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Tennessee Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors

The Tennessee Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors met on Saturday March 9, 2013 to hold a "Roundtable Q&A" session at 9:00 a.m. in the Oakleigh Room of the Embassy Suites Hotel, Murfreesboro, TN, in conjunction with the Tennessee Association of Professional Surveyors (TAPS) 45th Annual Conference.

Those present were Tim Lingerfelt, Chairman; Galyon Northcutt, Vice Chairman; Sue Braly, Board Member; David Cagle, Board Member; and Donna Moulder, Administrative Director for the Board. Robert Herndon, Attorney for the Board, was not present.

Chairman Lingerfelt read the following public meeting statement into the record: *This roundtable discussion is taking place at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1200 Conference Center Boulevard, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, 37129, and notice of this Board/commission meeting was posted on the Land Surveyors Board website, www.tn.gov/commerce/Boards/surveyors, on February 6, 2013*

Chairman Lingerfelt informed the attendees the Board will make no votes on any matters and will not address any complaint or application issues.

Mr. Lingerfelt then went over the Board's website, explaining how to contact the Board office, how to access the meeting agendas and how to access the Board meeting minutes and how to find a license. Mr. Lingerfelt also explained that the Board meetings can be viewed via the Board's website.

Mr. Lingerfelt reminded the attendees that continuing education was to be submitted EVERY year, not just in a renewal year.

It was explained that the Board's newsletter is available on the website and that it contains information such as new licensees, disciplinary action taken and licensees who have passed away.

He stated that the rules are posted on the website and are changed as any new rule changes become effective.

Address changes can be made via email so please let the Board office know in writing of any address change as required by TCA 62-18-114(b).

Mr. Lingerfelt informed the attendees that the Board is currently working on revisions to the Rules of Conduct especially pertaining to the seal and signing. The Board is trying to get up to date regarding electronic seals and electronic signatures. Mr. Lingerfelt requested that the licensees please review the draft of the rules when it is ready, and

make any necessary comments. The Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance requires that all public inquiries regarding rule changes be answered in writing.

Mr. Lingerfelt also informed the attendees that the Board is also working on revisions to the Continuing Education rules. Benny Moorman is to get with licensees to see what changes they would like to see made.

Mr. Lingerfelt invited the attendees to attend the Board Meetings at any time and informed them that if they need to address the Board, please send a written request to the Board office asking to be put on the agenda.

Chairman Lingerfelt explained the changes by NCEES to the Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exam and the Principles of Surveying (PS) exam. The FS exam will become a computer based test (CBT) effective January 1, 2014. Once an applicant's application is approved by the Board, he/she will be able to go to PearsonVue anywhere in the United States to take the FS exam. The applicant will be able to take the exam "one time per window, three times in a calendar year" if not successful. Results will be available in three days after taking the exam. Effective April 2013, the PS exam will be a closed book exam.

The floor was then opened for the following questions:

1. How is the Board funded and is it self-supporting? Will the Board be combined with the Architects and Engineers Board? Is the Board subject to sunset laws? *Galyon Northcutt responded that yes the Board is self-supporting as required by law. Mr. Northcutt also stated that no, the Land Surveyors Board will not be combined with the A&E Board. And finally, Mr. Northcutt answered that yes, the Board is subject to sunset every four years; the land surveyors Board has been extended through June 30, 2016.*
2. With all the continuing education and four year degree requirement, does the Board see any future of applicants from another state NOT having to take the Tennessee Specifics of Surveying (TS) exam? *Tim Lingerfelt answered that NCEES continues to look at that possibility. All states surveying laws and rules are different. This would require a statute change.*
3. Has the Board considered the removal of certification of plats? The surveyor's seal and signature should be his certification. *Galyon Northcutt stated that this matter has not come up. Mr. Northcutt suggested that the licensees go through TAPS to discuss any changes.*
4. Are we looking at licensing photogrammetrists and GIS individuals? *Mr. Lingerfelt stated that he opened the discussion of licensing these individuals at the January 31-February 1, 2013 Board meeting.*

There being no further questions, the meeting ended at 9:57 am.