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Message from the Chair

Patricia Gail Oliver, P.S.M.

It has been an exciting five years for me on the Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers. I find myself as Chair now and having the responsibility of writing this message to you in the newsletter. Following in the footsteps of past Chairs, Maggie Weidener and Dave Gibson, is not going to be an easy task. My thanks to them and all the Board members for their invaluable input and guidance.

Over the past five years, the Board has reduced the number of Board meetings from four to three times per year. In addition committee meetings are now held in conjunction with Board meetings, resulting in a savings to the Board.

The Board is currently participating in Negotiated Rulemaking on Rule 61G17-6.002, Minimum Technical Standards. The purpose of the Negotiated Rulemaking is to address the ongoing GIS/GPS issue of resource grade mapping activities. Those currently participating are the Florida Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers, Florida League of Cities, Florida Surveying and Mapping Society, and the Florida Department of Transportation. There will be meetings held in May and June to negotiate the proposed rule to address this issue.

The Examination Committee of the Board will be working with the Department to develop a choice based essay examination for the Florida Jurisdictional portion of the

exam. The areas for examination which are being considered are:

Traditional Land Surveying:
Sectionalized, Boundary Determinations, Retracement, Platting, and Condominium;

Water Boundaries: Hydrographic and Mean High Water;

Control Surveying: Geodetic, Non-Geodetic, and GPS;

Mapping: GIS and Photogrammetry.

The goal of the Committee is to have the candidate answer one core question on MTS (worth 30%) and chose one speciality area (worth 70%) which will consist of at least one question from each sub-category. This will facilitate the changing of the profession to include the more diverse surveying and mapping activities.

In closing, I am looking forward to serving as Chair of the Board this year and welcome input from the general public and licensees on how the Board can best serve the public.

Message from Past Chair

David W. Gibson, P.S.M.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PROFESSION -- THE HIGHEST AUDIT COMPLIANCE WITH CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS!!

I was honored to pass the Board Chair's gavel to Gail Oliver at the conclusion of the January 1998 meeting. But the air needs to be

Rules Committee

MTS RULES WORKSHOP TO BE SCHEDULED

The Board has been advised that licensees have some questions regarding MTS rules. In response, the Board plans to schedule an MTS Rules Workshop in conjunction with the next Board meeting at the Adams Mark Hotel in Clearwater Beach on September 3, 1998, beginning at 8:00 am. To prepare for the workshop, the Board requests that questions, comments, and suggestions regarding the MTS rules be submitted to Beth E. Antrim-Berger, Chair of the Rules Committee, c/o the Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers prior to August 7, 1998. Photogrammetric aspects of the MTS rules and conflicts between Department of Transportation terminology and the rules will also be addressed at the workshop, therefore, input from that perspective is requested as well.

Address Change Form

Attached to this newsletter is an address change form. Chapter 455.275(1), F.S., states, "Each licensee of the department is solely responsible for notifying the department in writing of the licensee's current mailing address and place of practice, as defined by rule of the board or the department when there is no board. A licensee's failure to notify the department of a change of address constitutes a violation of this section, and the licensee may be disciplined by the board or the department when there is no board."

Renewal Cycle for 1999 thru 2001 Biennium

Renewal notices for the next biennium renewal cycle will be mailed in November of this year to the address of record for all licensees. If you have changed your address within the last two years, you must notify the Board office by completing the attached address change form.

As per Rule 61G17-5.0031, Florida Administrative Code, every person licensed pursuant to Chapter 472, Florida Statutes, must obtain at least twenty-four (24) continuing education credits per biennium.

Updated Laws and Rules Book

The Board office currently has an updated Laws and Rules Book available for distribution upon receipt of a written request. This update includes the changes to Chapter 177, Florida Statutes, passed by the 1998 Florida Legislature. All requests should be in writing to the Board office. You may fax your request to (850) 922-2918 or send an E-Mail request to ktrim@mail.dbpr.state.fl.us.

Disciplinary Action Report

The Board at its April 1, 1998 meeting has taken disciplinary action concerning several licensees.

Three cases were presented which consisted of two stipulation

hearings and one informal hearing.

Although every effort is made to ensure the information reported is correct, before making any specific decision based upon this information, you should check with the Board office to assure accuracy. The listing below may not reflect a change occurring near or following the publication date. Further, it does not reflect pending appeals or requests for rehearings. Each order listed below contains the licensee's name, the DBPR case number, the license number, the violated section of Florida Statute and the penalty imposed by the Board.

Clarence J. Williams, III Case #97-15026, LS 0005351

Charge: Violated Section 472.033(1)(h), F.S., by violating Rule 61G17-5.0032(2), F.A.C. and Section 472.033(1)(h), F.S., by violating 61G17-5.0031, F.A.C., for failure to complete the required continuing education for renewal of a license.

Penalty: The Board issued a fine of \$250, suspension, stay of suspension to allow for probation, MTS course, Professionalism & Ethics course within 60 days of the issuance of the final order.

James R. Almond Case #97-11077, LS 0005081

Charge: Violated Section 472.033(1)(h), F.S., for failure to affix seal to a survey, and Section 472.033(1)(h), F.S., by violating Rule 61G17-6.0031(6)(a), F.A.C., for failure to depict the proper location of a structure on a survey.

Penalty: The Board rejected the settlement stipulation and offered a counter-settlement stipulation for a reprimand, suspension, stay of suspension to allow for probation, \$2,000 fine, investigative costs of \$463.25, MTS course, and survey review.

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Elwood Renn
Case #97-09331 & 97-11114
LS 0003647
Charge: Violated Section 472.033(1)(h), F.S., by violating 61G17-6, Minimum Technical Standards, and Section 472.033(1)(g), F.S., by being guilty of negligence in the practice of land surveying.
Penalty: The Board accepted the settlement stipulation for a reprimand, suspension, stay of suspension to allow for probation, \$4,000 fine, investigative costs of \$857.62, MTS course, and survey review.

Committee Appointments for 1998

The following Board members have been appointed to the committee(s) indicated for 1998 by the Board Chair.

Application Committee:
 Chair: Oscar Pittman
 Members: Maggie Weidener
 Gail Oliver

Continuing Education Committee:
 Chair: Henry Echezabal
 Members: Gene Stoner
 Chuck Woodward
 Jeff Carlen
 (Consultant)

Exam Committee:
 Chair: Maggie Weidener

Finance Committee:
 Chair: Ralph Armstead
 Members: Dave Gibson

NCEES Committee:
 Chair: Gail Oliver
 Members: Maggie Weidener
 Dave Gibson

Probable Cause Panel:
 Chair: Gene Stoner
 Members: Oscar Pittman
 Jim Shiskin
 Dave Gibson
 (Alternate)

Probation Committee:
 Chair: Dave Gibson
 Members: Maggie Weidener
 Henry Echezabal

Rules Committee:
 Chair: Beth Antrim-Berger
 Members: Ralph Armstead

Ad hoc Committee GIS/GPS:
 Chair: Dave Gibson
 Members: Chuck Woodward
 Gail Oliver
 Maggie Weidener
 Gene Stoner

ACSM Liaison:
 Dave Gibson

Post Secondary Education Liaison:
 Dave Gibson

Surveyor/Engineer Liaison:
 Gail Oliver

Surveying and Mapping Council Liaison:
 Dave Gibson

Chapter 455.275(1), Florida Statutes, requires all licensees, active and inactive, to keep the Department informed of their current mailing address. The form below has been prepared to assist licensees in keeping us informed of address changes. If you change your address, please complete this form, and return it to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0756.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM
(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION)

Name: _____	License Number: _____
Old Address: _____	New Address: _____
_____	_____
_____	_____
Home Telephone: (____) _____	Work Telephone: (____) _____
Fax Number: (____) _____	Date: _____

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(PLEASE RETAIN THIS FORM FOR FUTURE USE)



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