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### LAND SURVEYORS SECTION

#### WISCONSIN JURISDICTIONAL EXAMINATION CONTENT OUTLINE EFFECTIVE APRIL 2008

An outline of exam content is printed below. The exam content was determined by a group of Wisconsin registered surveyors after a comprehensive review of practice in Wisconsin and material covered in the NCEES national examinations.

- I. **U.S. Public Land Survey and Retracement in Wisconsin -- (30%-15 questions on exam)**
  - A. History of Local Land Surveying Systems and Practices in Wisconsin--(8%-4 questions on exam)
  - B. Obliterated Corners and the Evaluation of Evidence--(12%-6 questions on exam)
  - C. Deviations from Federal Method--(6%-3 questions on exam)
    - i. Location of Center Section (1853 to 1869)
    - ii. Special Instructions for Original Government Surveys
  - D. Sources of Local Surveying Records--s.24,59 and 236 (4%-2 questions on exam)
- II. **Wisconsin Statutes Relating to Land Surveying -- (44%-22 questions on exam)**
  - A. Counties--s.59.45-46 and 59.72-75, s 83.11.--(8%-4 questions on exam)
  - B. Towns--s.60.84, s. 82--(4%-2 questions on exam)
  - C. Assessor's Plats--s.70.27; --(6%-1 question on exam)
  - D. Platting--Ch. 236--(12%-6 questions on exam)
  - E. Certified Survey Maps--s.236.34 and 236.45--(6%-3 questions on exam)
  - F. Condominium Plats--s.703.11 through 703.13--(2%-3 questions on exam)
  - G. Examining Board--s.443.01(8), 443.02, 443.06, 443.12, 443.14(8), and 443.14(9)--(2%-1 question on exam)
  - H. Other--Limitations/Adverse Possession, Ch. 893, Subchapter III; Highways, s.84.09 and 84.095; Cemetery Plats, s.157.07; Storm Water Concentration and Impact.--(4%-2 questions on exam)

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- III. **Wisconsin Administrative Code Provisions Relating to Land Surveying -- (26%-13 questions on exam)**
- A. Registration and Certification--A-E1, A-E2, and A-E6--(4%-2 questions on exam)
  - B. Minimum Standards for Property Surveys--A-E7--(12%-6 questions on exam)
  - C. Rules of Professional Conduct--A-E8--(4%-2 questions on exam)
  - D. Land Divisions--DNR, DOT, and Court rulings--(6%-3 questions on exam)

**References:** The following is a partial list of references for use by exam candidates. The list does not attempt to include all acceptable sources of information on surveying, nor is it suggested that questions on this exam are necessarily chosen from the references below. The content and process of this exam are regularly evaluated by the Department and the Land Surveyor Section to assure that this exam fairly and effectively assesses the competencies necessary to practice as a land surveyor in Wisconsin.

## REFERENCES

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3. Elementary Surveying, Ghilani & Wolf, 11th Edition
4. Clark on Surveying and Boundaries, Grimes, J., Bobbs-Merrill, 7th Ed.
5. Manual of Surveying Instructions, U.S. Dept of Interior, 1973
6. Brown's Boundary Control and Legal Principles, Robillard, Wilson & Brown, 5th Edition
7. General Instructions and State Laws Governing the Original Government Survey of Wisconsin, P. Sprague, (2007 reprint of 1974)
8. Wisconsin Platting Manual, Wisconsin Dept of Administration, 2007
9. Current Administrative Codes A-E 1,2,6,7, and 8; Trans 233, and NR 115
10. Current Wisconsin State Statutes as indicated in the above content outline