

MINUTES

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS AND MAPPERS

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

July 16, 2003

Hilton Garden Inn
12 Via De Luna Drive
Pensacola, Florida 32561

The meeting was called to order by Beverly Sutphin, Chair, at 1:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Beverly Sutphin, Chair
Omar Armenteros
Louis Lebron

Members Absent

Dennis Blankenship

Others Present:

Paul Martin, Asst. Attorney General
Christa Patterson, Government Analyst I
Juanita Chastain, Executive Director
David Melvin
Charlie Watts
Jeff Cooner
Russell Daly
Harley Gilmore
Henry Echezabal

Ms. Sutphin asked Ms. Patterson to add to the committee list an effective date for committee assignments.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 16, 2003 CONTINUING EDUCATION MINUTES

The committee reviewed the April 16, 2003, continuing education minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Armenteros made a motion to approve the April 16, 2003 minutes with corrections.

SECOND: Mr. Lebron seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Patterson handed out information to the committee regarding a course titled Land Desktop for Surveyors. Ms. Patterson advised the committee that during her review of the course she was unable to determine if the instructor was qualified. The committee reviewed the materials and advised Ms. Patterson that the course content and instructor were in compliance.

Ms. Sutphin asked Ms. Patterson to send her a list of approved continuing education providers and courses.

Mr. Armenteros asked Ms. Patterson if the project to review provider courses had been completed. Ms. Patterson advised the committee that the project had not been completed and she asked the committee for direction of the project.

Mr. Armenteros directed staff to separate courses approved in the 2001 audit and bring the courses not approved back to the committee for review.

Ms. Patterson advised the committee that the approved courses were listed on the web and that licensees were attending those courses for the current renewal period. Mr. Armenteros stated that it was not the intent of the committee to rescind approval but to consider approval for future renewals.

Ms. Sutphin advised the committee that she would like to attend, for auditing purposes a couple of courses offered by approved providers and she was unsure of the procedures to follow. Ms. Sutphin stated she had concerns with the time frames allotted for online courses. Ms. Sutphin stated she felt it was the board's responsibility to audit these courses.

Mr. Martin stated that he would hope that an approved provider would allow a board member to attend courses for auditing purposes. Mr. Martin stated that he knew of other board providers who gave the board a pass code to allow access to their online courses. Mr. Martin advised Ms. Sutphin that she would have to request prior approval from providers for online courses but she did not have to notify the provider for live presentations as long as the attendance was for auditing purposes.

Mr. Armenteros shared his concerns with the expiration dates of courses and how in the future renewal of courses would be handled. Mr. Armenteros stated that the proposed rule requires the provider to submit new applications for each of their courses. Mr. Armenteros suggested that the provider only be required to resubmit a course application if the course had changed. The committee members agreed.

The committee tabled discussion of course renewal to the rules workshop to be held the next day.

There being no other business the committee meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.