

MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 15, 2018 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS MEETING

Date: October 15, 2018

Place: Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
500 North Calvert Street (3rd Floor Conference Room)
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Present: Christopher Schein, Landscape Architect, Anne Arundel County
Grace Fielder, Landscape Architect, Montgomery County
David Odell, Landscape Architect, Baltimore County
Suzanne Grefshein, Consumer Member, Prince George's County
Gareth Dedrick, Consumer Member, Prince George's County

Others Present: Milena Trust, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Andrew Brouwer, Assistant Attorney General
Steve Long, Executive Director, Design Boards
Joseph Cullingford, Assistant Executive Director, Design Boards
Marlethia Black, Board Administrator, Design Boards

CALL TO ORDER

Christopher Schein, Chairman, Board of Examiners for Landscape Architects, called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion (I) was made by Suzanne Grefshein; seconded by Garth Dedrick; and was unanimously accepted by the Board, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 22, 2018.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

A Complaint Committee was established for the Maryland Board of Examiners for Landscape Architects. David Odell and Suzanne Grefshein volunteered to be Complaint Committee representatives. At the conclusion of the meeting, David Odell will be provided an update on the status of a complaint currently under review (19-LA-01).

CORRESPONDENCE

An update was provided of the meeting on the "Preliminary Plan in Prince George's County: Proposed Subdivision Ordinance". Prince George's County is rewriting the ordinance and regulations for landscape architects to be allowed to sign preliminary plans. Providing lines and codes were sent in a letter to Counsel to add professional land surveyors. The language was inserted at the meeting. The "Preliminary Plan in Prince George's County: Proposed Subdivision Ordinance" appears to be a multi-disciplinary project which will be discussed at the next meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Continuing Education Credits - Continuing Education Credits (CPC) were discussed. A difference has been noted in the requirements for landscape architects, land surveyors and professional engineers. There was a concern raised as to whether there is any flexibility; specifically, in the number of credits. It was determined that a chart must be done through general assembly and that a lot of this is addressed by the regulations. CPC review courses were addressed. The webpage for Maryland's Landscape Architects Board is not consistent with webpages of other board's with regard to its CPC regulations. The new CPC regulations were signed in January 2018. The Landscape Architects Board's CPC regulations appear confusing and should be corrected. Christopher Schein and Grace Fielder will provide CPC provider approval for the Landscape Architects Board.
2. Failure to Respond – The regulatory section for all boards requires licensees to respond to communications from the board and provide updated addresses. It should be made clear that licensees are obligated to communicate with the board. The Board should vote on proposed regulation for this to be addressed in the Landscape Architects Code of Ethics.

Motion (II) was made by Suzanne Grefshein; seconded by Christopher Schein; and was unanimously accepted by the Board to accept the regulations and to include the requirement in the Landscape Architects Code of Ethics.

An update was provided on the Joint Licensure Summit held in Columbus, Ohio in June with the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), CLARB, the Ohio Chapter (ASLA) and the Ohio Board of Landscape Architects and the ASLA Conference in Toronto, Canada.

- Columbus, Ohio - Joint Licensure Summit focused on reform occupational licensure – through deregulation, licensure board reviews, and interstate compacts for temporary licensure. The ASLA and CLARB's advocacy requirements, lobbyist roles of the boards and vacancies were discussed. CEU's, Emeritus status and senior landscape architect status has been granted. Changes to the election bylaws failed. Whose is responsible for electronics. Compacts were discussed. A question raised as to determine if Maryland is interested in compacts opportunity to take exams. Grace Fielder volunteered to be a point of contact to write and review exam questions. Also discussed was the fact that Board does not meet on a regular basis puts licensees at risk of being eliminated and deregulated while board vacancies are not meeting.
- Toronto, Canada – The ASLA Conference in Toronto was attended by Australian and Canadian participants, board members, landscape architects, non-licensed and right to practice states. Disruption of professional elements is an ongoing discussion.

OLD BUSINESS – No business from previous meeting was discussed.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Representatives from CLARB are scheduled to provide training to the Design Boards staff and address CLARB's expectations from the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.

A suggestion was made that the Maryland Board of Examiners for Landscape Architect's website needs to reflect that an exam candidate's eligibility to take the Landscape Architectural Registration Exam (L.A.R.E) requires approval from the Board. Applicants who apply for licensure with a CLARB Council Record do not require approval by Maryland Board of Examiners for Landscape Architects as their applications are administratively approved by the Design Boards administrative specialist. A question was raised as to whether Maryland performs outreach to colleges and universities to inform students of its licensing program and the requirements to become licensed as a landscape architect.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Proposed regulations have been promulgated that will require licensees to respond to written requests from the Board within 30 days. Counsel advised that it is the licensee's responsibility to provide the Board with updated addresses.

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

One Reciprocal Application was presented to the Board for review and approval. The quorum of all board members reviewed and approved the applicant for a reciprocal license.

The next meeting of the Maryland Board of Examiners for Landscape Architects has been scheduled for Monday, December 17, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion (III) was made by Gareth Dedrick; seconded by Grace Fielder; and was unanimously accepted by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Approved: _____ without corrections _____ with corrections

Original Signed

Christopher Schein, Chairman

Date: _____