

Nebraska State Board of Landscape Architects
Statute Revision Task Force Meeting Notes
August 13, 2013

P-MRNRD offices at Chalco Hills Recreational Site, Small Conference Room, Omaha, NE

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm by Committee Chairperson Pat Slaven 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:

Pat Slaven, Chairperson
Ken Backman
John Royster

Dennis Scheer
Brad Swerczek
Todd Maiellaro (Board Member)

Public Comments:

None.

A Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

It was moved and seconded (Royster/Backman) to approve the minutes from the previous meeting of July 23, 2013 as submitted by Board Member Maiellaro. Motion passed. Voting Yes: Slaven, Backman, Swerczek, Royster, Scheer; Voting No: None.

B Review and Discussion of Board Comments

At the last Board meeting of July 30, 2013, the minutes of the July 23rd Committee meeting was presented and discussed. The Board offered several comments related to Committee's outcome, see Attachment "A".

C Committee Comments Regarding Board Review

Comments regarding Professional Development Hours (PDH): The Committee felt it an important issue to eliminate the self-study hours from the required hours for renewal and have 30 total hours required in a two-year span, a motion was presented: Motion Royster/Backman, to eliminate self-study hours and require a minimum of 30 PDH for a two-year renewal process, and of the 30 PDH required, a minimum of 20 of the those hours shall be related to Health, Safety, and Welfare (HSW). Roll Call, Voting Yes: Slaven, Backman, Swerczek, Royster, Scheer; Voting No: None.

Comments regarding LA in training: The Committee requests no fee associated.

Comments regarding Coordinating Professionals: The Committee approved the rewording of the E&A Boards wording changes.

Survey: A survey will be drafted and approved by the Board to send out to all licensed State Members to gain feedback on some of the issues presented from the last meetings. This survey should be sent

out and returned by the time of the next Committee meeting scheduled for September 17, 2013. With the results of the survey, it would be the recommendation of the Committee to try to get these issues changed during the next Legislative Session.

D Upcoming Committee Meeting

By the next Committee Meeting the members of the Committee should begin looking at CLARB and ASLA laws/codes to begin the task of updating the law into a more well-defined Act for the next year's legislative session. It will be important to begin correspondence with the E&A Board and other Boards as well, as the updating progresses.

1. The next meeting will be held in the on September 17, 2013 in Lincoln at the small conference room, if available, at 2:30 pm at 215 Centennial Mall South.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Attachment

**State Board Comments on Task Force Meeting Minutes from 23 July 2013
13 August 2013**

2-Year Renewal

- Board split on this. Some concerned about out of state LA's that need to get a license in NE will have to pay for 2 years but won't need for 2.
- Must align with 2 year state budget.

CEU's

- Board split on this. Some concerned about going to Health, Safety & Welfare requirement for PDH's. This means we have to create standards as to what is health, safety and welfare and then review submittals for compliance.

Renewals from Outside the State

- One board member was concerned that out of state requirements for PDH's may not be as strict as ours so how can we accept someone that not as stringent as our law?

Administrative Reciprocity

- Board liked this idea.

Landscape Architect In Training Title

Board liked the idea. Board felt that there should be a nominal fee for such individuals who apply for it.

Emeritus Status

Board agreed that we shouldn't have such a designation.

Coordinating Professionals

The E& A Board has agreed to modify their section on Coordinating Professional that is acceptable to the Board. Below is the entire section with the modification crossed out in red.

§ 81-3437.02 Coordinating professional; requirement.

- (1) Projects involving more than one licensed architect or professional engineer shall have an architect or professional engineer designated as the coordinating professional for the entire project. The coordinating professional may, but need not be, providing architectural or engineering services on the project. The coordinating professional shall apply his or her seal in accordance with the act to the cover sheet of all documents and denote the seal as that of the coordinating professional.
- (2) The coordinating professional shall be responsible for reviewing and coordinating technical documents prepared by others for compatibility with the design of the project.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 81-3408, a licensed landscape architect may act as the coordinating professional when the ~~majority of a~~ project encompasses the practice of landscape architecture as defined in the Professional Landscape Architects Act.

However, I think its important for the NSBLA to include in our law a Coordinating Professional section. I think it should read exactly like the E&A Board section with us substituting "Professional Landscape Architect in place of the words architect and engineer. I would like the Task Force to weigh in on this.