

Survey Committee Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2022

8:30 a.m.

Teams Meeting (virtual) & Radisson Hotel (in-person)

In person:

Radisson Hotel SeaTac

Orcas Room

18118 International Blvd

Seattle, WA 98188

Committee:

James Wengler, PLS, Chair

Aaron Blaisdell, PLS

Marjorie Lund, PE, SE

Guests:

Dan Goldman

Tommy Mao

Tom Barger, PLS

Support staff:

Rich Larson, PLS, Deputy Director

Shanan Gillespie, Regulatory Program Manager

Jill Short, Investigations & Compliance Manager

Greg Schieferstein, Communications & Outreach Manager

Vonna Cramer, Licensing Lead

Mackenzie Wherrett, Executive Assistant

Ken Fuller, PE, Director

Discussion topics

- Review/discussion: Response to DNR letter: Recording monument replacement
The Committee reviewed the letter that Mr. Wengler and Mr. Blaisdell wrote. There was a recommendation that RCW 58.09.090(1)(d) be added to the analysis of question 2a.

After the addition of the recommendation, the committee requested staff to send it to the Practice Committee members to review for their recommendation to the Board.

Mr. Wengler would like the committee to look at WAC 196-29 and determine if any changes need to be made.

- Review and recommendation to EQC: September 2022 4-hour PLS exam results
After reviewing the cut-score memo, the committee requested the memo be forwarded to the Exam Qualifications Committee so they can recommend approval from the full board.
- SME process for LS exam
Mr. Blaisdell and Mr. Wengler talked about the LS SME exam question meeting that was held yesterday. The SMEs reviewed about 80 questions and approximately 45 were vetted and will be added to the exam item bank. Another meeting is scheduled for November 17-18th.

Strategic Planning Items

- Determine the pathways to state specific PLS exam
Mr. Wengler and Mr. Blaisdell both are on the NCEES EPS committee and informed the committee that the EPS committee is currently looking at the PAC study results. The plan is to take the current PLS exam and make 5 different modules covering the different subject areas relative to the practice of land surveying. It is anticipated that by 2025, NCEES will make a decision to recommend to the members boards on whether to go with the modules or keep the current exam.
- Work with DNR on the Survey Recording Act and associated WACs to determine our regulatory direction for “intelligent interpretation” and other items
The committee determined that they would discuss this with staff from DNR while working on WAC 196-29.

For the committee’s information, Mr. Barger provided a link to the DNR publication that discusses intelligent interpretation:

http://www.dnr.wa.gov/publications/eng_plso_dyk_intelligent_interpretation.pdf

ACTION ITEMS

- Staff to look at starting the rulemaking process for WAC 196-29 *Professional Practices*. Mr. Larson will advise the DNR and Survey Advisory Board of the Board's intention to start this rulemaking task.
- Letter to DNR: Staff/Aaron to add 58.09.090(1)(d) to the analysis for the answer to question 2a and forward it on to the Practice Committee members for their review and recommendation.
- Staff to forward the exam cut-score memo to the Exam Qualifications Committee so they can recommend approval to the full board.

Next Meeting: December 7, 2022 – Olympia & MS Teams