



Survey Committee
July 26, 2023
2:30 p.m.
In person (Olympia) & Microsoft Teams (Virtual)

In person

Board of Registration for Professional Engineers
and Land Surveyors Offices
605 11th Ave SE
Olympia WA 98501

Committee: Aaron Blaisdell, PLS, Chair
James Wengler, PLS
Dave Peden, PE, SE

Support staff: Shanan Gillespie, Regulatory Program Manager
Ken Fuller, PE, Director
Elizabeth Lagerberg, AAG
Jill Short, Investigator
Vonna Cramer, Licensing Lead
Greg Schieferstein, Communication & Outreach Manager

Guests: Paul Galli, PLS

Discussion Topics

- Report out of meeting with DNR RE: rule revisions – WAC 332-130-080, WAC 332-120-060 & 332-120-070
Mr. Wengler reported on the July 12th meeting with Ken, Pat Beehler & David Icenhower, DNR.

DNR has filed a CR102 and amendments to language in WAC 332-120-060 & 332-120-070 requiring a record of survey and completion report be filed by a PLS, if a permit/application to remove/destroy a monument was filed with DNR.

The DNR proposed language for WAC 332-130-080 was also discussed during the meeting. DNR has filed a CR101 and will be filing the CR102 shortly.

- Discuss draft monument preservation letter
The committee discussed if sending a letter would be the best vehicle to get the message out about monument preservation. Previous letters sent described the process of monument replacement but did not provide any additional information.

A discussion of who needs to receive the message, how it gets delivered, and what vehicle do we use to get the message out. After the discussion it was decided that the committee members work with Greg, Kristina Horton, the Board's new Deputy Director, and Pat Beehler, DNR, to come up with a monument preservation outreach and education plan to get the message out to the appropriate audiences.

Monuments represent a cost, and once the dialog turns to monuments becoming value of more than a cost, stakeholders can be brought in.

- Draft language - WAC 196-29-110
This is a discussion that is separate from the language regarding the current CR102 amending the rule language that was recently filed with the Code Reviser's Office.

The committee discussed that under this WAC we are defining standards that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regulates. The land surveyor members of the committee both agreed that this is a relevant WAC, but it does not go far enough regarding the "how" the standards are met. Some of the "hows" could include note taking, retention, and good record keeping. Ms. Lagerberg reminded the committee that there is nothing in RCW 58.09 – The Surveying Recording Act, or in RCW 18.43 regarding field notes or retention and cautioned the committee about writing rules that are not supported by law.

Strategic Planning Items

- Determine the pathways to state specific PLS exam
 - Mr. Blaisdell requested that this item be put on the discussion topic list for the next meeting.
- 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. Committee members work with Greg, Kristina Horton, the Board's new Deputy Director, and Pat Beehler, DNR to come up with a monument preservation outreach and education plan.