



## Survey Committee Meeting

February 12, 9:00 am – 10:30 am

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#### Discussion topics

- PLS State Exam: Project update (KH/SG)
- Professional Practice: WAC 196-29-110 (pg. 2-3)
- WAC 196-16-110 Requirements - PDH calendar vs. renewal date: Follow up on Action Items (pg. 4)
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- Rulemaking Activity: BRPELS and WA DNR (AB)

## Chapter 196-29 WAC

Last Update: 12/20/16

### PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES

#### 196-29-110

##### Land surveying practice standards.

Failure by any registrant to comply with the provisions of the Survey Recording Act, chapter [58.09](#) RCW and the survey standards, chapter [332-130](#) WAC shall be considered misconduct or malpractice as defined by RCW [18.43.105](#)(10).

The following standards shall also apply:

(1) The monumentation, posting, and/or the marking of a boundary line between two existing corner monuments constitutes the "practice of land surveying" as defined in chapter [18.43](#) RCW and chapter [196-16](#) WAC, and consequently requires said work to be performed under the direct supervision of a registered professional land surveyor.

(2) The field survey work performed to accomplish the monumentation, posting, and marking of a boundary line between two existing corner monuments shall meet the minimum standards imposed by chapter [332-130](#) WAC.

(3) The monumentation, posting, and/or marking of a boundary line between two existing corner monuments involves a determination of the accuracy and validity of the existing monuments by the use of standard survey methods and professional judgment.

(4) The monumentation, posting, and marking of a boundary line between two existing corner monuments shall require the filing of a record of survey according to chapter [58.09](#) RCW unless both corners satisfy one or both of the following requirements:

(a) The corner(s) are shown as being established on a properly recorded or filed survey according to chapter [58.09](#) RCW and are accurately and correctly shown thereon.

(b) The corner(s) are described correctly, accurately, and properly on a land corner record according to chapter [58.09](#) RCW if their establishment was by a method not requiring the filing of a record of survey.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [18.43.035](#). WSR 17-01-137, § 196-29-110, filed 12/20/16, effective 1/20/17; WSR 06-22-038, § 196-29-110, filed 10/25/06, effective 11/25/06. Formerly WAC 196-24-110.]

## **196-29-200**

### **Federal employee exemption.**

(1) Under RCW [18.43.130](#)(6) the provisions of the act shall not be construed to prevent or affect the practice of officers or employees of the government of the United States while engaged within the state in the practice of the profession of engineering or land surveying for the government of the United States; provided:

(a) That all work performed is for the exclusive use of the federal government; and

(b) That all work performed is wholly contained within the confines of lands held by the federal government (federal enclave).

(2) Any engineering work that is performed and/or constructed for the benefit of a private citizen or business entity, even if directly adjoining lands held by the federal government, must be performed by or under the direct supervision of an engineer licensed in accordance with the requirements of chapter [18.43](#) RCW.

(3) Any surveying work that is performed for boundaries between lands held by the federal government and lands held by a private citizen or business entity, must be performed by or under the direct supervision of a land surveyor licensed in accordance with the requirements of chapter [18.43](#) RCW or under the authority of the Secretary of the Interior through special instructions approved by the Bureau of Land Management.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [18.43.035](#). WSR 10-01-199, § 196-29-200, filed 12/23/09, effective 1/23/10.]

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## **WAC 196-16-110**

### **Requirements.**

All licensed professional land surveyors wishing to maintain lawful practice must accumulate fifteen PDH per year of a two-year renewal cycle. All renewals for licensure as a professional land surveyor are subject to audit by the board.

On and after January 1, 2019, all licensed professional land surveyors must attest to reading chapters [58.09](#) RCW (Survey Recording Act) and [332-130](#) WAC (Minimum standards for land boundary surveys and geodetic control surveys and guidelines for the preparation of land descriptions) at the time of renewal.

[Statutory Authority: RCW [18.43.035](#). WSR 18-22-075, § 196-16-110, filed 11/2/18, effective 12/3/18; WSR 06-11-119, § 196-16-110, filed 5/19/06, effective 7/1/06.]

## **PDH Units – summary prepared by Shanan Gillespie**

### **RCW 18.43.080**

#### **Expiration and renewals of certificates—Fees—Continuing professional development.**

##### **CURRENT**

(2) Beginning July 1, 2007, the board may not renew a certificate of registration for a land surveyor unless the registrant verifies to the board that he or she has completed at least fifteen hours of continuing professional development per year of the registration period. By July 1, 2006, the board shall adopt rules governing continuing professional development for land surveyors that are generally patterned after the model rules of the national council of examiners for engineering and surveying.

##### **PROPOSED**

(2) The board may not renew a certificate of registration for a land surveyor unless the registrant verifies to the board that he or she has completed at least ~~((fifteen))~~ 15 hours of continuing professional development per year of the registration period.

### **WAC 196-16-105**

#### **Definitions.**

Terms used in this section are defined as follows:

(5) Year—That twelve-month period between the anniversaries of the licensee's birth date.

### **WAC 196-16-110**

#### **Requirements.**

All licensed professional land surveyors wishing to maintain lawful practice must accumulate fifteen PDH per year of a two-year renewal cycle.

### **WAC 196-16-130**

#### **Determination of credit.**

The board is the final authority with respect to acceptance of claimed qualifying activities and the respective PDH credit. Qualifying activity becomes eligible for credit upon completion of the given activity. Credits gained in excess of the fifteen PDH annual requirements may be carried forward to the next renewal period.

### **NCEES Continuing Professional Competency (CPC) Standard**

The NCEES CPC Standard requires a licensee to obtain the equivalent of 15 professional development hours (PDHs) per calendar year (January 1–December 31) with no carryover allowed. A minimum of 1 PDH of the 15 PDHs shall be earned by successfully completing a course or activity that has a content area focusing on engineering or surveying ethics.