

Survey Committee Meeting
October 11, 2023 | 1:30 p.m.
Teams Meeting (virtual) & Spokane, WA (in-person)

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Spokane, WA 99201

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

Support staff: Kristina Horton, PLS, Deputy Director
Shanan Gillespie, Regulatory Program Manager
Ken Fuller, PE, Director
Mackenzie Wherrett, Executive Assistant
Vonna Cramer, Licensing Lead
Greg Schieferstein, Outreach & Communication Manager

Guest: Paul Galli, PLS (MS Teams)

Discussion topics

- Review and recommendation to EQC: September 2023 4-hour PLS exam results
The exam results memo was discussed. Now that the Survey Committee has become a standing committee, there was a question of whether the EQC needed to review the 4-hour PLS exam results. Also asked was whether the cut-score needed to be approved, or should the committee approve the release of the exam results. After a long discussion, it was decided that the EQC would no longer have to approve the cut-score, and the Survey Committee would be reviewing the exam results.

Ms. Cramer and Ms. Horton discussed the staff effort to get the questions into Scantron. Ms. Cramer informed the committee that she will give a presentation of Scantron to the Survey Committee at the December meeting.

- WAC 196-29-110 Discussion – recent inquiries and next steps
There was a short discussion regarding the next steps of rulemaking. This will be placed on the December committee agenda.



- Status of Monument Preservation Outreach & Education project
Ms. Horton provided a status of the project. Mr. Galli had provided an article that Ms. Horton edited with him. It will go into the next edition of the Journal. Also discussed was that outreach and education should be conducted with professional engineers, utility companies and other entities that remove monuments during construction.
- Increase in recording fee (approx. \$430 starting 1/1/24) impacts to the profession.
Ms. Horton reported as an FYI that she attended the WA State Association of County Auditor's meeting in September and that the county auditors are seeing a decrease in the recording of documents.

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