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Professional Foresters Examining Committee Meeting Minutes

Held: June 6, 2024

OPEN SESSION MINUTES**Members Present:**

- Frank Mulhair, Chair
- Dan Sendek
- Danielle Lindler
- James Hawkins
- Jason Poburko
- Bill Snyder
- Christian Eggleton

Staff Participating:

- Dan Stapleton, Assistant Executive Officer, Licensing
- Deniele Casarubbia, Staff Services Analyst, Licensing
- Robert "Bob" Roth, Attorney

Call to Order**Report of the Executive Officer Foresters Licensing**

E.O. Stapleton revealed that the Board of Forestry unanimously voted yes to the Apprentice Professional Forester Educational Program proposal. The final draft of regulatory language will go out to OAL for review and out for a 45-day public comment.

E.O. Stapleton expressed the need to discuss the budgets and possible license renewal fee increases which is included on the agenda.

He revealed the exam attendance result from April's exam. There were 42 RPFs and 2 CRMs that sat for the exam. Two new graders have been added to prevent squeezing the graders' reconciliation too close to the July and January board meetings. He explained that it won't cost more than the three graders since the same number of exams are graded either way. The new graders are Matt Greene, RPF 2747 and Mike Tadlock, RPF 2630.

E.O. Stapleton reported on Case 347 which was resolved with the acceptance and signing of the stipulated settlement agreement between the RPF and the Board. David Whittier RPF 2643 agreed to a stayed 6-month license suspension, 2 years' probation, a supervisory RPF throughout his suspension and his probation, and a requirement to submit his archeological work product to a professional Archaeologist for review at his expense. His clients were notified of his suspension and probation.

Review of Draft February 2024 PFEC Open Session Meeting Minutes

Member Sendek moves to approve the minutes. Member Eggleton seconds the motion.

Roll Call:

Dan Sendek	Aye
Danielle Lindler	Aye
James Hawkins	Aye
Jason Poburko	Aye
Bill Snyder	Aye
Christian Eggleton	Aye
Frank Mulhair, Chair	Aye

The motion passes unanimously.

Discussion of Qualifying Work Experience PFEC Priority #5

The committee continued the discussion to include arboriculture as qualifying work experience except for the three-year requirement of working under a qualifying supervisor.

Fire training being considered as qualifying forestry experience was also discussed.

Discussion of RPF License Reciprocity.

E.O. Stapleton revealed his report on the requirements to become a registered forester in other states as well as the British Columbia.

He will generate a small list of states that have requirements that are close to California's to help determine a possible eligibility of reciprocity.

Discussion of RPF Fund Condition and Possible Fee Increases.

E.O. Stapleton revealed that our budget will be in the red by 2028. There was a discussion on the need to increase license renewal fees.

Discussion of PFEC Member Reimbursement Process

Deniele went over the process required for PFEC members to get reimbursed for traveling along with the requirements for getting paid for their time.

**Adjourn to Closed Session
Reconvene from Closed Session**

Report on Closed Session Items

During closed session, the Committee approved the February meeting minutes and reviewed the October exam.

Meeting Adjourned