

MINUTES

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS AND MAPPERS

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

October 12, 2004

Renaissance Resort
500 South Legacy Trail
St. Augustine, Florida 32092

The meeting was called to order by Beverly Sutphin, Chair, at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Beverly Sutphin, Chair
Louis Lebron
Sidney Greer
Omar Armenteros

Members Not Present

Dennis Blankenship

Others Present:

Fred Myers
David Melvin
Howard Ehmke
Robert Richards
Kathy Wade
Marilyn Evers
Shelly Dvorak
Michelle Champman
David Schryver
Pam Nobles
Steve Gordon
Jeff Cooner
Harley Glimore
W. Lanier Mathews, II
Allen Nobles
Alvin Gloer
Pablo Ferrari
Art Mastronicola
Russell Daly
Fran Poppell

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JULY 14, 2004 CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The committee reviewed the July 14, 2004, continuing education minutes and after discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lebron made a motion to approve the July 14, 2004 minutes with corrections.

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

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF PROVIDER COURSE APPLICATIONS

The committee reviewed the course application submitted by Florida Department of Transportation and after review the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Lebron made a motion to approve the course CERP Vertical Control for 2 hours of general continuing education credits.

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

The committee reviewed the course applications submitted by Land Pro Seminars and after discussion the following motions were made.

MOTION: Mr. Armenteros made a motion to approve the course Army Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Methods for 6 hours of general continuing education credits.

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

MOTION: Mr. Armenteros made a motion to approve the course Endangered, Threatened and Species of Special Concern for 6 hours of general continuing education credits.

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

Mr. Greer opposed the motion stating he did not feel it would enhance the education of a professional surveyor and mapper.

The committee reviewed the course application submitted by HalfMoon, LLC, and noted that the course outline provided in the application did not include a list of laws and rules that would be covered.

MOTION: Mr. Armenteros made a motion to approve the course Legal Issues for Florida Land Surveyors for 6 hours of general continuing education credits under the condition that the provider could re-apply for laws and rules approval.

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

Ms. Sutphin suggested that the committee consider drafting a rule regarding what constitutes a laws and rules course. Mr. Armenteros stated that some of the courses all ready approved by the board are courses on court cases and should be re-evaluated by the committee and board.

Mr. Knap reminded the committee that in the future the continuing education providers would be re-submitting courses for approval and that would give the committee the opportunity to re-evaluate the courses.

The committee reviewed course applications submitted by Lorman Business Center, Inc. DBA Lorman Education Services.

The committee reviewed the course applications submitted by Lorman Business Center, Inc. and noted that the course outline did not include a list of laws and rules that would be covered.

MOTION: Mr. Armenteros made a motion to approve both courses titled Zoning and Land Use, one being offered in Tampa and the other being offered in Orlando for 6 hours of general continuing education credits.

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Armenteros noted that in the board member's folders was additional information regarding the RedVector's web site. Mr. Knap advised the committee that the providers using the RedVector's web site were noticed to appear at the general business meeting to be held the next day. Mr. Armenteros stated that from the information it would appear RedVector was an approved provider by the board. The committee agreed.

Ms. Sutphin stated that the continuing education providers should be notified of the revised application. Mr. Knap advised the committee that a written notice was mailed to all the approved providers asking that the providers submit course applications prior to the expiration date. Mr. Knap advised the committee that the revised course application was attached to that letter and the providers were notified that the revised application was available on the board's web page. Mr. Knap advised the committee that the majority of approved courses would expire May 31, 2005.

Mr. Armenteros advised the committee that he felt that the providers need guidance to what the committee/board considers to be a laws and rules course.

Mr. Knap stated he felt the intent of requiring a laws and rules course was to cover Chapter 472, F.S., and 61G17, F.A.C.

Mr. Stabley stated that he felt that the definition of a laws and rules course shouldn't be too narrow but could include other Statutes relating to the licensure profession. Mr. Stabley stated that past surveyor's case law may be useful information to the profession. Ms. Sutphin agreed. Mr. Armenteros stated that this issue would need to be discussed by the full board.

Mr. Armenteros stated that an approved laws and rules course should have some type of connection to the profession.

Ms. Patterson suggested that the committee consider drafting additional language to Rule 61G17-5.0051 (1)(b), F.A.C. The committee reviewed the section and Mr. Stabley suggested adding the following language:

If the laws and rules continuing education course does not specifically cover Chapter 472, F.S. or Chapter 177, F.S., or Rule 61G17, F.A.C., then the continuing education provider would need to provide a specific written explanation to how the course relates to the practice of surveying and mapping.

The committee asked staff to work with Mr. Stabley and revise the course application to request laws and rules information.

The committee asked Mr. Stabley to bring draft rule language to the next meeting and the committee asked Ms. Patterson to make revisions to the course application for committee review at the next meeting.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.