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From the Chair: "Licensing Boards; Striking a Balance"

OPINION, by David Peden, PE, SE, Board Chair

Licensing boards play a role in maintaining the delicate equilibrium between protecting the

public and ensuring the vitality of their profession. This equilibrium has faced legal challenges, notably highlighted by the U.S. Supreme Court's 2015 ruling in North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners v. F.T.C. (NC Dental). This landmark decision has farreaching implications for regulatory bodies, including engineering and surveying boards, as it imposes constraints on the conditions under which such boards can claim immunity from antitrust laws.

The Mission of the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors is to safeguard life, health, property and to promote public welfare in regards to engineering, land surveying and on-site wastewater system designs. The responsibility for this mission, encompasses the duty to appropriately regulate engineering and surveying practices, investigate complaints and take disciplinary actions when necessary.

While protecting the public is paramount, engineering and surveying boards must also guard the integrity and standards of the profession. Excessive or restrictive regulations can hinder innovation and limit opportunities for qualified individuals. The challenge lies in crafting regulations that strike a delicate balance, fostering an environment that encourages professional growth while safeguarding the public.

The antitrust judgment against the North Carolina Dentistry Board serves as a reminder of the risks when licensing boards prioritize professional interests over public welfare. In North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners v. Federal Trade Commission, the U.S. Supreme Court determined that the Dentistry Board overstepped its authority by attempting to exclude non-dentists from providing teeth-whitening services. The ruling underscored the importance of ensuring that regulatory actions are genuinely aimed at protecting the public rather than stifling competition.

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It's the Law: Monument Preservation

by Paul Galli, PLS

Periodically, the Board of Registration sends out directives to its licensees regarding the responsibilities of Professional

Engineers and Land Surveyors to protect property corner monuments while engaging in their work under applicable RCWs and WACs. The Department of Natural Resources, Public Land Survey Office (PLSO), creates, process and indexes to their online survey map and document database (WebXtender) the Permit To Remove or Destroy a Survey Monument (the "permit"). The department recognizes the number of permit applications received do not match the amount of work going on throughout the state, in which a survey monument may be at risk of removal or destruction. If permits are not received at the PLSO, does that mean all the survey monuments at

risk are destroyed? It is possible this could just reflect a lack of knowledge about the permit, while the monuments are being preserved by other means. However, most surveyors will agree their work in the field indicates monuments ARE destroyed when a permit is NOT submitted to the PLSO. Many county and city surveyors (and the DNR PLSO itself) receive countless reports of monument destruction from landowners, agencies and others, indicating this assessment is correct.

Of course, it isn't so much the physical monument that needs to be preserved, but really its position and chain of history as it relates to the location of the property rights it is representing on the ground. This is where the DNR Monument Destruction permit comes in, as it documents the history and exact location of the monument, so that any surveyor (in addition to the surveyor

who submitted it) can easily replace that monument after construction. It also ensures that any costs incurred for the replacement of the monument fall to the entity that removed the monument and not the adjoining landowners and/or the public at

In addition to more education and outreach regarding the permit, discussion of what successful monument preservation looks like during a typical construction project (subdivision grading, road/bridge project, commercial/residential building, etc.) and how best to accomplish it, should be ongoing in the professions of engineering and land surveying. Here are some thoughts on the subject:

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From the Board

New Board Member

By Greg Schieferstein, Communications and Outreach Manager

The State of Washington Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors announces Michael D. Harney, PE, PEng, ENV, SP, as a new Board member. He has over 20 years of experience, most recently as Vice President and Seattle Office Manager for Shannon and Wilson, Inc.

Harney's expertise is in civil engineering and construction projects. His geotechnical knowledge includes dams and hydro electric facilities, flood control and fish passage structures, navigation locks and infrastructure, levees, wastewater, stormwater and water supply facilities, road, railroad and light rail transit alignments and bridges, highway and railroad embankments.

He earned a master's degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering (Geotechnical), from the University of Washington and a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering (Structural) from Purdue University.

"We're excited to have Mike join us on the Board," said Dave Peden, Board Chair. He continued "he's a great addition and his experience complements the other backgrounds of our Board members."

The Board is comprised of 7 members, who are a variety of experienced Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors. The Mission of the Board is to safeguard life, health and property, and to promote the public welfare, regarding engineering, land surveying and on–site wastewater system designs.

"Mike's background in both civil and geotechnical engineering is a great match for what we were looking for in a new Board member," said Ken Fuller, PE, Director. He added "his experience will benefit our licensees, our agency and the citizens of our state."

Harney replaces Nirmala Gnanapragasam, PE, PhD, who retired from the Board in July, after serving two 5-year terms.

Board Members Retiring

By Greg Schieferstein, Communications and Outreach Manager



Ivan VanDeWege, PE

Two members will be retiring this summer from the Board, after serving 10 years apiece. Ivan VanDeWege, PE and Jim Wengler, PLS, CFedS, will leave the Board following the June meeting, scheduled in Port Angeles.

Both helped guide the agency, as it grew out of the Department of Licensing about 4 years ago.

"I have fully enjoyed getting to know Ivan and Jim as fellow board members," said Dave Peden, PE, SE and Board Chairman. "I appreciated their mentorship when I was a new board member. Their leadership and insights into the profession have been key to the successful functioning of the Board. We will miss them greatly."



Jim Wengler, PLS, CFedS

Retired Pro Tem Board Member Recognition

Staff Report

At the October Board meeting in Spokane, past and present Board members and staff, gathered for a special recognition dinner for Dan Clark, PLS. Dan is a recent past pro tem Board member, case manager and two term Board member. Dan contributed many years of service to the agency, the professions and citizens of Washington State. *A very happy retirement Dan, and ...*





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"Monument Preservation" - continued from page 1

For Surveyors:

1) Monuments that are incorporated into the design and therefore show up on the Engineer's Design Plans, Engineer's Estimate and Design Specifications, get preserved/dealt with during the project. Usually, anything that shows up on the approved set of plans gets addressed. Survey monuments, unless shown on the plan set, are easily missed or forgotten about, especially if the project spans a few years. Survey monuments are passive in nature, only being accessed when needed, so when they get destroyed/removed it typically isn't noticed for months or maybe even years. Sadly, survey monuments are often forgotten during the wrap up of a project, when the focus is elsewhere for contractors, engineers and owners.



2) If surveyors provide monument information to their engineers before the design is finished, the engineer can easily work monument preservation into the plans and the overall project scope. Since surveyors are the keepers of knowledge regarding boundaries and monuments, it is our responsibility to provide this information to the engineer in a timely and consistent manner, in a format that they can easily fold into their design and utilize as the project goes forward. To help facilitate this, surveyors would benefit from adding monument research and recovery, as well as the time needed to prepare and submit the permit to the PLSO – including the Completion Report – and replacing the monument and preparing and recording the required Record of Survey or Land Corner Record, into the scope of work and estimate. It is in the profession and the public's best interest, for the surveyor to check that monument preservation is accounted for on every construction staking project estimate, by ourselves or another surveyor involved in the project.

For Engineers:

Engineers play an important role in monument preservation (arguably more important than the surveyor), as they are usually in direct line of communication with the project owner, contractor, and/or the jurisdiction the project is permitted through, as their plans are built on the ground.

- 1) Every set of plans sent out should either show found monuments from the survey, or state that monuments were searched for, but none were found, within the overall boundary of the project (including staging areas). A great way to accomplish this is including and referring to the topographic map or other mapping/information provided by the surveyor, into your plan set.
- 2) Plan sets should have notes about the monument preservation process and the need to file a Permit with the DNR prior to the beginning of construction and the requirement to record a record of survey or corner record after replacement of the monument. Again, it greatly helps to include the surveyor's topographic survey into the plan set.
- 3) Every set of construction bid documents should include a line item for monument preservation, if the design surveyor will not be used during the construction and finalizing stages of the project.
- 4) If the design surveyor will be responsible for the monument recovery, it should be reflected with a line item in the surveyor's contract and that contract should stay open until they file the record of survey or corner record and a DNR permit completion report.

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Do you know someone who would make a great Board member?

With two retirements this July, the Board has open seats for a professional engineer and land surveyor

- Must be actively engaged in the practice for at least ten years following registration, five years just before appointment
- Must be a US citizen
- Must be a resident of Washington State for at least the last five years

The Governor's office accepts applications throughout the year and considers all eligible candidates for upcoming vacancies. The application and instructions are on the Governor's website here.

The Governor's office typically reviews applications in May, with a decision in June or July. Board members and agency staff do not directly screen applicants. However, they may suggest what experience is needed to keep the Board as diverse as possible.

For questions, please contact Ken Fuller, PE, Director, at ken.fuller@brpels.wa.gov



Message from the Chair

"Striking A Balance" continued from page 1

A crucial aspect of navigating this conflict, is adopting a transparent rulemaking process that actively involves stakeholders. Transparency builds trust and ensures that regulations are fair, reasonable and genuinely serve the greater good. Stakeholders, including licensed professionals, industry experts and the public, bring diverse perspectives that enrich the decision-making process. Inclusion fosters a sense of ownership and understanding, mitigating the risk of regulations that might inadvertently harm the profession or the public.

The conflict faced by engineering and surveying licensing boards in protecting both public welfare and the profession, is a delicate balancing act. Learning from the Dentistry Board antitrust judgment, it is evident that a myopic focus on professional interests can have severe consequences. To navigate this conflict effectively, licensing boards must embrace transparency and stakeholder involvement in the rulemaking process. By doing so, they can foster an environment that not only upholds the high standards of the profession but also ensures the paramount goal of safeguarding the public. It is through these collaborative efforts that licensing boards can successfully navigate the intricate dance between professional protection and public welfare.

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Here's some final thoughts. It seems monument preservation on construction projects, especially private residential and commercial sites, isn't a priority on most construction projects in this state. Perhaps it's a lack of communication between the professional engineers and land surveyors with their clients and the rest of the project team. Do you agree? What other struggles have you experienced or witnessed regarding monument preservation in these circumstances?

Today, competing interests and priorities on projects means some items, such as survey monuments, get dropped due to budget and time constraints, or are just plain forgotten. Monument preservation is not a luxury, it is a necessary component, required by state and federal laws, there to protect the public and property rights. Licensed professionals like us, need to communicate that to our clients, construction teams and the public at large.



Protecting Digital Signatures

Staff Report



If you're concerned about protecting your digital signature once it's out of your sight, you're not alone. As technology marches on, we're investigating how to make certain your documents, maps and signatures, stay secure.

We're talking with a variety of licensees, municipalities and jurisdictions to ensure rules, guidelines and safeguards are in place.

If you have information on this subject that might help, please contact Kris Horton, Deputy Director, at <u>Kristina.Horton@brpels.wa.gov</u>. We'll have an updated report in the Spring/Summer edition of *The Journal*.

Education

Seattle U Honored with NCEES Award

By Nirmala Gnanapragasam, former Board Member



Seattle University Civil Engineering department was honored with one of the eight 2023 NCEES Engineering Awards out of 24 blind submittals. The purpose of this awards program is to promote the understanding and value of professional licensure and to recog-

nize engineering programs that demonstrate a meaningful working partnership between professional practice and education. The competition is open to ABET (Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology) accredited engineering programs around the country. The NCEES application link is here.



Aaron Blaisdell (Board Member), Nimmy Gnanapragasam (senior design coordinator), Mark Siegenthaler (faculty advisor), Allyssa Beaver (student team member), Sam Filetti (Snohomish County), Charlie Green (Snohomish County), Martin Jackson (formerly Snohomish County, currently with Kimley-Horn)



Snohomish County
sponsored the winning project,
which improved safety at South
Machias and Three Lakes Road
intersection in unincorporated
Snohomish county. The Tintersection, with a heavily
used Centennial hiking trail

nearby, posed safety hazard to drivers, pedestrians, hikers and bicyclists. There was a wetland nearby that also had to be considered in the improvement plan. The team evaluated three alternatives and finally decided on traffic signalization as the preferred alternative and took it to a 30% design. A team of five students were guided and supervised by a Professional Engineer and an Engineer-in-Training (EIT) from the county and a faculty advisor with a dual license as a Professional Engineer and Professional Licensed Land Surveyor.

The capstone projects provide an opportunity for the students to closely interact with licensed engineers and other allied professionals while developing technical and professional skills preparing them to enter the work force. The students also become aware of the importance of professional licensure in safeguarding the public health, safety and welfare. As a licensee, if you are interested in mentoring engineering students, contact one of the engineering programs at one of your local universities.







Exam Results

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Investigations and Enforcement

The following case summaries cover the disciplinary actions against licensees from May to October, 2023. In each disposition the Board accepted the recommendations of the Case Manager, unless stated otherwise. For those cases involving a Board order, each licensee may be monitored for compliance with the conditions imposed in the order.

The summary information provided under "INFORMAL ACTIONS" is provided to educate licensees on events and circumstances that come before the Board for investigation. In those cases, no disciplinary action is taken because either the allegations are unsubstantiated, fall outside the scope of jurisdiction of the Board, or it becomes unnecessary because of corrective measures taken.

Any investigations that reveal clear and convincing evidence of wrongdoing, and where a Board order is issued, will be listed under "FORMAL ACTIONS."

The decisions of the Board members who work as case managers of the investigations are based upon their professional opinions of the severity of the infraction and the best course of action to take to appropriately resolve issues. Interpreting any one or several dispositions as indicative of the Board's view of how all such cases will be handled in the future would be incorrect. These summaries are not intended to disclose complete

Complaint Summary by Profession

May to Oct 2023 Complaints			
	Filed	Closed	Active
Professional Engineers	6	3	3
Professional Land Surveyors	7	4	3
On-Site Designers	3	1	2
Unlicensed Engineers	0	0	0
Unlicensed Land Surveyors	0	0	0
Unlicensed On-site Designers	0	0	0

details related to any given investigation or action. While every effort is made to ensure accuracy of the information shown, anyone intending to decide based upon this information should contact the Board office for more details. Finally, these summaries do not include cases that were closed during administrative review.

Formal Actions by the Board

Clifton W. Berkey, PE

2020-12-1960-00ENG

This investigation was opened based on a complaint alleging the Respondent, Clifton Berkey, in his capacity as a professional engineer, showed a lack of understanding of geotechnical engineering design principles for two projects he designed in the cities of Pasco and Kennewick, Washington. The projects did not meet regulatory requirements.

The Board and the Respondent agreed to specific terms limiting practice to the areas of practice that the Respondent was competent in and a fine of \$5,000.

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Investigations and **Enforcement**

Formal Actions, continued

Steven P. Morta, PE

2023-02-0191-00ENG

This investigation was opened based on a complaint alleging the respondent, Steven Morta, in his capacity as a professional engineer, showed a lack of understanding of design principles for a project he designed and certified the project was built to specifications in Tacoma. The project did not meet regulatory requirements.

The Board and the respondent agreed to specific terms of peer review of all structural systems for two years.

Informal Actions by the Board

Engineering: None

Land Surveying:

2020-02-1847-00SLSV

An investigation was opened, based on a complaint alleging the respondent performed a survey and gave testimony given during a deposition, which caused a boundary dispute between the complainant and the neighbor.

No evidence was found that the surveyor violated any of the applicable laws regarding surveying in the State of Washington as alleged by the complainant, or that they gave false or misleading statements in their deposition.

The case was closed with no further action.

2020-09-1201-00LSV

An investigation was opened, based upon a complaint alleging unlicensed practice of land surveying, when the respondent marked a path for a timber harvest.

A landowner arranged to have their timber harvested. They hired the respondent, whose profession is timber cruiser, to mark the property boundary between the landowner's property and the complainant's, for the timber harvest. Complainant alleged that marking the boundary between the property owner and the complainant's property was practicing surveying without a license.

This complaint was complicated by a previous complaint against the same respondent for doing similar work in 1986. Respondent appealed that case to Mason County Superior Court, where the judge held that respondent's work did not amount to the practice of surveying. The judge in the 1986 case held the following activities did not amount to the practice of land surveying:

1. Recovering monumentation that may exist from previous surveys established, pursuant to chapter 58.09 RCW or RCW 58.17.250.

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Investigations and Enforcement

Informal Actions by the Board, continued

2. Placing flags, stakes or other non-permanent markers to delineate such recovered monumentation and delineating a path between such monumentation by brush cutting, blaze marks and/or placing flags, stakes or other non-permanent markers along such a path.

However, the judge warned that designating monuments as "corners" or paths as "lines" in a written document, could have the hallmarks of a "survey," which may constitute the practice of land surveying. The court also made clear that holding oneself out as a surveyor, is practice without a license, so Respondent must make it clear to clients that he is *not* a land surveyor and is *not* preparing a survey.

In the current case, the Board investigation found that respondent stated he was not a surveyor, marked a non-permanent path between the monuments, and did not produce a document showing "corners" or "lines" which could be interpreted as a land survey. Based upon the Board's investigation and the Court's prior interpretation of the practice of land surveying in 1986, the Board decided there was not sufficient evidence that respondent had practiced surveying without a license.

2023-04-0621-00LSV

An investigation was opened based on a complaint alleging a licensed professional land surveyor omitted a fence along the property line, the complainant felt was relevant to their boundary.

Since the time of the survey, the respondent's former firm merged with another professional services firm. The field files and information were no longer available.

A copy of the recorded survey was provided, along with a copy of a survey (Boundary Line Adjustment) performed previously on the same property and adjoining properties.

The investigation uncovered that the survey was conducted after a process required by the court to invalidate a Boundary Line Adjustment, that would have depicted the fence in question, on the boundary line.

A determination was made based on the information provided that the survey which was performed by the respondent, did not result in the survey map incorrectly depicting a fence, in close proximity to the boundary line.

The case was closed with no further action.

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Informal Actions by the Board, continued

On-Site Septic System Designing:

2023-05-1028-00OSW

An investigation was opened based on allegations the respondent paid \$1,500 to design and then file a septic design for the complainant's land she wanted to sell. After two years the complainant did receive the design, but the designer had not filed the design with the county. Additionally the complainant stated the designer had not been in communication with her for a significant period of time.

The respondent stated the complainant's project was submitted to the Department of Health for their review and approval. The respondent had two major issues turning in the project. The first was the complainant had not paid the balance of the fees in a timely manner. The respondent said he received a deposit at the start of the project, but was never paid the balance.

The second issue was the permitting agency was requiring a new geotechnical report, as the original was older than a year and they wanted a letter from the report author, stating conditions had not changed at the site since the report was submitted.

The local health department inspector confirmed the site was a difficult location to design a project, as there is a steep bank and very tight area for the drain field. During the investigation, the respondent worked closely with the complainant and the permitting authority to complete the permitting steps and resolve all outstanding issues.

The complainant, respondent and county agreed there were various reasons for project delay, but better communication would have mitigated the delay and expedited project completion.

The case was closed following remedial counseling on the importance of communicating with clients and a Letter of Education (LOE) was transmitted to the respondent.



Engineers' Creed (2021)

As a Professional Engineer, I dedicate my professional knowledge to the advancement and betterment of public health, safety, and welfare.

I pledge:

To give the utmost of performance.

To participate in none but honest enterprise.

To live and work according to the highest standards of professional conduct.

To place service before profit, the honor and standing of my profession before personal advantage, and the public welfare above all other considerations.

In humility, I make this pledge.



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Board Office Access

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2023-24 Events Calendar

These are the Board's planned meetings and participating events for 2023-24. Dates and locations are subject to change. For more information including locations, dial-in information, agendas and meeting minutes visit here or email engineers@brpels.wa.gov.

December 2023

- 6 Student/Faculty Meet & Greet, St. Martin's University, Lacey
- 6 & 7 Committee & Board Meetings, St. Martin's University, Lacey & WobFy
- 25 Christmas Holiday office closed

January 2024

- 1 New Years Holiday, office closed
- 16 MLK Day, office closed

February 2024

- 2 & 3 WOSSA Septic-Con, Tacoma Conv. Center
- 9 & 10 ASCE Young Member Forum, Seattle Westin
- 14 UW Career Fair, Seattle, HUB Ballroom
- 19 Presidents Day—office closed
- **21 & 22 -** Comm.& Board Meetings, SeaTac & WebEx
- 23 application deadline, state specific exams, PLS & On-Site
- 28 & 29 LSAW Conference, Tulalip Resort

March 2024

- 1 LSAW Conference, continues Tulalip Resort
- 22 State Specific Exams—PLS and On-Site

April 2024

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \bf 17 \& 18 \ Committee \& \ Board \ Meetings \\ Vancouver \& \ Web Ex \\ \end{tabular}$

May 2024

15-18 NCEES Western Zone Meeting, Bozeman, MT 27 - Memorial Day - office closed



