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OSLAB Review

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Statutorily Required Biennial Report

The Oregon State Landscape Architect Board (OSLAB) is a semi-independent state agency. Because biennial budgets of the Board are established by the Board and approved through the Public Rule Making process, ORS 182.462, the Legislature does not provide oversight to the budget process as it does with other state agencies.

The Legislature continues, however, to have oversight through reporting requirements for semi-independent agencies.

The semi-independent law was revised during the 73rd Legislative Assembly of 2005

(HB 2029). The law previously required that a comprehensive report be presented not later than the first day of each regular session of the Legislative Assembly. Revisions established by HB 2029 now require the report be submitted by the first day of the even number years when the Legislature does not convene.

OSLAB Staff delivered the comprehensive report to the offices of the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House and the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) on December 30, 2005. LFO will take the lead in reading and evaluating how OSLAB has been carrying out its responsibilities

during 2005. In 2004, due to the sudden and unexpected departure of the OSLAB Administrator, the Board Chair had presented a letter in lieu of the report for the 2003-2004 years.

This current report will soon be available for review on the Board's website:

www.oregon.gov



Instructions: once on the website, select the following:

- ◆ A-z agency listing
- ◆ L
- ◆ Landscape Architect Board

CONTINUING EDUCATION: You asked the question!

Question asked:

"I have downloaded your CEU Log, but to clarify, does the license holder need to submit all materials first to OSLAB for acceptance of the activity as a PDH, or does one submit these materials for review and acceptance after being audited?"

Answer:

If a course is not certified by a professional body (AIA, ACED, etc) then Oregon ASLA has established a review committee for certifying these courses. Any activities you might want to use for PDH may be approved by Oregon ASLA to

be PDH eligible.

Individual Landscape Architects registered with the Board will be selected at random for auditing after July 1, 2006. If you are selected, you will be asked at that time to submit your log and any supporting documents for review.



Compliance Case Update

Concerns have been directed to the Board about individuals in the landscape design arena. The OSLAB does not regulate landscape designers, but the Board does regulate the practice of Landscape Architecture as well as the title Landscape Architect, Registered Landscape Architect, and Landscape Architectural Designer. The Board also regulates other titles or any words, letters, figures, signs, cards, advertisement, symbols or other devices representing that the individual or a business associated with the individual is authorized to practice landscape architecture in Oregon [See ORS 671.316].

Recently one such individual was directed by the Board to cease referring to his business as "Garden Architecture Landscape Design". There is no current license for designers, so designers should not refer to themselves as a state licensed landscape designer.

The Board has worked with an Eastern Oregon city to bring city officials into compliance with a recent public Landscape Architect project. A citizen notified The OSLAB that an ongoing city revitalization project involving greenways and walkways was awarded to a non-registered individual. Following notification to the city, the city ended the contract. The Board received the explanation that neither the city nor the business was aware that the conceptual drawings of downtown projects were a violation of the Oregon Landscape Architect statute.

The Board also noticed a cultural center of Oregon law regulating landscape architecture. The landscape architect acknowledged on the center's web page was not registered in Oregon to practice. That center subsequently notified The Board that they had hired a Registered Landscape Architect.

Fee Hearing Scheduled



OSLAB will hold a Public Rulemaking Hearing at 9:00 AM on Friday, February 10, 2006 in the conference room of the Board office to accept comments on fee increases. At the December 2, 2005 meeting of the Board, four fees increases were approved.

The initial annual fee for new registrants will be set at \$250.00. The annual renewal fee for LA's is currently \$250.00. When the

rule was revised in May of 2005 to reflect the annual fee increase of \$25.00, no increase was made to the initial annual fee for those newly licensed. That fee remained at \$225.00. It was the intention of the Board that the annual fee, including the initial annual fee, be set at \$250.00. This Rule change will make the correction.

Three other fees have not

previously been stated in the Administrative Rules. Those are an application fee for businesses of \$100.00, an application fee for initial LA registration of \$100.00, and a fee for the registrant list \$50.00 to cover administrative costs.

The Board will accept public testimony at the Hearing. Written comments will be accepted until 12:00 PM February 3, 2006.

Knight Assumes the Administrator Position for OSLAB

After serving as OSLAB's Interim Administrator from December of 2004 through June of 2005, Susanna R. Knight now serves as the permanent Administrator of the Board for the 2005-07 biennium.

OSLAB and the Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners (OSBGE) entered into a contract agreement whereby Knight serves as the Administrator for both Boards.

Knight has served OSBGE since January 1999.

Knight grew up in Oregon and completed her high school degree in Philomath where she was selected as a Future First Citizen of Ben-

ton County. Following her graduation from Concordia University, Illinois, with a BA in elementary Education, she enjoyed her first career with teaching stints in Corvallis, McMinnville and Dayton Oregon.

Knight moved to Nebraska in 1978 and began her second career by opening a consignment clothing store which allowed her time to focus on her own two children. After 11 years, the family returned to Oregon in 1989 and she chose to work for the State of Oregon. Knight continues in this third career.

Knight has worked with many state agencies prior to her arrival at OSLAB including the Engineering

Board, the Board for Public Safety, Oregon State University and OSBGE. She gained valuable insight into the workings of Oregon government, having served so many diverse agencies.

In her private life, Knight enjoys a multitude of outside activities including gardening, quilting, camping, traveling, football, track and field, and children; including her three beautiful granddaughters who reside in Walla Walla, Washington.

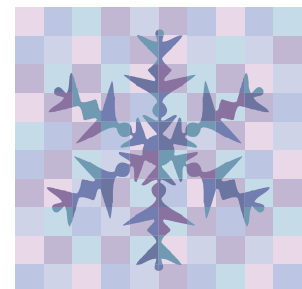
Knight currently lives in Monmouth with John, her husband of almost thirty-eight years.



Knight identifies her work in government as her third career.

OSLAB CALENDAR

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| January 31, 2006 | Renewals issued 12/15/2005 |
| February 28, 2006 | Renewals to be issued 1/26/2006 |
| March 31, 2006 | Renewals to be issued 2/15/2006 |
| February 10, 2006 | Board Meeting, Salem, Oregon, 8:30 AM |
| February 10, 2006 | Public Rule Hearing, 9:00 AM |
| March 14, 2006 | Deadline for LARE Application, Section C & D |
| May 12, 2006 | Board Meeting, Salem, Oregon |
| June 12 & 13, 2006 | LARE Examinations, Salem, Oregon |



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Landscape Architect

**Landscape Architects
who fail to renew
their Oregon license
have a 60-day win-
dow of opportunity to
renew with late fees.
Any applicant falling
outside the 60-day
window must appear
before the Board.**

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Registrant Update

The following individuals have been accepted as initial Landscape Architects in Oregon:

Chelsea Cochran LA #586

Jeff Froeber LA #591

Ben Johnson LA #587

Matt Kilmartin LA #588

Todd Pitman LA #590

Chelsea Schneider LA #592

Laurie DeVos LA #583

Nicole Horst LA #585

Daniel Jenkins LA #582

Kenneth Puncerelii LA #584

The LA registration #390 of Mr. Paul Dix of Issaquah, Washington was approved for reinstatement following an oral examination by the Board on December 2, 2005.

(Mr. Dix had failed to renew within the 60 day window.)

The following individuals have been approved for LA registration in Oregon based on their CLARB certificate: