**Survey Committee**

**April 18, 2023**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Olympia, WA (In-person) & Teams Meeting (virtual)**

**In person:**

Board’s Offices

605 11th Ave SE, Suite 201

Olympia WA 98506

**Virtually via Microsoft Teams**

**Committee**: James Wengler, PLS, Chair

Aaron Blaisdell, PLS

Marjorie Lund, PE, SE

**Staff**: Rich Larson, PLS

Ken Fuller, PE, Director

Shanan Gillespie, Regulatory Program Manager

Mackenzie Wherrett, Executive Assistant

Greg Schieferstein, Communication & Outreach Manager

Jill Short, Investigations & Compliance Manager

Vonna Cramer, Licensing Lead

**Guests:** Tom Barger, PLS

Paul Galli, PLS

Sharon Zimmerman, PE

**Discussion topics**

* Review and recommendation to EQC:  March 2023 4-hour PLS exam results

Ms. Cramer provided the exam cut-score memo to the committee for their review. **Recommendation:**  The committee is recommending that the Exam Qualifications Committee accept the cut-score and recommend the Board approve it.

* Discussion on County Monument Preservation Policy

Mr. Wengler informed the committee that he attended the Clallam County Board of County Commissioners meeting and gave his support of their County Monument Preservation Policy. Mr. Fuller stated he would like to see the Board work with to the County Roads Administration Board (CRAB) to use the policy as a template in case other counties want to use it.

The committee discussed other agencies/associations that could be contacted about monument preservation.

Mr. Galli suggested that professional engineers put monuments on their design plans just as they do with utilities, and that this should be part of the close out of projects, showing how the preservation of monuments is accomplished after construction.

The committee determined that more outreach/education needs to happen reminding licensees what the laws and rules say. They discussed partnering with other agencies and associations to get the message out.

A “Best practices” letter will be drafted by Mr. Wengler, Mr. Blaisdell, Mr. Larson, and Mr. Schieferstein. Comments will be sought from Mr. Barger and Mr. Galli. The draft letter will be forwarded to Ms. Lagerberg. The draft letter will be presented at the next committee meeting in June.

* Nevada Association of Land Surveyors Correspondence – Proposed NV State-Specific Exam elimination

A copy of correspondence was in the packet. The committee was told elimination of state specific exams is a national trend and this issue will be monitored.

* Discussion/Review of WAC 196-29

The committee discussed whether to expand or restrict the current rule language. They had a discussion that WAC 332-130 focuses on a product, and WAC 196-29 needs to focus on the practice.

Any “fixes” to WAC 196-29-110 require AAG advice. The committee suggested that the first paragraph in the current language be moved to the end of the rule, and that the word “also” be stricken in the next sentence. The changes will be made, and the document forwarded to Mr. Wengler and Mr. Blaisdell. They will provide Ms. Lagerberg the draft language.

**Strategic Planning Items**

* Determine the pathways to state specific PLS exam
* Work with DNR on the Survey Recording Act and associated WACs to determine our regulatory direction for “intelligent interpretation” and other items

**Action items:**

1. Draft “Best practices” letter and bring back to June committee meeting. Wengler, Blaisdell, Larson, Schieferstein, Lagerberg.
2. Draft WAC language. Wengler, Blaisdell, Lagerberg.

**Adjourned:** 11:10 a.m.