



# Board of Licensure for Landscape Architects

February 2015

## What's New?

### Discussion topics from the January board meeting

The Landscape Architect Board held their January meeting in Olympia and welcomed Department of Licensing (DOL) Director Pat Kohler and Business and Professions Assistant Director Kathleen Drew. The DOL leadership presented budget information to the board and talked about DOL's goals of great customer service and continuous process improvement.

The board also changed their April meeting schedule to accommodate classes at Washington State University in Pullman (see schedule below). Board members Deborah Peters and Karen Kiest will visit classes at the University of Washington separately.

When the board adjourned, some members attended the January meeting of the Washington State Board for Architects, which was also meeting that day. Board members networked with the architect board members and representatives from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB).

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

### 2015 Board Meeting Schedule

Meeting agendas and minutes will be published on our [website](#) as they become available.

April 23 <b>NEW!</b> 10 AM	Washington State University, Pullman
July 24 9.30 AM	LOTT Clean Water Alliance, Olympia
October 23	TBD
2016 meeting dates will be set at the October meeting	

## Licensee News

### Keep 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](mailto:landscape@dol.wa.gov) or 360-664-1497.

## **Congratulations!**

The Board of Licensure for Landscape Architects and staff welcomed 8 new licensees to the profession between October 16, 2014 and January 31, 2015:

<u>By Examination (7)</u>		<u>By Reciprocity (1)</u>
Cameron Archie	Peter Nelson	Lara Rose
Brian Gregory	Christian Runge	
James Jeghers	Laura Thompson	
Susan Murray		

## **Complaints and Disciplinary Activity**

The Board of Licensure for Landscape Architects regulates the industry by investigating complaints of unprofessional conduct, incompetence of 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 person you filed the complaint against (the respondent). A board member is assigned as a case manager and serves as the technical expert. The investigation process can be lengthy and will result in one of several options. The board may close the case with no further action if insufficient evidence is found to support the complaint or if 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. When a statement of charges is issued, the respondent may either request a settlement conference to negotiate the sanctions or ask for a hearing. To see details of past and current disciplinary orders, visit our [website](#).

### **Current Cases:**

Unlicensed practice	1
<u>Unprofessional conduct</u>	<u>0</u>
Total open cases:	1

## **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?**

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- Enter your email address and name, then select the "Subscribe" button
- You will be sent a confirmation email, and added to the list

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