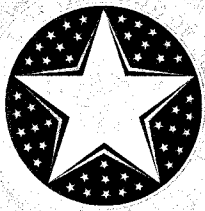


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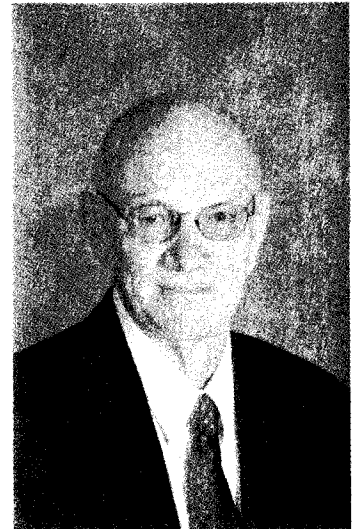
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Rule Revisions Proposed Public Hearing Set for January 13

As you all are aware by now, the Board's revisions to the statutes were approved by the legislature and became effective November 1, 2005. The next step in the process is to revise the Board's rules to reflect the changes made in Title 59, 475.1 et seq this year. The Board has been working on a draft of proposed rules and the draft will be available to download from the Board's website at www.pels.state.ok.us following the November 17-18 Board Meeting. If you wish to have a copy mailed to you, contact the Board office and they will mail you a copy.

A public hearing is set for Friday, January 13, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. at the Oklahoma Engineering Center, 201 NE 27th St., Oklahoma City, OK to receive comments concerning the proposed rules. If you plan to attend the public hearing, please e-mail kathy@pels.state.ok.us or call the Board Office at 405-521-2874 to ensure that there is plenty of room available for everyone. You may also submit written comments concerning the rule revisions until 4:30 p.m. January 11, 2006. These may be sent to the Board office.

The following pages of the newsletter contain a brief summary of the changes that are being proposed. As stated earlier, many of the changes reflect the changes that were made to the statute the past legislative session. Other changes are administrative in nature. A few of the changes proposed have come from questions that the Board has been asked over the past few years that we felt should be



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addressed formally, such as further defining specific signing and sealing requirements and responsible charge issues. I encourage you to read a draft of the rules and participate in this process. Once the rules have been approved by the legislature, I encourage you to familiarize yourself with any new regulations that affect your professional license.

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***In Celebration of the Lives
& Contributions of the
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**TITLE 245. OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF
LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
AND LAND SURVEYORS**

CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

SUMMARY:

- (a) Per revisions to Title 59, 475.1 et seq. effective November 1, 2005 changed the word "registration" to "license" and all derivatives thereof.
- (b) Revise rules to match other statutory language in statute revision.

**CHAPTER 15. LICENSING AND PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS**

SUMMARY:

The proposed revisions to the subchapters are as follows:

SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS:

- (a) Per revisions to Title 59, 475.1 et seq. effective November 1, 2005, changed the word "registration" to "license" and all derivatives thereof.
- (b) Delete definitions that are duplicated in Title 59, 475.1 et seq.
- (c) Move all definitions that were scattered throughout the chapter to the same section.

- (d) Further define and clarify the intent of that portion of the definition of "Practice of land surveying" which was amended in the November 1, 2005, statutory revisions in Title 59, 475.1 et seq., dealing with the preparation of legal descriptions. The new definition is not to be interpreted that only land surveyors can write legal descriptions. The control portion of geographic information systems and land information systems is also defined.

SUBCHAPTER 3. APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY FOR LICENSING:

- (a) Per revisions to Title 59, 475.1 et seq. effective November 1, 2005, changed the word "registration" to "license" and all derivatives thereof.
- (b) Further clarify administrative procedures for active and inactive applications.
- (c) Qualifications for engineer license – re-write section to be more readable and add a provision for one year of experience credit for the M.S. degree in engineering following a related science degree.

- (d) Qualifications for land surveyor license – re-write section per revisions to Title 59, 475.1 et seq. effective November 1, 2005, to reflect the revised educational requirements.

SUBCHAPTER 5. EXAMINATIONS:

- (a) Further clarify administrative procedures regarding examinations.
- (b) Revoke OAC 245:15-5-6. Re-examination – provision is addressed in other parts of this chapter.

SUBCHAPTER 7. LICENSURE:

- (a) Per revisions to Title 59, 475.1 et seq. effective November 1, 2005, changed the word "registration" to "license" and all derivatives thereof.
- (b) Further clarify administrative procedures regarding licensing.

SUBCHAPTER 9. RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT:

- (a) Per revisions to Title 59, 475.1 et seq. effective November 1, 2005, changed the word "registration" to "license" and all derivatives thereof.
- (b) Further clarify and define appropriate rules of professional conduct for professional engineers and land surveyors to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

SUBCHAPTER 11. CONTINUING EDUCATION

- (a) Per revisions to Title 59, 475.1 et seq. effective November 1, 2005, changed the word "registration" to "license" and all derivatives thereof.
- (b) Revise age at which a professional, who is no longer practicing their profession may be exempt from continuing education requirements, from 70 years of age to 62.

SUBCHAPTER 13. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR LAND SURVEYING:

- (a) Per revisions to Title 59, 475.1 et seq. effective November 1, 2005, changed the word "registration" to "license" and all derivatives thereof.
- (b) Move definitions to beginning of chapter.
- (c) Revise and clarify error analysis and maximum allowable positional error in surveys.
- (d) Add minimum standards for property descriptions.

SUBCHAPTER 15. ETHICAL MARKETING OF SERVICES:

- (a) Per revisions to Title 59, 475.1 et seq. effective November 1, 2005, changed the word "registration" to "license" and all derivatives thereof.
- (b) Further define qualifications based selection in the area of design/build.

SUBCHAPTER 17. LICENSEE'S SEAL:

- (a) Per revisions to Title 59, 475.1 et seq. effective November 1, 2005, changed the word "registration" to "license" and all derivatives thereof.
- (b) Require licensees to register their full legal name with the Board, but allow them to practice in a registered name, which is also registered with the Board.
- (c) Further clarify the responsible charge requirement for a licensee who becomes involved in a project when the original licensee is no longer available to complete the work.

Further clarify the signing and sealing requirement for record drawings.

SUBCHAPTER 19. ORGANIZATIONAL PRACTICE:

- (a) Per revisions to Title 59, 475.1 et seq. effective November 1, 2005, changed the word "registration" to "license" and all derivatives thereof.
- (b) Further define the responsible charge requirement for licensees in responsible charge of the professional services for firms.

SUBCHAPTER 21. CORNER PERPETUATION AND FILING ACT:

- (a) Per revisions to Title 59, 475.1 et seq. effective November 1, 2005, changed the word "registration" to "license" and all derivatives thereof.
- (b) Update language reflected in the regulations regarding signing and sealing and further define information required on a corner record form.

SUBCHAPTER 23. VIOLATIONS:

- (a) Per revisions to Title 59, 475.1 et seq. effective November 1, 2005, changed the word "registration" to "license" and all derivatives thereof.
- (b) Describe the violation of offering services without authorization.
- (c) Further define the terms fraud and misrepresentation to differentiate between the two terms.
- (d) Clarify the make-up and duties of the Investigation Committee and the investigation process.
- (e) Further define requirements for the exchange of information between the parties for hearings.

Appendix A:

- (a) Per revisions to Title 59, 475.1 et seq. effective November 1, 2005, changed the word "registered" to "licensed" on the professional seals.

Remaining Board Meeting Dates 2005

November 17-18, 2005

Exam Dates &

***NEW* Cut-off Dates for Submitting Applications:**

Application forms are on our website

www.pels.state.ok.us

Please Share These Dates with Others

January 3, 2006 - cut-off date for P.E. and L.S. applications for the April 21, 2006 exams AND the cut-off date for E.I. and L.S.I. applications for non full-time students for the April 22, 2006 exams.

February 5, 2006 - cut-off date for E.I. & L.S.I. applications for full-time students for the April 22, 2006 exams

June 1, 2006 - cut-off date for P.E. & L.S. applications for the October 27, 2006 exams AND the cut-off date for E.I. & L.S.I. applications for non full-time students for the October 28, 2006 exams.

Sept. 5, 2006 - cut-off date for E.I. & L.S.I. applications for full-time students for the October 28, 2006 exams.

