

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS AND MAPPERS

General Information

Meeting Type: General Business, Application Review Committee,
Continuing Education Committee,
Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 2 & 3, 2008
Meeting Location: Casa Monica Hotel
95 Cordova Street
St. Augustine, Florida 32084

Attendees:

Members Present

Jeffrey Cooner, Chair
Beverly Sutphin, Vice-Chair
Lou Bush
Louis Lebron
Mary-Hanna Clodfelter
Arthur Mastronicola
Frances Poppell
Sidney Greer

Members Absent

Dennis Blankenship

Others Present

Richard Morrison, Executive Director, DBPR
Stacey Merchant, Government Analyst, DBPR
Elizabeth Duffy, Assistant General Counsel, DBPR
Diane Guillemette, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

I. Major Issues/Actions

- The board reviewed six applications. Two were approved to take the examination, two applications were denied and two were continued until the January 2009 meeting.
- The board reviewed and approved six applications for continuing education courses.
- The Exam Committee, with the approval of the Board, plans to restructure the Florida portion of the Surveyors and Mappers exam by developing more multiple-choice questions in place of the essay questions. Several experienced consultants have been recruited to help with the development of the new test which is slated to be ready for the April exam
- Jeffrey Cooner was re-elected as Chairman and Art Masteronicola was elected Vice-Chair of the Board for 2009. They will assume office at the January 6, 7 & 8, 2009 meeting.
- The board approved the 2009 meeting schedule as follows:

January	7, 8, & 9	Tallahassee
April	7, 8, & 9	Tampa / St. Pete area
July	7, 8, & 9	Orlando
October	13, 14 & 15	St. Augustine

- The board expressed concern about increases in unlicensed activity (ULA) due to current difficulties in the economy. They are also interested in knowing how the department is processing ULA cases dealing with the new technologies (e.g. Pictometry and Digital Terrain Modeling).

II. Legislation/Rule Promulgation

The board voted to notice Rule 61G17-4.002, Florida Administrative Code, for development. The change to this rule will allow the board to move forward with the elimination of the Florida essay exam and development of a multiple-choice exam in its place.

III. Action Required

None

Next Meeting

January 7 & 8, 2009 Tallahassee

Richard Morrison
Executive Director