

MINUTES

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS AND MAPPERS

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

April 16, 2003

Department of Business and Professional Regulation
Board Conference Room
1940 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida

The meeting was called to order by Beverly Sutphin, Chair, at 8:10 a.m. and the committee pledged allegiance to the United States flag.

Members Present:

Beverly Sutphin, Chair
Dennis Blankenship
Omar Armenteros
Louis Lebron

Others Present:

1 Paul Martin, Asst. Attorney General
2 Christa Patterson, Government Analyst I
3 Juanita Chastain, Executive Director
4 Les Smith
5 David Melvin
6 Alvin Gloer
7 Alan Morgan
8 Henry Echezabal
9 Harley Gilmore
10 Fred Crawford
11 Marilyn Evers
12 Allen Nobles
13 Russell Daly
14 Gail Oliver
15 Jeff Cooner
16 Lou Bush
17 Dan A. Wilcox

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 15, 2003 CONTINUING EDUCATION MINUTES

22 The committee reviewed the January 15, 2003, continuing education minutes.

24 MOTION: Mr. Blankenship made a motion to approve the January 15, 2003 minutes.

25 SECOND: Mr. Armenteros seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW/CONSIDERATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER COURSE RENEWAL

29 Mr. Armenteros advised the committee that at the last meeting the committee was advised that
30 the department's continuing education staff was reviewing and approving provider courses. Mr.
31 Armenteros advised the board that he had the continuing education audit information and was
32 going to hand the materials over to Ms. Patterson for review.
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34 Ms. Sutphin stated she had the same concerns as Mr. Armenteros. Ms. Patterson advised the
35 committee that they could identify the courses approved by the Department's continuing
36 education office by the 6300 or higher course number.
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38 The committee asked Mr. Martin if the continuing education rule revisions had been filed for
39 adoption and did the rule have an effective date. Mr. Martin advised the committee that in their
40 board meeting folders there was a letter from Susanne Printy commenting on the proposed
41 revisions to the board's continuing education rule. Mr. Martin advised the committee that during
42 the transition of representing the board he had not had the opportunity to respond.
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44 Mr. Martin advised the committee he would respond to Ms. Printy's letter and report back to the
45 committee and board regarding the status at the July 2003 meeting.
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47 Ms. Sutphin stated she was not in favor of approving the providers course list for renewal. Mr.
48 Blankenship stated that at the last meeting the committee was in favor of approving the provider
49 course list for renewal.
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51 The committee discussed having a telephone conference call to discuss the continuing
52 education provider renewals.
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54 Ms. Patterson advised the committee that the continuing education providers and courses
55 expire May 31, 2003 and the telephone conference call would have to be prior to this date.
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57 Ms. Patterson stated that according to past board counsel the board did not have the authority
58 yet to approve courses. Ms. Patterson stated that with the information provided by Mr.
59 Armenteros she could go through the material and create a list of courses approved during the
60 audit.
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62 Ms. Patterson asked the committee how to proceed.
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64 The committee discussed the possibility of reviewing the courses that were not approved during
65 the audit. Ms. Sutphin suggested that the committee review the list of courses and identify the
66 courses in question and ask the provider to submit another course application.
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68 Mr. Armenteros advised the committee that there were licensees who have taken these courses
69 and have received continuing education credit and at this point reviewing the courses not
70 approved during the audit would be a mute point.
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72 Mr. Gilmore shared his concerns with the possibility of having to provide course information
73 again and not knowing after leaving the meeting which courses are approved. Ms. Patterson
74 advised the committee that she is no longer custodian of the continuing education files and that
75 the course information is on file with the continuing education office.
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77 Mr. Blankenship stated he knew from experience that it was hard to tell the content of a course
78 by the course title and he would like to see the committee approve the provider course lists.
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79 After discussion the following motion was made.
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81 MOTION: Mr. Armenteros made a motion to grandfather the list of courses for renewal and
82 asked staff to provide course applications for those courses not approved during
83 the 2001 audit at the next meeting.

84 SECOND: Mr. Blankenship seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
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86 **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

87 Fred Crawford Correspondence

88 Mr. Crawford was present at the meeting and he reviewed his letter with the committee. Mr.
89 Crawford stated that Florida Transportation Institute is a division of CMC & Associates, which is
90 an approved provider. The committee stated they did not see any issues and Mr. Crawford
91 stated he would submit course applications for approval.
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94 Harley Gilmore Correspondence

95 Mr. Gilmore was present at the meeting and he reviewed his letter with the committee. Mr.
96 Gilmore asked the committee to consider not requiring the online exam to be sealed with a
97 surveyor seal. Mr. Gilmore stated that the Florida board was the only state requiring this and
98 that he knows of some CE providers who are not complying.
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100 Ms. Sutphin and Mr. Armenteros stated they were not in favor of not requiring the surveyor seal.
101 Mr. Gilmore asked that other providers be notified of the requirement.
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103 Mr. Gilmore advised the board that he has identified some rules that may need revisions.
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105 The committee reviewed Mr. Gilmore's letter and stated that at the July 2003 rules workshop
106 these rules will be addressed. The committee asked Mr. Martin to notice 61G17-5, FAC for
107 rule development at the July 2003 meeting.
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109 There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.
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