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(1) Agency

Department of State, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, State Board of Landscape Architects

(2) I.D. Number (Governor's Office Use)

16A-618

IRRC Number: 2470

(3) Short Title

General Revisions

(4) PA Code Cite

49 Pa. Code, Chapter 15, §§15.2, 15.11, 15.14, 15.16, 15.18-15.20, 15.23, 15.32-15.34, 15.36, 15.37, 15.41, 15.54, 15.56, 15.72, 15.73, 15.76 and 15.79

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(6) Type of Rulemaking (check one)

Proposed Rulemaking
 Final Order Adopting Regulation
 Final, Proposed Omitted

(7) Is a 120-Day Emergency Certification Attached?

No
 Yes: By the Attorney General
 Yes: By the Governor

(8) Briefly explain the regulation in clear and nontechnical language.

These regulations would amend Chapter 15 by amending its registration without examination provisions, by updating regulatory language and by making general editorial changes.

(9) State the statutory authority for the regulation and any relevant state or federal court decisions.

The regulation is proposed under the authority of Section 812.1 of the Administrative Code of 1929 (71 P.S. §279.3(a)) and Section 4(9) of the Landscape Architects' Registration Law (63 P.S. §904(9)).

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(10) Is the regulation mandated by any federal or state law or court order, or federal regulation? If yes, cite the specific law, case or regulation, and any deadlines for action.

No.

(11) Explain the compelling public interest that justifies the regulation. What is the problem it addresses?

The current regulatory provisions are outdated and do not reflect current practice. Also, the Board wishes to clarify what it expects from applicants for registration without examination. Currently, the Board requires an interview for these candidates. These regulations would include a list of work samples that an applicant would be required to bring to the interview. The Board believes that this list would allow the Board to determine whether an applicant has a sufficiently well rounded background in landscape architecture so that he would be able to perform all aspects of landscape architecture permitted through licensure.

(12) State the public health, safety, environmental or general welfare risks associated with nonregulation.

Nonregulation would be a risk to public health and safety in that the public would be receiving services from landscape architects who may not have adequate training. Also, nonregulation would result in applicants for licensure getting misinformation due to antiquated and outdated requirements.

(13) Describe who will benefit from the regulation. (Quantify the benefits as completely as possible and approximate the number of people who will benefit.)

Members of the public who receive landscape architectural services will benefit because the regulations will assure that licensees who are registered without examination have the adequate experience and training to perform all aspects of landscape architecture. Licensees will benefit from the regulation by having regulatory provisions that more clearly reflect modern practice.

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(14) Describe who will be adversely affected by the regulation. (Quantify the adverse effects as completely as possible and approximate the number of people who will be adversely affected.)

Applicants for landscape architect registration without examination may be adversely affected because these regulations would require them to provide a wide array of work samples demonstrating their abilities to perform all types of landscape architectural projects. However, the Board believes that any adverse affect is outweighed by safety to the public receiving landscape architectural services.

(15) List the persons, groups or entities that will be required to comply with the regulation. (Approximate the number of people who will be required to comply.)

All applicants for registration with or without examination would be required to comply with theses regulations as well as all registrants. There are 798 registered landscape architects in the Commonwealth.

(16) Describe the communications with and input from the public in the development and drafting of the regulation. List the persons and/or groups who were involved, if applicable.

The Board sent draft revisions to landscape architecture associations and the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists who have asked the Board to inform them of draft proposals and asked for public input. The Board did not receive any responses to its request. The following is a list of all organizations that were contacted: the American Society of Landscape Architects and its Pennsylvania and Delaware chapters, the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards, the Pennsylvania Landscape and Nursery Association, and the State Registration Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists.

(17) Provide a specific estimate of the costs and/or savings to the regulated community associated with compliance, including any legal, accounting or consulting procedures which may be required.

There will be no costs and/or savings to the regulated community.

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(18) Provide a specific estimate of the costs and/or savings to local governments associated with compliance, including any legal, accounting or consulting procedures which may be required.

The regulation will not result in costs and/or savings to local government.

(19) Provide a specific estimate of the costs and/or savings to state government associated with the implementation of the regulation, including any legal, accounting, or consulting procedures which may be required.

The regulation will not result in costs and/or savings to state government.

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(20) In the table below, provide an estimate of the fiscal savings and costs associated with implementation and compliance for the regulated community, local government, and state government for the current year and five subsequent years.

	Current FY Year	FY +1 Year	FY +2 Year	FY +3 Year	FY +4 Year	FY +5 Year
SAVINGS:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Regulated Community						
Local Government						
State Government						
Total Savings						
COSTS:	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Regulated Community						
Local Government						
State Government						
Total Costs						
REVENUE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Regulated Community						
Local Government						
State Government						
Total Revenue						

(20a) Explain how the cost estimates listed above were derived.

N/A

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(20b) Provide the past three year expenditure history for programs affected by the regulation.

Program	FY 00-01 ACTUAL	FY 01-02 ACTUAL	FY 02-03 PROJECTED	FY 03-04 BUDGET
State Board of Landscape Architects	\$35,785.09	\$29,568.88	\$51,525.60	\$50,000.00

(21) Using the cost-benefit information provided above, explain how the benefits of the regulation outweigh the adverse effects and costs.

N/A

(22) Describe the nonregulatory alternatives considered and the costs associated with those alternatives. Provide the reasons for their dismissal.

Nonregulatory alternatives were not considered because the only way to update and clarify the pertinent regulatory provisions is through regulations.

(23) Describe alternative regulatory schemes considered and the costs associated with those schemes. Provide the reasons for their dismissal.

N/A

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(24) Are there any provisions that are more stringent than federal standards? If yes, identify the specific provisions and the compelling Pennsylvania interest that demands stronger regulation.

N/A

(25) How does this regulation compare with those of other states? Will the regulation put Pennsylvania at a competitive disadvantage with other states?

These regulations will not put Pennsylvania at a competitive disadvantage with other states. New Jersey, New York, Ohio, and Maryland do not even provide for registration without examination other than when our applicant is already licensed by examination in another state. N.J.A.C. 45:3A-14, N.Y.S.C.L.: 148.7324, O.R.C. 4703.34-35, A.C.Md. 9-302 and 9-306.

(26) Will the regulation affect existing or proposed regulations of the promulgating agency or other state agencies? If yes, explain and provide specific citations.

No.

(27) Will any public hearings or informational meetings be scheduled? Please provide the dates, times, and locations, if available.

The Board has already entertained comments from the public on draft regulations. No further public hearings or informational meetings are scheduled. The Board is continually discussing these revisions at regularly scheduled Board meetings held bi-monthly at 2601 N. Third Street, Harrisburg, PA. The Board holds bi-monthly public meetings at which information relative to all rulemaking is discussed. A schedule of Board meeting dates is available on the Department of State's website at www.dos.state.pa.us/bpoa.

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(28) Will the regulation change existing reporting, record keeping, or other paperwork requirements? Describe the changes and attach copies of forms or reports which will be required as a result of implementation, if available.

No.

(29) Please list any special provisions which have been developed to meet the particular needs of affected groups or persons including, but not limited to, minorities, elderly, small businesses, and farmers.

Because the Board has determined no special needs of any subset or group, no special provisions have been developed to meet particular needs of affected groups or persons.

(30) What is the anticipated effective date of the regulation; the date by which compliance with the regulation will be required; and the date by which any required permits, licenses or other approvals must be obtained?

The regulation will be effective upon publication of Final Rulemaking in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. Compliance will be required as of that date.

(31) Provide the schedule for continual review of the regulation.

The Board continuously reviews its regulations, periodically communicates with licensees through newsletters and obtains information and feedback from its licensees on a frequent basis.

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DATE OF APPROVAL

Copy below is hereby certified to be a true and correct copy of a document issued, prescribed or promulgated by:

State Board of Landscape Architects
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DOCUMENT/FISCAL NOTE NO. 16A-618

DATE OF ADOPTION:

BY: *Richard G. Stadffer, LA*

TITLE: Chairman
(EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CHAIRMAN OR SE)

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PROPOSED RULEMAKING
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
49 PA. CODE, CHAPTER 15
GENERAL REVISIONS

The State Board of Landscape Architects (Board) proposes to amend Chapter 15 by amending its registration without examination provisions and by making general editorial changes. Sections 15.2, 15.11, 15.14, 15.16, 15.18, 15.23, 15.32-15.34, 15.36, 15.41, 15.54, 15.56, 15.72, 15.73, 15.76, and 15.79 would be amended and Sections 15.19, 15.20 and 15.37 would be deleted to read as set forth in Annex A.

Effective Date

The amendments will be effective upon publication of final-form regulations in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

Statutory Authority

The amendments are authorized under Section 4(9) of the Landscape Architects' Registration Law (act)(63 P.S. §904(9)).

Background and Purpose

The purpose of the proposal is to amend the existing regulations to do the following: delete references to the specific Board approved licensure examination; amend provisions relating to board procedures in order to conform to actual board procedures; delete unnecessary provisions and clarify existing provisions; and clarify the Board's process with regard to issuing licenses without examination.

Description of Proposed Amendments

Section 15.2 (relating to board proceedings and meetings) would be amended by making the conduct of board meetings according to Roberts' Rules of Order permissive rather than mandatory.

Subsection 15.11(a) (relating to filing procedures) would be amended by deleting the reference to the Board's address because the address has changed recently and including the address in the regulations is unnecessary since the application itself will provide the Board's address.

Section 15.14 (relating to retention of documents) would be amended to delete the option of an applicant to submit copies of documents rather than the original documents. In order to evaluate an applicant for licensure, the Board believes that the original document is the best display of the applicant's work product.

Subsection 15.16(b) (relating to references) would add a sentence clarifying that the references should be sent to the Board by the individual writing the reference rather than by the applicant. Subsection (d) would delete the requirement that a reference attest to the applicant's

moral character since the accuracy of an individual attesting to one's moral character is hard to measure.

Section 15.18 (relating to certification) would be amended to delete the temporary certification process as it is no longer necessary. Currently, once a license is approved, it is automatically considered active and notification of the approval is listed on the Board's website. In addition, the licensee receives the permanent certificate in about two weeks following approval.

The Board is proposing to delete §§ 15.19 and 15.20 (relating to consideration and approval of application and recording board action) because, under the Sunshine Law (65 Pa. C. S. § 701-716), all formal action is required to be voted on in public session. Also, all formal action is required to be recorded in the Board's minutes. Therefore, these provisions are unnecessary.

Subsection 15.23(a) (relating to practice by out-of-State landscape architects) would be amended by reflecting the exact language of the act.

Section 15.32 (relating to change of name or address) would delete the reference to "fee" in the title because the regulation does not address a fee. Subsections 15.33 (c) and (d) (relating to seals) would be amended by deleting the requirement that a registrant provide the Board with an imprint of the stamp or an impression of the seal. The Board has found that this requirement is difficult to enforce. Rather the Board will provide a sample seal, as part of these regulations, to use as an example of the kind of stamp or seal to be used by registrants.

Subsection 15.34(b) (relating to biennial registration, inactive status and expired certificates) would be amended by deleting the requirement that an applicant who wishes to return to active status after being inactive must provide a notarized affidavit of nonpractice. The Board has not been requiring a notarized affidavit. Instead, the Board's application requires the applicant to indicate whether the applicant has practiced landscape architecture in this Commonwealth during inactive status.

Section 15.36 (relating to permitted practices) would be amended by deleting the procedures for filing papers relating to establishing a corporation. Because subsection (a) already states that a landscape architect may practice with other persons through the formation of an association or corporation so long as the arrangement is permitted by law, and because the Corporation Law dictates the requirements for filing these arrangements, the Board's regulations are unnecessary.

Section 15.37 (relating to public information) would be deleted because the act of June 21, 1957 (P.L. 390, No. 212) (65 Pa. C.S. § 66.1 – 66.9), known as the Right-to-know Law, already covers what information is considered to be public.

Subsection 15.41(d) (relating to general requirements) would clarify that professional experience gained while pursuing an undergraduate degree in landscape architecture or first professional degree will not be considered acceptable experience for purposes of becoming licensed. The Board adds the term “first professional degree” because some landscape architect programs are a combination of undergraduate and master’s degree programs.

Subsection 15.54(a) (relating to registration by examination) would be deleted because it merely restates the requirement in the act. Also, subsection (b) would be amended to make the provision more readable.

Subsection 15.56(b) (relating to registration without examination) would be amended to provide notice to applicants for registration without examination as to what the Board is looking for by way of an interview. The Board has developed a list of work samples that an applicant would be required to bring to the interview. The Board believes that this list would allow the Board to determine whether an applicant has a sufficiently well-rounded background in landscape architecture so that he would be able to perform all aspects of landscape architecture permitted through licensure.

Section 15.72 (relating to requirement for biennial renewal) would be amended to permit the Board to exempt from the continuing education requirement a licensee who received a license within 2 years preceding the licensee’s first application for biennial renewal because the licensee may not have adequate time to complete the continuing education. Subsection (c) would be added to require a licensee who wishes to reactivate a lapsed license or who has been on inactive status to have completed 10 hours of continuing education in the 2-year period immediately prior to reactivation.

Subsection 15.73(c) (relating to acceptable continuing education courses) would be amended by permitting up to 5 clock hours per biennium of continuing education courses to be acquired through correspondence courses. Section 15.76 (relating to sources of continuing education courses) would be amended by clarifying that the Board’s list of acceptable entities for providing continuing education courses are those entities where the courses are provided, approved, sponsored or co-sponsored by the entity. This list would be amended to reflect the accurate names of these entities and that the chapters of these entities would also be approved. Item (9) of this list would be amended to clarify that the only courses in accredited landscape architect programs or programs in fields related to landscape architecture in colleges and universities would be deemed approved. The Council of Landscape Architects Registration Board (CLARB) or its successor would also be added to the list of sources of continuing education courses. Section 15.79 (relating to reporting of hours spent in continuing education) would be amended by deleting the reference to “Board-provided forms” pertaining to submission of continuing education hours.

Fiscal Impact

The proposed amendments will have no fiscal impact on the Board or its licensees. The

proposed amendments should have no fiscal impact on the private sector, the general public or political subdivisions.

Paperwork Requirements

The proposed regulations should not create additional paperwork for the private sector.

Compliance With Executive Order 1996-1

The Board reviewed this rulemaking and considered its purpose and likely impact upon the public and regulated population under the directives of Executive Order 1996-1, Regulatory Review and Promulgation. The proposed regulation addresses a compelling public interest as described in this Preamble and otherwise complies with Executive Order 1996-1.

Regulatory Review

Under Section 5(a) of the Regulatory Review Act (71 P.S. §745.5(a)), on March 29, 2005, the Board submitted a copy of this proposed regulation and a copy of a Regulatory Analysis Form to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) and to the Chairpersons of the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee and the House Professional Licensure Committee. A copy of this material is available to the public upon request.

Under Section 5(g) of the Regulatory Review Act, IRRC may convey any comments, or objections to the proposed rulemaking within 30 days after the close of the public comment period. The comments, recommendations or objections shall specify the regulatory review criteria which have not been met. The Regulatory Review Act specifies detailed procedures for review, prior to final publication of the rulemaking, by the Board, the General Assembly and the Governor, of comments, recommendations or objections raised.

Public Comment

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, recommendations or objections regarding the proposed amendments to Shirley Klinger, Administrative Assistant, State Board of Landscape Architects, P. O. Box 2649, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649, within 30 days of publication of this proposed rulemaking. Please reference No. 16A-618 (General Revisions), when submitting comments.

Richard G. Stauffer, Chairperson

Annex A

TITLE 49. PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL STANDARDS

PART I. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Subpart A. PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

CHAPTER 15. STATE BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

GENERAL PROVISIONS

§15.2. Board proceedings and meetings.

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(b) Five members of the Board constitute a quorum. Board meetings [will] may be conducted according to Roberts' Rules of Order.

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APPLICATION PROCEDURES

§ 15.11. Filing procedures.

(a) An application for registration shall be submitted to the State Board of Landscape Architects[, Box 2649, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-2649].

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§ 15.14. Retention of documents.

The Board reserves the right to retain as a permanent part of the application documents submitted which shall be properly marked for identification and ownership. [Photocopies of original documents may be submitted for documentary evidence if notarized as true copies.]

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§ 15.16. References.

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(b) The applicant shall provide three references on the application and shall forward forms to the references to be completed and mailed directly to the Board by the references. The Board will return completed reference forms sent by the applicant.

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(d) A reference shall attest that he is familiar with the applicant's professional work [and the applicant's moral character. The Board will accept additional references pertaining to the applicant's moral character from individuals who are not design professionals if the professional references do not have personal knowledge of the applicant's moral character].

§ 15.18. Certification.

[(a) An applicant granted registration will be issued a permanent certificate of registration.

[(b) Prior to issuance of a permanent certificate, the letter from the Board advising the landscape architect that he has been granted registration will serve as a temporary certificate of registration.]

§ 15.19. [Consideration and approval of application.] (Reserved).

[Applications shall be considered individually by the Board and passed or rejected on a roll call vote.

Approval of an application shall be by a majority vote of the Board.]

§ 15.20. [Recording Board action.] (Reserved).

[The action taken by the Board on an application will be recorded in the minutes.]

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§ 15.23. Practice by out-of-State landscape architects.

(a) An out-of-State landscape architect may [obtain approval from the Board to] practice landscape architecture in this Commonwealth for a period not exceeding 30 days in the aggregate in 1 calendar year by submitting proof that:

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ADMINISTRATION

§ 15.32. Change of name or address[; fee].

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§ 15.33. Seals

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(c) A registrant shall be required to obtain the authorized seal or a rubber stamp. [and to furnish the Board with an imprint of the stamp or an impression of the seal.] A sample seal is shown below.

[(d) Renewal of a license will not be granted unless this requirement is fulfilled.]

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§ 15.34. Biennial registration, inactive status and expired certificates.

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(b) *Inactive status and registration renewal.* A landscape architect who is not engaged in the practice of landscape architecture may request the Board, in writing, to place the landscape architect's name on inactive status. The landscape architect shall notify the Board, in writing, of the landscape architect's desire to reregister. The landscape architect shall comply with the requirements for the renewal of a license that exist at the time the landscape architect applies to become currently registered. There is no fee or penalty for preceding biennial periods in which the landscape architect did not engage in practice in this Commonwealth. The landscape architect applying to return to active status shall submit to the Board an application form prescribed by the Board[, a notarized affidavit] stating that the applicant has not practiced landscape architecture in this Commonwealth during inactive status[,] and the current renewal fee.

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§ 15.36. Permitted practices.

(a) A landscape architect may practice alone or with other persons in the form of an association or corporation as permitted by law.

(b) [When landscape architecture is practiced through a corporation, a copy of the articles of incorporation and registry statement of the proposed corporation shall be filed with the Board at the time of filing with the Corporation Bureau of the Department of State.

(1) If a name is chosen which does not contain the names of all the licensed professionals with an ownership interest in the practice, the Board shall be supplied with the list of these persons.

(2) A landscape architect incorporating under the terms of this section shall notify the Board of any changes in the name or ownership of the corporation.

(c) A landscape architect, partnership, professional corporation, association or other group practice may do business under a fictitious name and advertise in any medium if the name and the advertisement are not misleading, deceptive or fraudulent [on their face by inference or by actual effect].

[(1) A copy of the fictitious name registration shall be filed with the Board at the time of submission to the Corporation Bureau.

(2) A fictitious name will be approved by the Board. A list of the landscape architects with ownership interest in the practice shall be submitted to the Board concurrently with the fictitious name registration. The Board will notify the landscape architect of its approval or disapproval, and this notice shall be submitted to the Corporation Bureau, together with the documents and fees required by that agency for filing a fictitious name registration.

(3) A landscape architect practicing under the terms of this section shall notify the Board of changes in the name or ownership of the business, and shall seek Board approval of these changes prior to practicing under a new name or ownership structure.

(d) A landscape architect shall sign documents which arise out of the rendering of professional services. If the landscape architect practices in association with others, his name shall appear with the name of the association on documents not signed by him.]

§ 15.37. [Public information.] (Reserved).

[The following information may be released by the Board:

(1) Whether or not a person is registered and in good standing, and the date of original registration of each person.

(2) The address of record of the registrant.

(3) Whether registration was granted by examination, reciprocity or by statutory exemption.

(4) Information the Board determines is required to release under the act of June 21, 1957 (P.L. 390, No. 212) (65 P.S. §§ 66.1-66.4), known as the Right-to-Know Act.

(5) Grades as requested by CLARB, other state registration boards or by examinees requesting their own test results.]

EXPERIENCE

§ 15.41. General requirements.

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(d) Professional experience gained while pursuing an undergraduate degree in landscape architecture or first professional degree will not be considered by the Board as an acceptable experience.

EXAMINATIONS

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§ 15.54. Registration by examination.

[(a) Registration may be granted to an applicant who has successfully passed the examination as prescribed by the Board.

(b) An applicant who meets one or more of the following requirements is eligible [to sit for the] for licensure by written examination:

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§ 15.56. Registration without examination.

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(b) *Procedure.*

(1) Prior to issuing a license without examination, the Board will require the applicant to appear before representatives of the Board for an interview. The applicant will be required to submit the following work samples to the representatives during the interview:

(i) Site and development plans.

(ii) Specifications and drawings.

(iii) Grading and drainage plans.

(iv) Layout plans.

(v) Planting plans.

(vi) Stormwater management plans and calculations.

(vii) Site construction details and specifications.

(viii) Photographs of completed projects.

(ix) Evidence of cost estimating and supervision of construction.

(x) A variety of project types including experience with residential subdivision, commercial land developments, environmental projects and park and recreation projects.

(2) Prior to issuing a license without examination, the Board will review the applicant's qualifications, and by a majority vote approve or disapprove the application.

[(2)](3) If an application has been disapproved, the Board may vote to allow the applicant to take the written examination.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

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§15.72. Requirement for biennial renewal.

- (a) As a condition of biennial renewal commencing with the 2003 biennium and continuing thereafter, licensees shall have completed during the preceding biennium 10 clock hours of continuing education in acceptable courses approved under this subchapter.
- (b) The Board will exempt from the continuing education requirement a licensee who received a license within 2 years preceding the licensee's first application for biennial renewal.
- (c) A licensee who wishes to reactivate a lapsed license or who has been on inactive status shall have completed 10 hours of continuing education in the 2-year period immediately prior to reactivation.

§ 15.73 Acceptable continuing education courses.

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- (c) A maximum of 5 clock hours per biennium will be accepted in courses consisting of satellite seminars, [and] electronic presentations and correspondence courses.

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§ 15.76. Sources of continuing education courses.

The Board finds the courses provided, approved, sponsored or co-sponsored by the following entities meet the standards of the act and this subchapter:

- (1) The American Society of Landscape Architects and its [affiliates] chapters.
- (2) [The American Nurserymen's Association] The American Nursery & Landscape Association and its [affiliates] chapters.
- (3) The American Planning Association and its [affiliates] chapters.
- (4) The American Institute of Architects and its [affiliates] chapters.
- (5) The National Society of Professional Engineers and its [affiliates] chapters.
- (6) The National Recreation and Parks Association and its [affiliates] chapters.
- (7) The Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors.
- (8) The Urban Land Institute.
- (9) Accredited landscape architect programs or programs in fields related to landscape architecture in colleges and universities [which offer courses in landscape architecture or related fields].

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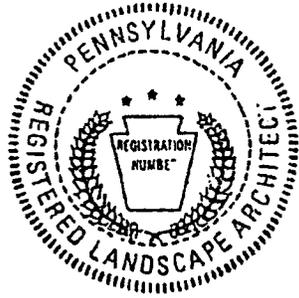
- (11) The Council of Landscape Architects Registration Boards (CLARB) or its successor.

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§ 15.79. Reporting of hours spent in continuing education.

An applicant for license renewal shall provide the following information for each course attended [on Board-provided forms]:

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS**

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March 29, 2005

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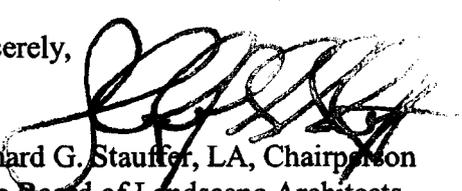
**Re: Proposed Regulation
State Board of Landscape Architects
16A-618: General Revisions**

Dear Chairman McGinley:

Enclosed is a copy of a proposed rulemaking package of the State Board of Landscape Architects pertaining to general revisions.

The Board will be pleased to provide whatever information the Commission may require during the course of its review of the rulemaking.

Sincerely,


Richard G. Stauffer, LA, Chairperson
State Board of Landscape Architects

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Enclosure

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Department of State
Basil L. Merenda, Commissioner
Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs
Joyce McKeever, Deputy Chief Counsel
Department of State
Cynthia Montgomery, Regulatory Counsel
Department of State
Herbert Abramson, Counsel
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**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR REGULATIONS SUBJECT TO THE
REGULATORY REVIEW ACT**

I.D. NUMBER: 16A-618
 SUBJECT: State Board of Landscape Architects - General Revisions
 AGENCY: DEPARTMENT OF STATE # 2470

TYPE OF REGULATION

- X Proposed Regulation
- Final Regulation
- Final Regulation with Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Omitted
- 120-day Emergency Certification of the Attorney General
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