



Survey Committee Meeting

August 5, 2024 9:00-11:00 am

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In person:

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Committee: Aaron Blaisdell, PLS (Chair)
James Wengler, PLS, CFedS
Doug Hendrickson, PE

Support staff: Kristina Horton, PLS, Deputy Director
Shanan Gillespie, Regulatory Program Manager
Jill Short, Compliance and Investigations Manager

Discussion topics

- Discussion of the committee's yearly expectations and goals.
- PDH: Compilation of activities from most recent PDH audits (JS/KH)
- PLS State Exam: Project update (KH/SG)
- Selecting, then inviting Subject Matter Experts from the surveying profession to be involved in the Survey Committee (KH)
- Maps provided to jurisdictions: Follow up from April 2024 meeting

Relevant Action Items from last meeting

- Committee members will individually evaluate the PDH units in WAC 196-16-120 for: relevance, and if the allowed PDHs allowed for each unit are 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.

Survey Committee Review and Expectations

Survey Committee Review

SC plays a vital role in the board's strategic planning and mission statement.

Strategic planning 2024-2025 goals for SC:

- Determine the pathways to state PLS exam
- Work with DNR on the Survey Recording Act and associated WACs

The Survey Committee (SC) is charged by the board to:

- Conduct review of inquiries about interpretations on the scope of practice for land surveying in Washington.
- Perform periodic review of existing laws and rules related to professional survey practice.
- Conduct periodic evaluation of curriculums for land surveying programs and determine the level of credit that graduates of programs can obtain toward licensure.
- Perform other assignments referred to the committee by the Board or Board Chair.

Expectations for the 2024- 2025 Committee Year

- Review and possibly update WAC 196-16-120 Units (*PDH)
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Units.

Qualifying activities will accrue PDH as follows:

1. College hours:
 - a. Completion of 1 college semester hour 45 PDH
 - b. Completion of 1 college quarter hour 30 PDH
2. 1 Continuing education unit 10 PDH
3. For publication or presentation of each:
 - a. Authored technical paper or article 10 PDH
 - b. Authored book 30 PDH
4. Membership in professional/technical societies or government committees or boards. (Not to exceed 5 PDH/year) 2 1/2 PDH
5. For each hour of attendance at professional or technical society meetings with an informational program. (Not to exceed 5 PDH/year) 1 PDH
6. For each hour of attendance at meetings or hearings of the board. (Not to exceed 7 1/2 PDH/year) 1 PDH
7. For each hour of preparation and subsequent presentation (*) of a professional development program at seminars, professional/technical meetings, conventions or conferences. (Not to exceed 10 PDH/year) (*) *This credit does not apply to full-time faculty* 1 PDH
8. For each hour of participation in committees of organizations whose purpose is to develop codes, standards, examinations and regulations. 1 PDH
9. For each hour of participation in an activity involving substantial and organized peer interaction, excluding time spent during regular employment. (Not to exceed 5 PDH/year) 1 PDH
10. For each hour of participation in organized courses, including employer provided courses, on first aid/safety, technical or management skills. 1 PDH
11. For each hour of participation in sessions, or courses sponsored by technical or professional societies, organizations or the board. 1 PDH

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| 12. Each hour of self-study. (Not to exceed 5 PDH/year) | 1 PDH |
| 13. For reading chapters 58.09 RCW and 332-130 WAC. | 2 PDH |
| 14. Completion of CFedS program. | 30 PDH |

[Statutory Authority: RCW **18.43.035**. WSR 18-22-075, § 196-16-120, filed 11/2/18, effective 12/3/18; WSR 06-11-119, § 196-16-120, filed 5/19/06, effective 7/1/06.]

**PDH QUALIFIERS SUMMARY
NOVEMBER 2023-JULY 2024**

# OF LICENSEES	TOTAL HOURS	QUALIFIER UNDER WAC 196-16-120
3	45	1
7	27.5	4
5	11	5
3	18	8
1	6	9
31	198.5	10
24	445.5	11
5	19.5	12
4	10	13
2	77	14

TOTALS

23 audited from random selection.

6 audited as part of the complaint process.

**PLS PDH SUMMARY
NOVEMBER 2023-JULY 2024**

UNIT	# OF LICENSEES	TOTAL HOURS	QUALIFIER UNDER WAC 196-16-120
BRPELS BOARD MEETINGS			6
LSAW MEMBERSHIP	5	17.5	4
LSAW CHAPTER MEETINGS	2	4	5
LSAW CONFERENCES	11	286	11
PLSO CHAPTER MEETINGS (OR)	2	2	5
PLSO CONFERENCES (OR)	3	65.5	11
Wash Council of County Surveyors (WCCS)	2	10	4
OACES CONFERENCES	2	24	11
OSBEELLS SYMPOSIUM	1	12	8
WRS CONFERENCE LAS VEGAS	1	14.5	11
CLSA-NALS CONFERENCE RENO	1	15.5	11
NGS WEBINAR	3	6	10
CFEDS CLASSES	2	77	14
SAFETY/SECURITY TRAINING	5	43	10
FIRST AID TRAINING	2	6.5	10
RCW/WAC REVIEW	4	10	13
COUNTY PUD TRAINING	1	2	8
FIELD CREW TRAINING	1	6	9
HAZWOPER TRAINING	2	32	10
HOLDEN MINE ON-SITE TRAINING	1	1	10
WSDOT ROW MEETING	1	4	8
DRONE VS TRADITIONAL SURVEYING	2	10	10
ETHICS	3	6	10
RSTUDIO TRAINING	1	2	10
WELLS DAM TRAINING	1	1	10
ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE	1	23	10
SELF-STUDY	5	19.5	12
COMMON LAW UPDATE 1,2&3	1	5	11
CONCEPTS & COMPS IN PLSS	1	10	11
PARENTHETICALS & AREAS	1	10	11
ALTA SURVEYS	1	1.5	11
GREAT NORTHERN 8 MILE TUNN	1	1.5	11
PUBLIC LAND SYSTEMS (ONLINE)	1	4	10
PROJECT CONTROL COORDINATE SYSTEMS (ONLINE)	1	8	10
ADVERSE POSSESSION (ONLINE)	1	3	10
LAND BOUNDARY SURVEY (ONLINE)	1	6	10
GIS/GPS (ONLINE)	1	20	10
MONUMENT STANDARDS (ONLINE)	1	3	10
WATERFRONT TITLES (ONLINE)	1	3	10
BLM MANUAL (ONLINE)	1	2	10
HYDRO SURVEYS (ONLINE)	1	5	10
ADVANCED LAND SURVEYING (ONLINE)	1	14	10

**PLS PDH SUMMARY
NOVEMBER 2023-JULY 2024**

PHOTOGRAMMETRY (COLLEGE COURSE)	1	15	1
PUBLIC LAND SURVEY SYSTEM (COLLEGE COURSE)	1	15	1
GEODATIC/GPS SURVEYING (COLLEGE COURSE)	1	15	1
NSPS Meeting	1	5	5
FIG Working Week (Climate change, increasing transparency on Real Estate Markets, dynamic datums GNSS reference stations, applications of LIDAR, AI and remote sensing, update on NOAA CORS network and OPUS, and spatial planning instruments for land governance)	1	12	11

NOTE:

June-July 2024: 1 selected for audit. As of May-July 2024 of the 7 audited, 3 were approved. None audited due to complaints.

TOTALS (Nov. '23-July '24)

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