

Nebraska State Board of Landscape Architects  
**Statute Revision Task Force Meeting Minutes**  
**July 1, 2013**  
**215 Centennial Mall South, Large Conference Room, Lincoln, NE**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was at 215 Centennial Mall South, Fifth Floor, Lincoln, Nebraska. Board Chairperson Bryers called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. and informed the public of the location of the Open Meeting Act. Notice of the meeting was published on the Board's website and in the Lincoln Journal Star in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

**Roll Call:**

Ken Backman	Dennis Bryers	JoAnne Kissel - absent
John Royster	Eileen Bergt	Todd Maiellaro
Dennis Scheer	David Ciaccio	Gary Wells - absent
Pat Slaven		
Brad Swerczek		

**Public Comments:** None

**A Introduction of Members**

Chairperson Bryers thanked all for attending the Task Force Committee Meeting to review the statutes for updates and revisions. He gave a brief summary of the recent updates and described the Board's goals for this Committee. A primary goal of the Task Force will be to have appropriate changes or updates ready for Nebraska State Legislative Session by October 2013. It may not address all the relevant issues, but a goal would be to accomplish many of the smaller issues to start. State Senator Mello presented the most recent changes and will be asked to do the same again.

Recent Updates Included:

- Changed Registered to Licensed Professional Landscape Architect
- Matched CLARB requirements for licensure (3 years experience and successful exam results)
- Candidates will be allowed to sit for the LARE immediately out of school.
- Changed fee schedule to \$100 minimum to \$300 maximum
- Seals are no longer required on renewal forms

**B Charges of the Board (Review of Potential Issues to Cover)**

There were many issues discussed for the committee to review and prioritize for next year's Legislative session. Some of the issues discussed are as follows:

- Re-define Landscape Architect to include health, safety and welfare
- Landscape designers had an issue during the last legislative session regarding the definition. Allied Landscape Designers/NNLA will be group of interest. Review other states, especially Washington to see how they handled that issue.
- On-line license renewal and auditing a certain percentage of the renewal submittals.
- Coordinating Professionals should be included in our statutes and in coordination with E&A Board.
- Emeritus Status

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- What title should recent graduates be allowed to use, LA In Training, Intern LA, etc; Should there be a fee associated with this proposed title.
- Can there be an administrative rule for reciprocity?
- Nursery industry requirement coordination without our rules, required to sell plants
- Investigate renewals every 2 years and the minimum credits required
- Should self-study be continued as part of CEU's?
- Can you carry over CEU's as some states do?
- Do a certain percentage of CEU's come from specific areas?
- If electronic renewal approved, automatic renewal if home state is approved.
- Local entities not being able to influence the practice.

A lot of important issues were discussed. It will be the task of the committee to prioritize these issues in hopes for getting some of these changes incorporated in the 2014 Legislative process. A few of the major items such as the definition of a landscape architect, coordinating professionals, and the health, safety, and welfare issues could be the big components for this revision.

It will be important to get input from all the members of the Task Force and Board. The idea of sending out a survey was discussed. Information from the committee meetings should be made public to all members, and this information should come from the Board.

**C Schedule Future Meetings**

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2013, at 2:30pm. The tentative location will be the Papio-Missouri River NRD office at Chalco Hills Recreation Area. Pat Slaven will confirm and reserve Board Room for next meeting. As soon as the location is confirmed, Administrative Assistant Lais will publish the meeting notice to meet the Open Meetings Act requirements, with at least a two and one half week advance notice.

**D Selection of Committee Chairperson and Adjournment**

Pat Slaven volunteered to head the committee Task Force. Chairperson Bryers thanked Slaven for her interest to serve as chairperson, and all the members who have volunteered to lead this important task for the Nebraska State Board of Landscape Architects.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

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Task Force Member

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Date