The committee will recommend the Board approve the Concise Explanatory Statement and have staff file the CR103 – Rulemaking Order.

- CR103 & Concise Explanatory Statement for WAC 196-33  
The committee reviewed Concise Explanatory Statement regarding WAC 196-33. No comments were received.

The committee will recommend the Board approve the Concise Explanatory Statement and have staff file the CR103 – Rulemaking Order.

- Discuss Resolving RCW 18.43.080  
Mr. VanDeWege discussed the language in RCW 18.43.080. He would like to see this language amended if the Board pursues legislation in 2025.
- PLS Practice Question  
Ms. Horton reported that she had a conversation with the author of the email. After a discussion it was decided that a Board initiated complaint be initiated.
- Board Policy 39  
The committee reviewed the original policy, Mr. Hendrickson's edits, and Ms. Lagerberg's edits. After a long discussion, staff was directed to send Mr. Hendrickson's new version to Ms. Lagerberg for review. Once the review is completed, staff was directed to send the documents to Mr. VanDeWege and Mr. Blaisdell to work on and bring back to the December meeting.

Mr. Blaisdell requested that CPC through NCEES be on the agenda for the December meeting.



### **Strategic Planning Items**

None at this time

### **Previous Action Items**

- Bring PDH audit findings to the February 2024 PC meeting