



Survey Committee Meeting Report

April 24, 2024 | 8:00 a.m.

Teams Meeting (virtual) & Vancouver, WA (in-person)

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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
Walt Dale, PLS

Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Discussion topics

- 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 the week prior to this committee meeting. There was discussion about the information provided.

- There was discussion about opening a CR-101 for possible changes to WAC 196-16-120 “Units”.
- There was discussion about survey map data, especially topographic map data, being used and sometimes modified by other professionals when used in plan/design sets. Tom Barger presented five (5) recent examples of this happening with surveys done by him (or his office).

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

- This committee will recommend to the Board that a CR-101 be opened, for refreshing WAC 196-16-120 Units (PDH).
- Staff will engage with other professional boards, concerning the use of survey data by those professionals.
- Staff will contact the parties involved in the five (5) examples that Tom Barger provided of survey data being used and modified in plan sets.
- Jill Short will track, separately, the PDH units used by those Professional Land Surveyors who are respondents in a complaint. PDH information provided by the respondent for each case will be provided to the case manager.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.