

MINUTES

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS AND MAPPERS

General Business Meeting

February 20, 2004

Telephone Conference Call
(850) 488-2854

The meeting was called to order by Pam Nobles, Chair, at 10:06 a.m.

Members Present

Pam Nobles, Chair
Omar Armenteros
Dennis Blankenship, Vice Chair
Beverly Sutphin
Lou Bush
Louis Lebron
Fran Poppell
Sidney Greer

Members Absent

Jeff Cooner

Others Present

Paul Martin, Board Counsel
John Knap, Executive Director
Christa Patterson, Government Analyst
Charlie Pellegrini, Prosecuting Attorney

CONSIDERATION OF PROVIDER COURSE APPLICATIONS

The board reviewed the courses offered by The American Congress on Surveying and Mapping and noted that some of the 8:00 to 5:00 courses the provider was requesting 7 hours of continuing education and other 8:00 to 5:00 courses were requesting 8 hours of continuing education. The board noted that the provider did not submit a detailed course outline with the course timeframes. After discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Armenteros made a motion to approve the following courses for the following hours offered by The American Congress on Surveying and Mapping and to deny the course How to Teach the Boy Scouts Surveying Merit Badge. The course did not enhance the education of a surveyor and mapper.

- Mr. Lincoln, Please Answer My Question – 7 hours general
- ALTA/ACSM Land Title Surveys – 7 hours general
- Automated Mapping: From Field to Finish – 7 hours general

- Geomapping for Data Visualization – 7 hours general
- Getting Into GIS Without Going Broke – 3.75 hours general
- GPS and GIS Applications in Support of Urban Codes Enforcement and Neighborhood Audits – 3.75 hours general
- GPS-Derived Heights Part 1 – 3.75 hours general
- GPS – Derived Heights Part II – 3.75 hours general
- History of Land Surveying Measurement Topics – 7 hours general
- Hydrographic Surveying – 7 hours general
- IBLA- Interior Board of Land Appeals – 3.5 hours general
- Implementing GIS – 3.5 hours general
- Improving Your Field Procedures – 3.5 hours general
- NCEES Item Writing Workshop – LSIT and/or LS – 3.5 hours general
- Orthophotos and Their Application – 3.75 hours general
- Practical Use of State Plane Coordinates – 7 hours general
- Professionalism and Ethics for Surveyors – 3.75 hours general
- Running a Successful Surveying Business – 7 hours general
- Statistics For Surveyors – 3.75 hours general
- Surveying Errors & Their Analysis – 3.75 hours general
- Testing Drive GIS Lab – Part II – 3.75 hours general
- The Surveyor's Role in Flood Studies – 3.75 hours general
- Utilities, Public and Otherwise – 3.75 hours general

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

MOTION: Mr. Armenteros made a motion to approve the course Florida Laws Seminar on Sovereignty Lands for two (2) hours of laws and rules continuing education credits offered by FDEP Bureau of Surveying and Mapping.

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

MOTION: Mr. Armenteros made a motion to approve the course Land Use Planning and Eminent Domain in Florida for six (6) hours of general continuing education credits offered by National Business Institute.

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

Mr. Martin advised the board that he did not feel the course enhanced the practice of surveying and mapping. After discussion it was the consensus of the board that the course enhanced the education of surveyors and mappers.

Ms. Sutphin advised the board that on the course application for Land Use Planning and Eminent Domain in Florida the course had a course number assigned but the expiration date was May 31, 2003. Ms. Patterson advised the board that the course list did not have an expiration date but the course was listed with a course number. Mr. Martin stated that if the provider had made application to the board then the board should take action.

MOTION: Mr. Armenteros made a motion to approve the course Utilizing GIS in Surveying and Mapping Projects for two (2) hours for continuing education credits offered by Florida Surveying and Mapping Society.

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

Mr. Armenteros advised the board that he received by mail materials on a MTS course offered by LSS and asked the other members if they had received the same information. The licensed surveyor and mappers on the board received the same information and stated they had concerns with the materials. Ms. Nobles stated the MTS course information was mailed to all licensees.

Mr. Armenteros stated he was concerned that there was a cheat sheet included in the package and did not feel the course content met board rule requirements for a correspondence course. Mr. Armenteros stated that the course could be completed in one hour and the licensees were receiving 6 hours of MTS continuing education credits. Mr. Armenteros stated that if this is the way correspondence courses are being offered then the board needs to address the way correspondence courses are being offered. Mr. Armenteros stated that he did not feel this type of course was the intent of the board.

The board agreed with Mr. Armenteros' comments and stated the course would need to be addressed by the board. Mr. Martin advised the board that in accordance to 61G17-5.0041 (7), F.A.C., the board and the Department has the authority to review records and course materials given by any provider approved pursuant to this rule.

Ms. Patterson stated that in the past if there was a question regarding courses offered by an approved provider a complaint was initiated through the Department by the Executive Director. Mr. Knap stated he would contact the Department to verify the process.

Mr. Martin advised the board that the statute was very clear that the Department had the authority to alter the providers status so if it's the board's desire to move forward with the provider status than he would instruct the board to move forward with the complaint process.

Mr. Martin stated that if it was the board's intent to focus only on the MTS course that he would advise the board to notice the provider to appear before the board at their next meeting.

After discussion it was the consensus of the board to move forward with the provider status and MTS course.

MOTION: Mr. Armenteros made a motion to ask staff to open a case against LSS and to notice LSS to appear at the April 2004 general business meeting to discuss the MTS correspondence course.

SECOND: Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion and it passed.

Ms. Sutphin recused herself from the vote.

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

Ms. Nobles advised the board that Ms. Patterson requested that Mr. Kenneth Carlisle's application be added to the board agenda. Ms. Patterson stated that Mr. Carlisle contacted the Department and demanded that the board review his application so he could take the April 2004 examination. Ms. Nobles stated that there was information in the application that was faxed and was not legible. Mr. Martin stated that if the information was not legible then the application should not be considered on the agenda. The board did not review the application.

Examination

The board recommended denial of Antonio Abeleira's application for examination. Mr. Abeleira's lacks 5 months experience.

The board reviewed and recommended approval of Stacy Brown's application for examination.

The board reviewed and recommended approval of Michael Cook's application for examination.

The board reviewed and recommended denial of Jose Antonio Perez's application for examination. Mr. Perez did not document work experience.

The board reviewed and recommended approval of Kimberly Saxton's application for examination.

The board reviewed and recommended approval of Joseph Stuckey's application for examination.

The board reviewed and recommended denial of Dean S. Warhaft's application for examination. Mr. Warhaft did not document that he met the education or experience requirements.

Endorsement

The board reviewed and recommended denial of Steven Calder's application for licensure by endorsement. The State of Georgia did not require a 4- year degree and Mr. Calder's transcripts did not verify that a degree has been awarded.

The board reviewed and recommended approval of Scott England's application for licensure by endorsement.

The board reviewed and recommended denial of David Green's application for licensure by endorsement. The licensure requirements were not equivalent. The board noted that the applicant might want to re-apply for licensure by examination.

The board reviewed and recommended denial of Daniel Hill's application for licensure by endorsement. Mr. Hill did not provide a copy of North Carolina's licensure laws at the time he was licensed.

The board reviewed and recommended approval of Robert Oquist's application for licensure by endorsement.

The board reviewed and recommended denial of Margaret Washko's application for licensure by endorsement. Ms. Washko did not provide information to determine equivalency and did not provide sufficient documentation to verify work experience and the application is incomplete.

Surveyor in Training

The board reviewed and recommended denial of Jeremy Hallick's application for a surveyor in training. Mr. Hallick has already received a degree in business administration and is not in his final year or a graduate of an approved surveying and mapping curriculum.

Certificate of Authorization

The board reviewed Olde Isle Surveying and Mapping Company certificate of authorization application. The board noted that Olde Isle Surveying and Mapping Company had a certificate of authorization but let the license go null and void February 28, 2001. The board discussed a fine and it was the consensus of the board to approve the application pending receipt of a \$3000.00 fine. It was the consensus of the board to impose a \$1000 fine for each biennial renewal the applicant missed.

MOTION: Mr. Blankenship made a motion to approve the recommendations.

SECOND: Ms. Poppell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The board asked staff to include as an agenda item for the April 2004 meeting discussion of fines for null and void certificate of authorization making application to the board.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.