



Board of Licensure for Landscape Architects

October 2014

What's New?

Discussion topics from the October board meeting

The board's October meeting was held in Olympia. Board members participated via conference call while guests attended in person at the Department of Licensing. The board finalized revisions to the *Guidelines for Building Officials and Design Professionals* [website](#). The revisions will be reviewed by the board's Assistant Attorney General (AAG) prior to being posted online.

The board set meeting dates for 2015. Board members plan to visit students at the University of Washington and Washington State University in the coming year with remaining meetings being held in Olympia.

Visit the board's [website](#) for more information about meeting dates and locations as well as past meeting minutes and audio recordings. Attend the meetings in person to hear the complete discussions and earn continuing education credit.

Your board members:

Deb Peters, Chair – Lake Forest Park
 Len Zickler, Vice Chair – Spokane
 William Bernstein, Secretary – Seattle
 Karen Kiest, Member – Seattle
 Vacant, Public Member

CLARB

Board members Len Zickler, Deb Peters, Karen Kiest, and staff member, Julia Gambrel attended the Council of Landscape Architect Registration Boards (CLARB) September 23-27 in Reston, VA. Board members received the latest data updates on the Landscape Architect Registration Exam (L.A.R.E.) and board members attended a full day of training that focused on advanced concepts in regulatory governance.

Licenses news

Congratulations! The Board of Licensure for Landscape Architects and staff welcomed 9 new licensees to the profession between August 1, 2014 and October 15, 2014:

2015 Board Meeting Schedule	
Meeting agendas and minutes will be published on our website as they become available.	
January 23	Location TBD, Olympia
April 17	University of Washington, Seattle
July 24	Location TBD, Olympia
October 16 or 23	Washington State University, Pullman
All meetings start at 9:30 AM and 2016 meeting dates will be set at the October meeting	

<u>By Examination (5)</u>	<u>By Reciprocity (4)</u>
Paula M. Gilmour	Karen E. Lankford
Nathan Thomas Kappen	Jennifer W. Low
Amber V. Raynsford	Danyelle Payne Pierquet
Coreen E. Schmidt	Robert Travis Waldher
Anna Gottlieb Younerman	

Complaints and disciplinary activity

The Board of Licensure for Landscape Architects regulates the industry by investigating complaints of unprofessional conduct and incompetence against licensees, and issues of unlicensed practice.

When a complaint is received by the board, an initial investigation is started to gather information about the situation, and usually involves

contact with the subject of the complaint (the respondent). A board member is assigned as a case manager and serves as the technical expert. The investigation process can be lengthy and the case has several possible outcomes. The case may be closed by the board with no further action if not enough evidence is found to support the complaint or the respondent quickly remedies the situation. For more serious issues, the board may issue a statement of charges against the respondent, with sanctions for each offense. The respondent has an opportunity for a settlement conference to negotiate the sanctions or can ask for a hearing. To see details of past and current disciplinary orders, visit our [website](#).

Current Cases:

Unlicensed practice	1
Unprofessional conduct	0
Total open cases:	1

Keeping your license active – remember these 3 tips:

1. Renewal fees are due every other birthday and are your responsibility.
2. Renewal notices are a courtesy—you are accountable for renewing even if you don't receive a notice.
3. You should notify our office when you change your address: landscape@dol.wa.gov or 360-664-1497.

Check the status of a business or professional license

Use the Department of Licensing's [Business and Professional License Search](#) to find out:

- if a person or business has a professional license.
- if your business or professional license is active.
- when a business or professional license will expire.

Do your fellow landscape architects get these announcements?

They should. Please tell them to sign up to the Landscape Architects' ListServ® electronic mailing list. They can join the Listserv® by visiting our [website](#) and following these steps:

- Select the "Landscape Architects ListServ®" link
- Select the "Subscribe or Unsubscribe" link
- Enter your email address and name, then select the "Subscribe" button
- You will be sent a confirmation email, and then you will be added to the list

Skip a trip – go online: www.dol.wa.gov

We are committed to providing equal access to our services.
If you need accommodation, please call 360-664-6597 or TTY 360-664-0116.

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