



**VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE
PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS SECTION
EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS,
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS,
AND REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNERS
Virtual, 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison
Contact: Will Johnson (608) 266-2112
September 17, 2026**

The following agenda describes the issues that the Section plans to consider at the meeting. At the time of the meeting, items may be removed from the agenda. Please consult the meeting minutes for a record of the actions of the Section.

AGENDA

9:00 A.M.

OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

- A. Adoption of Agenda (1-3)**
- B. Approval of Minutes of March 31, 2026 (4-7)**
- C. Introductions, Announcements and Recognition
- D. Reminders: Conflicts of Interest, Scheduling Concerns
- E. Administrative Matters**
 - 1. Department, Staff and Section Updates
 - 2. Board Members – Term Expiration Dates
 - a. Fedderly, Daniel – 7/1/2013
 - b. Martin, Christina C. – 7/1/2019
 - c. Myers, Dennis – 7/1/2025
 - d. Vaughn, Nathan A. – 7/1/2028
- F. Administrative Rule Matters – Discussion and Consideration (8-16)**
 - 1. Discussion of Rule Drafting for A-E 6, Land Surveyor Examination Requirements
 - 2. Pending or Possible Rulemaking items
- G. National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Matters – Discussion and Consideration**
 - 1. Travel Report: NCEES Annual Meeting August 17-21, 2026, Henverson, NV – Martin and Johnson
- H. Legislative and Policy Matters – Discussion and Consideration
- I. Discussion and Consideration of Items Added After Preparation of Agenda:
 - 1. Introductions, Announcements and Recognition

2. Election of Officers
3. Appointment of Liaison(s)
4. Delegation of Authorities
5. Administrative Matters
6. Education and Examination Matters
7. Credentialing Matters
8. Practice Matters
9. Legislative and Policy Matters
10. Administrative Rule Matters
11. Liaison Reports
12. Board Liaison Training and Appointment of Mentors
13. Public Health Emergencies
14. Informational Items
15. Disciplinary Matters
16. Presentations of Petitions for Summary Suspension
17. Petitions for Designation of Hearing Examiner
18. Presentation of Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders
19. Presentation of Stipulations and Interim Orders
20. Presentation of Proposed Final Decision and Orders
21. Presentation of Interim Orders
22. Petitions for Re-Hearing
23. Petitions for Assessments
24. Petitions to Vacate Orders
25. Requests for Disciplinary Proceeding Presentations
26. Motions
27. Petitions
28. Appearances from Requests Received or Renewed
29. Speaking Engagement(s), Travel, or Public Relation Request(s), and Reports

J. Public Comments

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.); to consider licensure or certification of individuals (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats.); to consider closing disciplinary investigations with administrative warnings (ss. 19.85 (1)(b), and 440.205, Stats.); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85 (1)(f), Stats.); and to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.).

K. Deliberation on Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) Matters

- 1. Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders**
 - a. 26 LSR 0002 – Daniel R. Higgs **(17-22)**
- 2. Administrative Warnings**
 - a. 26 LSR 0001 – J.M.P. **(23-26)**
- 3. Case Closings**
 - a. 25 LSR 0001 – C.K. **(27-33)**
 - b. 26 LSR 0003 – R.J.C. **(34-36)**

L. Deliberation of Items Added After Preparation of the Agenda

1. Education and Examination Matters
2. Disciplinary Matters
3. Monitoring Matters
4. Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) Matters
5. Petitions for Summary Suspensions

6. Petitions for Designation of Hearing Examiner
7. Stipulations, Final Decisions and Order
8. Stipulations and Interim Orders
9. Administrative Warnings
10. Review of Administrative Warnings
11. Proposed Final Decision and Orders
12. Matters Relating to Costs/Orders Fixing Costs
13. Case Closings
14. Board Liaison Training
15. Proposed Interim Orders
16. Petitions for Assessments and Evaluations
17. Petitions to Vacate Orders
18. Remedial Education Cases
19. Motions
20. Petitions for Re-Hearing
21. Appearances from Requests Received or Renewed

M. Consulting with Legal Counsel

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

N. Vote on Items Considered or Deliberated Upon in Closed Session if Voting is Appropriate

O. Open Session Items Noticed Above Not Completed in the Initial Open Session

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: TBD 2027

 MEETINGS AND HEARINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AND MAY BE CANCELLED
 WITHOUT NOTICE.

Times listed for meeting items are approximate and depend on the length of discussion and voting. All meetings are held virtually unless otherwise indicated. In-person meetings are typically conducted at 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison, Wisconsin, unless an alternative location is listed on the meeting notice. In order to confirm a meeting or to request a complete copy of the board's agenda, please visit the Department website at <https://dsps.wi.gov>. The board may also consider materials or items filed after the transmission of this notice. Times listed for the commencement of any agenda item may be changed by the board for the convenience of the parties. The person credentialed by the board has the right to demand that the meeting at which final action may be taken against the credential be held in open session. Requests for interpreters for the hard of hearing, or other accommodations, are considered upon request by contacting the Affirmative Action Officer or reach the Meeting Staff by calling 608-267-7213.

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MARCH 31, 2026**

PRESENT: Daniel Fedderly, Christina Martin, Dennis Myers, Nathan Vaughn

STAFF: Will Johnson, Executive Director; Joseph Ricker, Legal Counsel; Jake Pelegrin, Administrative Rules Coordinator; Tracy Drinkwater, Board Administration Specialist; and other Department Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Daniel Fedderly, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. A quorum was confirmed with four (4) members present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Dennis Myers moved, seconded by Nathan Vaughn, to adopt the Agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2025

MOTION: Nathan Vaughn moved, seconded by Christina Martin, to approve the Minutes of December 3, 2025, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Election of Officers

Slate of Officers

NOMINATION: Dennis Myers nominated the 2025 slate of officers to continue in 2026. All officers accepted their nominations.

Will Johnson, Executive Director, called for nominations three (3) times.

The Slate of Officers was elected by unanimous voice vote.

2026 ELECTION RESULTS	
Chairperson	Daniel Fedderly
Vice Chairperson	Christina Martin
Secretary	Dennis Myers

Appointment of Liaisons and Alternates

LIAISON APPOINTMENTS	
Credentialing Liaison	Nathan Vaughn <i>Alternate: Daniel Fedderly</i>
Continuing Education Liaison	Christina Martin <i>Alternate: Nathan Vaughn</i>
Monitoring Liaison	Christina Martin <i>Alternate: Dennis Myers</i>
Education and Examinations Liaison	Nathan Vaughn <i>Alternate: Christina Martin</i>
Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) Liaison	Christina Martin <i>Alternate: Dennis Myers</i>
Travel Authorization Liaison	Christina Martin <i>Alternate: Nathan Vaughn</i>
A-E Rules Committee	Daniel Fedderly <i>Alternate: Christina Martin</i>
Screening Panel	Christina Martin, Daniel Fedderly <i>Alternate: Nathan Vaughn</i>

Delegation of Authorities**Pre-Screening Delegation of Authority When Credential Holder Has Failed to Respond to Allegations in Intake Complaint**

MOTION: Christina Martin moved, seconded by Nathan Vaughn, to delegate pre-screening decision making authority to the DSPS screening attorney for opening cases where the credential holder has failed to respond to allegations contained in the complaint when requested by intake (case will be opened on failure to respond and the merits of the complaint). Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation of Authority to Credentialing Liaison

MOTION: Nathan Vaughn moved, seconded by Christina Martin, to delegate authority to the Credentialing Liaison(s) to serve as a liaison between the Department and the Section and to act on behalf of the Section in regard to credentialing applications or questions presented to them, including the signing of documents related to applications. Motion carried unanimously.

Delegation of Chief Legal Counsel Due to Loss of Quorum

MOTION: Christina Martin moved, seconded by Nathan Vaughn, to delegate the review and authority to act on disciplinary cases to the Department's Chief Legal Counsel due to lack of/loss of quorum after two meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Review and Approval of 2025 Delegations including new modifications

MOTION: Nathan Vaughn moved, seconded by Christina Martin, to reaffirm all delegation motions made in 2025, as reflected in the March 31, 2026, agenda materials, which were not otherwise modified or amended during the March 31, 2026, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Dennis Myers moved seconded by Christina Martin, to convene to closed session to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.); to consider licensure or certification of individuals (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats.); to consider closing disciplinary investigations with administrative warnings (ss. 19.85 (1)(b), and 440.205, Stats.); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85 (1)(f), Stats.); and to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.). Daniel Fedderly, Chairperson, read the language of the motion. The vote of each member was ascertained by voice vote. Roll Call Vote: Daniel Fedderly-yes; Christina Martin-yes; Dennis Myers-yes; and Nathan Vaughn-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Section convened into Closed Session at 12:03 p.m.

CREDENTIALING MATTERS

Full Board Review

D.R. – CE Waiver Request Renewal Application (IA-843194)

MOTION: Christina Martin moved, seconded by Dennis Myers, to deny the CE Waiver Request for renewal application (IA-843194). **Reason for Denial:** Wis. Stat. § 443.015(1) and Wis. Admin. Code §§ A-E 10.03 and 10.07. Motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Dennis Myers moved, seconded by Nathan Vaughn, to reconvene in Open Session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Section reconvened into Open Session at 12:16 p.m.

**VOTE ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED UPON IN CLOSED SESSION
IF VOTING IS APPROPRIATE**

MOTION: Christina Martin moved, seconded by Nathan Vaughn, to affirm all motions made and votes taken in Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

(Be advised that any recusals or abstentions reflected in the closed session motions stand for the purposes of the affirmation vote.)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dennis Myers moved, seconded by Nathan Vaughn, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Safety & Professional Services**

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

1) Name and title of person submitting the request: Jake Pelegrin Administrative Rules Coordinator		2) Date when request submitted: 9/4/26 Items will be considered late if submitted after 12:00 p.m. on the deadline date which is 8 business days before the meeting											
3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections: Land Surveyors Section													
4) Meeting Date: 9/17/26	5) Attachments: ☒ Yes ☐ No	6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page? Administrative Rule Matters – Discussion and Consideration 1. Discussion of rule drafting for A-E 6, Land Surveyor Examination Requirements 2. Pending or possible rulemaking items											
7) Place Item in: ☒ Open Session ☐ Closed Session	8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? <i>(If yes, please complete Appearance Request for Non-DSPS Staff)</i> ☐ Yes ☒ No	9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if required: N/A											
10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed: Attachments: -Rule drafting materials for A-E 6, Land Surveyor Examination Requirements -AE Rules Chart													
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Directions for including supporting documents: 1. This form should be attached to any documents submitted to the agenda. 2. Post Agenda Deadline items must be authorized by a Supervisor and the Policy Development Executive Director. 3. If necessary, provide original documents needing Board Chairperson signature to the Bureau Assistant prior to the start of a meeting.													

Biggest question for the section is: do you want to adopt the new Public Land Survey System exam into the examination requirements for land surveyors?

This would involve amending [A-E 6.05\(1\)](#) and [A-E 6.05\(3\)](#), and probably creating a new A-E 6.05 (2) (c) to describe the PLSS exam.

A-E 6.05 Examination. (1) LAND SURVEYOR EXAMINATION REQUIRED. Applicants for licensure as a professional land surveyor shall take and pass 3 examinations. The examinations include the national fundamentals of surveying examination, the national principles and practice of surveying examination, and the state jurisdictional examination, which is relative to specific practice in this state. Each of the 3 required examinations is scored separately.

(2) SCOPE OF WRITTEN EXAMINATION. (a) The fundamentals of land surveying examination requires an understanding of mathematics, physics, surveying methods for measuring horizontal, vertical and angular values, topographic and photogrammetric mapping, notekeeping, property surveys, computations, descriptions and plats.

(b) The national principles and practice examination and the state jurisdictional examination require an ability to apply principles and judgment to problems involving the U.S. system of public land surveys, Wisconsin plane coordinate surveys, the relocation of lost and obliterated corners, the legal essentials of resurveys, disputed boundaries, defective deed descriptions, riparian rights, adverse possession, the Wisconsin statutes relating to land surveying including the preparation and filing of plats, the writing and interpreting of land descriptions, the technical essentials of professional land surveying and subdivision of lands including practical problems requiring a knowledge of the basic theory and fundamental concepts of field astronomy, geometry of curves, topography and photogrammetry.

(3) TIME PERIOD FOR EXAMINATION. Applicants for licensure as a land surveyor must take and pass the fundamentals of surveying examination, the national principles and practice surveying examination, and the state jurisdictional examination within 4 years of applying for licensure.

RE: Question: PLSS exam

Jake,

The new PLSS exam is intended as an exam which boards may require in addition to the FS and PS exams. The NCEES [Model Law](#), which is “designed to assist legislative counsels, legislators, and NCEES members in preparing new or amendatory legislation” (see Preface), contains the following language in Section 130.10.C.2.a.(2) regarding examination requirements for licensure as a Professional Surveyor:

An individual seeking licensure as a professional surveyor shall take and pass the NCEES Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) examination and the NCEES Principles and Practice of Surveying (PS) examination, and any jurisdiction-specific examination.

NCEES is producing the PLSS examination as an optional “jurisdiction-specific examination” that boards may require when they wish to have licensure candidates demonstrate competence in the Public Land Survey System.

Please let me know if I can address any other questions.

Regards,

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NCEES Public Land Survey System (PLSS) Examination PLSS Exam Specifications

Effective Beginning October 2027

- The Public Land Survey System exam is closed book with an electronic reference.
- Examinees have 5 hours to complete the exam, which contains 75 questions. The 5-hour time includes a tutorial and an optional scheduled break. Examinees work all questions.
- The exam uses U.S. Customary System (USCS) units only.
- The exam is developed with questions that will require a variety of approaches and methodologies, including design, analysis, and application.
- The knowledge areas specified as examples of kinds of knowledge are not exclusive or exhaustive categories.

Number of Questions

1. General Plan and Method of Survey

9–14

- A. Understand how the *Manual of Surveying Instructions* was developed
 1. Acts and ordinances
 2. Initial points, principal meridians, and baselines
 3. Previous editions, supplements to, and special instructions of the *Manual*.
 4. Applicable laws governing surveying and surveying administration
 5. Application of federal, state, or other law
- B. Identify public land states
 1. The 30 states that were created out of the public domain
 2. Non-public land states
 3. Who has authority relating to the official marking of the boundaries of federal interest lands
- C. Identify basis and methods of distance and direction measurements
 1. How measurements were made in the PLSS
 2. Line of constant bearing (geodesy vs. true bearing and convergence)
 3. True meridian at the point of record
- D. Utilize and apply geodetic reference systems using the PLSS
 1. Purpose of the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS) as it relates to the PLSS
 2. Computations in the PLSS datum
 3. Differences between geodetic and local meridians

2. System of Rectangular Surveys

12–18

- A. Identify the general scheme used in the PLSS
 1. Original survey procedures used
 2. Standard parallels, guide meridians, and principal meridians
 3. How township exteriors were established
 4. Aliquot parts in the rectangular system
 5. Limits and error of closure

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- B. Understand the subdivision of townships
 - 1. Regular and irregular townships
 - 2. Extension and completion surveys
 - 3. Meridional and latitudinal section lines
 - 4. Irregular boundaries
 - C. Understand the subdivision of sections and limits of closure
 - 1. Subdivision of sections by protraction
 - 2. Government lots
 - 3. Elongated sections
 - 4. Subdivision of sections into quarter sections
 - 5. Subdivision of fractional sections
 - 6. Subdivision of quarter sections
 - 7. Survey of partially surveyed sections (completion surveys)
 - 8. Subdivision of sections by local surveyors
 - 9. Closing corners and meander corners
 - 10. Effects of bona fide rights
 - 11. Junior and senior rights and junior and senior lines (e.g., range lines, township lines, section lines)
 - D. Identify the difference between meanders in original surveys and retracement surveys
 - 1. Meander lines
 - 2. Ordinary high-water mark and line of mean high tide
 - 3. Navigable and non-navigable waterways
 - E. Mark lines between corners
 - 1. Line trees, blazes, hacks, posting, and other markers

3. Monumentation

7–11

- A. Establish monuments and corner accessories in accordance with the proper authority
 - 1. How to recognize jurisdictional authority and its requirements
 - 2. How to read existing cap markings
 - 3. Notes vs. monuments when there is conflicting evidence
 - 4. Standard vs. special markings for interior and exterior section corners
 - 5. Special purpose monument marks
 - 6. Marking of accessories
- B. Determine appropriate materials for corner monumentation
 - 1. Requirements, materials, and construction of monuments
 - 2. Appropriate accessories
 - 3. How to mark caps and accessories
- C. Determine appropriate documentation
 - 1. Proper form of field notes and plats
 - 2. Where to file, submit, or record document(s)
 - 3. Special instructions

4. Principles of Resurveys

13–20

- A. Identify the principles of resurveys
 - 1. Determination of dependent resurvey
 - 2. Determination of independent resurvey

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3. Jurisdiction
 4. Protection of bona fide rights of claimants
 - B. Evaluate the evidence of resurveys
 1. Identification of corners (e.g., existent, obliterated, lost)
 2. Direct evidence
 3. Collateral evidence
 4. How to establish bona fide rights
 5. Special case (e.g., fictitious, fraudulent, grossly erroneous)
 6. How to recognize incorrect original survey (e.g., identify blunders, gross errors, original monumentation, ambiguities)
 - C. Determine the restoration method
 1. Computation methods for lost corners
 2. How to determine controlling elements
 3. Application of direct or collateral evidence
 - D. Apply appropriate survey principles to resurveys and water boundaries
 1. How to recognize accretion, avulsion, and reliction
 2. How to recognize navigability
 3. How to adjust record meanders
 4. How to apply ownership as it relates to centerline and/or thalweg
 5. How to determine jurisdiction

5. Special Surveys

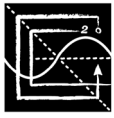
5-8

- A. Apply appropriate PLSS principles to special surveys
 1. How to recognize departure from the rectangular survey system
 2. Definition of tract, parcel, and lot
 3. Small tracts
- B. Apply appropriate PLSS principles to retracement of mineral surveys
 1. Original survey plat and notes
 2. Original monuments
 3. Current monument requirements
 4. How to determine junior/senior rights based on patents
 5. How to recognize split estate ownership interests
 6. Mining claims (e.g., mill site, placer claim, tunnel site, mine survey, lode claim)
 7. Retracement procedures
 8. How to recognize extralateral rights
 9. Location monuments
- C. Apply appropriate PLSS principles to the three-mile method of section subdivision
 1. How to recognize and apply the three-mile method
 2. Original survey plat and notes
 3. How to conduct the appropriate resurvey
- D. Apply appropriate principles to non-rectangular and other metes-and-bounds surveys
 1. Private land claims
 2. National Forest System lands
 3. Townsite surveys
 4. Indian allotments

6. PLSS Boundary Law

14–21

- A. Research and interpret the sources of titles, plats, and notes
 - 1. How to establish the chain of title
 - 2. How to apply appropriate principles of title
 - 3. How to determine the differences in vesting rights
 - 4. Where to find title records
 - 5. When does vesting occur
 - 6. How to interpret patents
 - 7. Existing ownership at the time of original survey
- B. Identify types of land status
 - 1. Patents (e.g., patents for mineral surveys, homestead entry surveys, ranchos, townsites, deeded lands, tribal reservation lands, state, private)
 - 2. How to find and interpret the Master Title Plat and Historical Index
 - 3. How the land status affects the survey
 - 4. Public domain, private lands, and federally acquired lands
- C. Evaluate local surveys
 - 1. Where to find survey information (e.g., County Recorder, County Survey Office, Government Land Office, National Archives, Department of Transportation)
 - 2. How to protect bona fide rights
 - 3. How to protect locally established corners
- D. Review types of evidence
 - 1. How to gather and evaluate parol evidence (e.g., testimony from adjoiningers and clients)
 - 2. How to gather and evaluate physical evidence (e.g., original, occupational, documentation)
 - 3. How to interpret field notes
 - 4. How to evaluate original survey evidence
- E. Identify which version of the *Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Manual* applies to the survey if applicable
 - 1. BLM issue dates
 - 2. BLM supplements



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NCEES Principles and Practice of Surveying Examination PUBLIC LAND SURVEY SYSTEM CBT Design Standards

Effective Beginning October 2027

In addition to the NCEES *PLSS Reference Handbook* and *Glossaries of BLM Surveying and Mapping Terms*, the following codes and standards will be supplied in the exam as searchable, electronic pdf files with links for easy navigation. This NCEES [YouTube video](#) shows how standards will be presented on the exam. Standards will be provided as individual chapters on the exam, and only one chapter at a time can be opened and searched. This ensures the exam software runs large files effectively. The handbook and design standards will be available the entire exam.

Solutions to exam questions that reference a standard of practice are scored based on this list and the revision year shown. Solutions based on other standards will not receive credit.

NCEES does not sell design standards or printed copies of the NCEES handbook. The NCEES handbook is accessible from your [MyNCEES](#) account.

ABBREVIATION	DESIGN STANDARD TITLE
BLM Manual	<i>Manual of Surveying Instructions for the Survey of the Public Lands of the United States</i> (with errata), 2009, United States Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Land Management, Denver, CO, www.blm.gov .

Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers, Professional Land Surveyors, and Registered Interior Designers

Clearinghouse Rule Number	Scope #	Scope Expiration	Code Chapter	Relating clause/ Summary	Current Stage	Next Step
25-082	029-25	11/5/2027	A-E 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 14	Certificates of Authorization. Clarifying and adding detail to the statutory requirements for certificates of authorization.	Rule effective July 1 st , 2026.	Rule effective July 1 st , 2026.
	078-25	5/24/2028	A-E 6	Examination Requirements. Considering updating Land Surveyor examination requirements with the new PLSS exam.	Rule drafting.	Section and rules committee approves the preliminary rule draft.
	029-26	11/11/2028	A-E 3 and 12	Architects Continuing Education. Considering adding required subject matter to architects' continuing education.	Rule drafting.	Section and rules committee approves the preliminary rule draft.