

IDAHO BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
Bureau of Occupational Licenses
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Board Meeting Minutes of 12/14/2015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: William A Ogram - Chair
Jon F Breckon
James A Thomas

BUREAU STAFF: Tana Cory, Bureau Chief
Dawn Hall, Administrative Support Manager
Maurie Ellsworth, General Counsel
Mitchell Toryanski, Legal Counsel
Debbie Sexton, Management Assistant
Pam Rebolo, Technical Records Specialist I

OTHERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Scott, University of Idaho

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM MST by William A Ogram.

AMEND AGENDA:

Mr. Breckon made a motion to amend the agenda to add Elizabeth Scott. It was seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of 9/28/15. It was seconded by Mr. Breckon. Motion carried.

Mr. Breckon made a motion to approve the minutes of 11/17/15. Mr. Thomas abstained as he did not take part in the conference call. It was seconded by Mr. Ogram. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ms. Cory gave the legislative report. She said that the 2016 proposed laws and rules are posted on the Board's webpage under the "proposed laws and rules" tab. She said that the omnibus proposed rules were published in the October Administrative Bulletin. This will change the reinstatement fee to \$35.00 to be in compliance with Idaho Code 67-2614.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Hall gave the financial report, which indicated that the Board had a cash balance of \$79,687.24 as of 11/30/15.

ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT

Mr. Toryanski presented a brief on Ethics in Government and the approach to ethics which applies to public officials. He reviewed Title 18 of the Criminal Code and handed out a booklet with statutes published by the Attorney General's Office.

OLD BUSINESS

To Do List – The Board reviewed the to do list.

After reviewing the draft of the letter to building officials, Mr. Thomas made a motion to use the amended version. It was seconded by Mr. Breckon. Motion carried.

Mr. Breckon made a motion to send out postcards to building officials and have the Board cover the cost of mailing. It was seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion carried.

Mr. Ogram discussed the list of the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) and provided the Board with the list of recommendations that the LAAB review made to the University.

Mr. Ogram introduced Elizabeth Scott who was representing the University of Idaho Landscape Architecture Program. In her discussion, Ms. Scott stated that many students who are enrolled in the Landscape Architecture Program at the University would like to become practicing landscape architects but do not have the resources to go through the Master's Degree program. Currently only the Master's program is accredited therefore eligible for licensure per Idaho State Law. Ms. Scott stated the University of Idaho believes the Master's level and the Bachelor's level programs are equivalent to what they were learning before and that the research component is the differentiating aspect of the two degree programs. She stated the basic curriculum for undergraduate level has not changed and the content is the same and feels that both programs should be accredited. Mr. Ogram asked why both programs are not accredited. Ms. Scott stated that there is a LAAB requirement that states that two accredited programs require a minimum of two full time faculty members with degrees. The U of I does not have the number of students enrolled in the LA Program or the budget to hire additional faculty.

Mr. Thomas stated there was concern by the Board that the minimum standards to protect the public are not met in a Master's only accredited program where the first degree could be anything non related to Landscape Architecture.

Mr. Thomas asked what percentage of students enrolled in the Bachelor's program are not going forward with the Master's program. Ms. Scott stated that 100% go forward with their education and asked the Board to allow the BSLA program students to sit for the exam. Ms. Scott stated it is not necessary for all students to have a Master's degree as the Board allows an applicant to sit for the exam without a degree but with 8 years experience. Mr. Ogram stated that learning professional the ethics, contracts, environmental law and other aspects of professional practice are all important parts of learning how to protect the and health safety and welfare of the citizens of Idaho should be an important part of the accredited program. Ms. Scott stated that landscape architects have identified concern as the public does not know what a landscape architect does.

Mr. Thomas stated that Board has discussed whether faculty should be a licensed landscape architect in the state of Idaho. Ms. Scott stated that the faculty's focus is on their work and recruitment, not on construction documents, therefore many faculty are not licensed.

Mr. Ogram thanked Ms. Scott for her input and welcomed her as liaison from the U of I to the State Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Thomas made a motion to pay the invoice for the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) annual dues in the amount of \$5845.00. It was seconded by Mr. Breckon. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Thomas made a motion that the Board go into executive session under Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law. The purpose of the Executive Session was to consider license application materials. It was seconded by Mr. Breckon. The vote was: Mr. Thomas, aye; Mr. Breckon, aye; and Mr. Ogram, aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to come out of executive session. It was seconded by Mr. Breckon. The vote was: Mr. Thomas, aye; Mr. Breckon, aye; and Mr. Ogram, aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS

Mr. Breckon made a motion to approve the following applications for licensure:

Sherri French
Amanda Roberts
Jacob Young

It was seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion carried.

Mr. Breckon made a motion to deny the following application for landscape architect in training as the college degree was from a non-accredited program Rule 250.01:

Melissa Drew

NEXT MEETING was scheduled for February 22, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:19 AM. It was seconded by Mr. Breckon. Motion carried.

William A Ogram, Chair

Jon F Breckon

James A Thomas

Tana Cory, Bureau Chief