

Meeting Agenda
SOUTH DAKOTA ABSTRACTERS BOARD OF EXAMINERS
Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center
Lake Francis Case Room
920 W. Sioux Avenue, Pierre, SD
October 7, 2019 2:00 p.m. CDT

Persons wishing to join the meeting by teleconference may do so by calling the Board office at (605) 642-1600 by October 4, 2019 to arrange for a call-in number.

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call/Introductions
- C. Approval of the agenda
- D. Public Comment
- E. Approval of the Minutes of June 12, June 13, 2019, June 28, 2019 rules hearing
- F. FY Financial Update
- G. Update on South Dakota Land Title Guide/Addendum/Copyright
- H. Update on Rules changes
- I. Executive Session-Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2
 - a. Complaints/Investigations-If any
- J. Other Business
- K. Next Meeting Date
- L. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes
SOUTH DAKOTA ABSTRACTERS BOARD OF EXAMINERS
Best Western Ramkota Conference Room,
1400 8th Ave. NW, Aberdeen, SD 57401
June 12, 2019 12:00 p.m. CDT

Meeting called to order at 12:00 p.m. by President Greg Wick, Rapid City, SD with greetings and introductions.

Members Present: President Wick noted Board members in attendance - Secretary Treasurer, Victoria Wilds of Canton, SD, Yvon Burtz of Winner, SD and Dan Roe of Spearfish, SD.

Members Absent: Kara Semmler, Lay Board member from Pierre, SD.

At 12:05 p.m. President Wick asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session to conduct abstractor licensing examinations. 9 applicants were present. Burtz made a motion to adjourn to executive session. Roe seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

At 3:10 President Wick called for a motion to re-convene the meeting from executive session upon completion of examinations. Wilds made a motion to re-convene from executive session. Roe seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

With no other matters before the Board, Roe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wilds seconded. **MOTION PASSED.** Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

/s/ Greg Wick, President

Meeting Minutes
SOUTH DAKOTA ABSTRACTERS BOARD OF EXAMINERS
Best Western Ramkota
1400 8th Ave. NW, Aberdeen, SD
June 13, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. CDT

President Wick called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

Members Present: Yvon Burtz, Dan Roe, Greg Wick, Victoria Wilds, Kara Semmler (via teleconference)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Via teleconference; Carol Tellinghuisen, Executive Secretary, Jill Lesselyoung, Executive Assistant, Brooke Tellinghuisen Geddes, Executive Assistant and Amber Mulder, Senior Staff Attorney, Department of Labor. Members of the public present; Billy Stitz, Chris Moran, Kooper Veldhuisen, Wanda Berndt, Donna Wright, Sam Benne, Brian Baczwaski, Michael Anderson, Josh Reisetter, Maryalice Larson, Kathy Austin, Peggy Boysen, Janel Van Ruler, Sara Anderson, Peg Dohrer, Traci Renkly, Clair McDougal, Jill Healsey, Jeanette Gromer, Nancy Wagner, Ellen Margheim, Eric Hanson

Wick conducted roll call; Wick, Burtz, Roe, Wilds and Semmler in attendance. A quorum was present.

Roe made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Burtz seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED by roll call vote. Wick, yes; Wilds, yes; Roe, yes; Burtz, yes; Semmler, yes.

Roe made a motion to retain the current slate of officers with Wick serving as President and Wilds as Secretary/Treasurer. Burtz seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote. Wick, yes; Wilds, yes; Roe, yes; Burtz, yes; Semmler, yes.

Wick asked for comments from the public. There were no comments offered.

Wilds made a motion to approve the February 13, 2019 minutes. Roe seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED by roll call vote. Wick, yes; Wilds, yes; Roe, yes; Burtz, yes; Semmler, yes.

Lesselyoung reported fiscal year to date figures as of April 30, 2019: revenue of \$11,277.51, expenditures of \$38,373.15 and cash on hand of \$267,013.33.

Wick advised when the copyright documents are complete and the addendum is ready for distribution, the Board will disseminate to all title plants free of charge.

The Board has reviewed all rules changes as presented. Roe made a motion to approve the rules changes. Burtz seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote. Wick, yes; Wilds, yes; Roe, yes; Burtz, yes; Semmler, yes.

HB 1111: An act to provide for professional or occupational licensure for certain active duty military personnel and spouses passed the legislature and will become effective on July 1, 2019. Mulder advised with the rules changes the Board will be in compliance.

The Board office updated on the number of renewals received to date and will send an email reminder for those who have not yet renewed.

Tellinghuisen advised the Governor had tasked each Board and Commission with completing a detailed questionnaire for a review of the structure of each Board. Mulder advised the Governor was promoting the review of all Boards for efficiency and to streamline processes to be more consistent. DOL has been appointed to complete the reviews along with a workgroup from other agencies.

The next meeting date is set for October 7, 2019 in Pierre. Testing will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the business meeting will convene at 2:00 p.m.

Wilds made a motion to adjourn. Burtz seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote. Wick, yes; Wilds, yes; Roe, yes; Burtz, yes; Semmler, yes. The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Tellinghuisen
Executive Secretary
Abstracters Board of Examiners

Meeting Minutes of Public Hearing
SOUTH DAKOTA ABSTRACTERS BOARD OF EXAMINERS
Dakota Digital Network
June 28, 2019 10:00 a.m. CDT

The South Dakota Abstracters Board of Examiners convened at 10:02 a.m. on Friday, June 28, 2019 on the Dakota Digital Network .

BHSU, E.Y. Berry Library Room 011, 1200 University St	Spearfish, SD
Rapid City University Ctr, Room UC113, 4300 Cheyenne Blvd.	Rapid City, SD
Capitol A, Room B12, 500 E. Capitol	Pierre, SD
SFUC, FADM 265, 4801 N. Career Ave.	Sioux Falls, SD
Lincoln Co. Courthouse, Courtroom 2B, 104 N. Main St.	Canton, SD
Winner DOT, 1200 E. Hwy 44	Winner, SD

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a public hearing on the proposed rules of the board:

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Members Present: Greg Wick, Yvon Burtz, Victoria Wilds, Kara Semmler

Members Absent: Dan Roe

Others Present: Carol Tellinghuisen, Executive Secretary, Jill Lesselyoung, Executive Assistant, and Amber Mulder, Senior Staff Attorney, Department of Labor (via teleconference).

Lesselyoung conducted roll call; Wick, Burtz, Wilds and Semmler in attendance. A quorum was present.

Semmler made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Burtz seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote. Wick, yes; Wilds, yes; Burtz, yes; Semmler, yes.

Wick asked for any comments from the public. There was no oral testimony. There were no written comments submitted to the Board. Wick advised the rules were discussed at the SD Land Title Association Meeting on June 13, 2019 and there was no opponent comments or questions on the rules as drafted.

Semmler made a motion to close the hearing and adjourn the meeting. Wilds seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote. Wick, yes; Wilds, yes; Burtz, yes; Semmler, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Tellinghuisen
Executive Secretary
Abstracters Board of Examiners

Adjournment at 10:10 a.m.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
REVENUE SUMMARY BY BUDGET UNIT
FOR PERIOD ENDING: 07/31/2019

AGENCY 10 LABOR & REGULATION
BUDGET UNIT 1038 ABSTRACTERS BD OF EXAMINERS

CENTER	COMP	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE	
COMPANY NO	6503					
COMPANY NAME	PROFESSIONAL & LICENSING BOARDS					
1038000698	6503	4596001	EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL-NHA	17,710.00	17,710.00	*
ACCT:	4596			17,710.00	17,710.00	*
ACCT:	45	CHARGES FOR SALES & SERVICES		17,710.00	17,710.00	**
CNTR:	1038000698			17,710.00	17,710.00	***
COMP:	6503			17,710.00	17,710.00	****
B UNIT:	1038			17,710.00	17,710.00	*****

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
MONTHLY OBJECT/SUB-OBJECT REPORT BY BUDGET UNIT
FOR PERIOD ENDING: 07/31/2019

AGENCY BUDGET UNIT CENTER-5	10 1038 10380	LABOR & REGULATION ABSTRACTERS BD OF EXAMINERS ABSTRACTERS BOARD OF EXAMINERS	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE
CENTER	COMP	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	
COMPANY NO	6503		PROFESSIONAL & LICENSING BOARDS	
COMPANY NAME				
1038000698	6503	51010100	F-T EMP SAL & WAGES	689.01
1038000698	6503	51010300	BOARD & COMM MBRS FEES	900.00
ACCT: 5101			EMPLOYEE SALARIES	1,589.01
1038000698	6503	51020100	OASI-EMPLOYER'S SHARE	120.66
1038000698	6503	51020200	RETIREMENT-ER SHARE	41.33
1038000698	6503	51020600	HEALTH/LIFE INS.-ER SHARE	87.63
1038000698	6503	51020800	WORKER'S COMPENSATION	.89
1038000698	6503	51020900	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	.30
ACCT: 5102			EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	250.81
ACCT: 51			PERSONAL SERVICES	1,839.82
1038000698	6503	52030300	AUTO-PRIV (IN-ST.) H/RTE	910.56
1038000698	6503	52031000	LODGING/IN-STATE	548.10
1038000698	6503	52031500	NON-TAXABLE MEALS/IN-ST	340.00
ACCT: 5203			TRAVEL	1,798.66
1038000698	6503	52040900	MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT	2,050.00
1038000698	6503	52042000	CENTRAL SERVICES	479.05
1038000698	6503	52043600	ADVERTISING-NEWSPAPER	1,363.78
1038000698	6503	52044900	RENTS-PRIVATE OWNED PROP.	100.00
ACCT: 5204			CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	3,992.83
ACCT: 52			OPERATING EXPENSES	5,791.49
COMP: 6503			PROFESSIONAL & LICENSING BOARDS	7,631.31
CENTER: 1038000698				7,631.31
B UNIT: 1038				7,631.31

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
CASH CENTER BALANCES
AS OF: 07/31/2019

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AGENCY: 10 LABOR & REGULATION
BUDGET UNIT: 1038 ABSTRACTERS BD OF EXAMINERS

COMPANY	CENTER	ACCOUNT	BALANCE	DR/CR	CENTER DESCRIPTION
6503	1038000698	1140000	285,192.62	DR	ABSTRACTERS BOARD OF EXAMINERS
COMPANY/SOURCE TOTAL 6503 698			285,192.62	DR *	
COMP/BUDG UNIT TOTAL 6503 1038			285,192.62	DR **	
BUDGET UNIT TOTAL 1038			285,192.62	DR ***	

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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SOUTH DAKOTA

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ARTICLE 20:36

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ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**DEPARTMENT OF ~~REVENUE~~ LABOR AND REGULATION**

Article

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20:36:01:01. Terms defined. Terms used in this article mean:

(1) "Abstract," a compilation in orderly arrangement of the materials and facts of record affecting the title to a specific piece of land, issued under a certificate certifying to the matters contained in such compilation;

(2) "Abstracter," a person, firm, or corporation holding a certificate of registration from the Abstracters' Board of Examiners of the state of South Dakota;

(3) "Abstracting," the abstracting and reporting upon public or other records under the provisions of SDCL 36-13;

(4) "Board," the Abstracters' Board of Examiners of the state of South Dakota;

(5) "Plant," the books, records, and indexes required by SDCL 36-13-10 and this article;

(6) "Seal," the seal of the Abstracters' Board of Examiners or the seal of an abstracter as the context may indicate;

(7) "Search," the process of examining all relevant records to document the legal owner of the property, including any liens and other claims on the real property, and any type of summary of facts of record affecting the title to a specific piece of land that does not purport to constitute an opinion as to the state of the title. The term does not include a title insurance commitment or policy or information or opinions given;

(8) "Executive Secretary," the executive secretary of the board;

(9) "Secretary-treasurer," the secretary-treasurer of the board.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986; 34 SDR 73, effective September 17, 2007.

General Authority: SDCL 36-13-6.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-13-6.

20:36:01:02. Chain of title. For the purposes of this article, chain of title means all documents of conveyance given in a continuous succession of title and:

(1) With respect to unplatted lands, the smaller of:

(a) Each quarter section of land; or

(b) If a patent was issued for a portion of quarter section of land, then that portion for which that patent was issued; ~~and or~~

(2) With respect to platted lands, a lot as shown on the last subdivision plat recorded against the property. However, if all documents transferring ownership and given in a continuous succession of title ownership from the present owner back in time to the recording of the subdivision plat combine more than one lot, then those multiple lots included in the documents of conveyance shall be considered one chain.

(3) As used in this section, "lot" means the smallest intact areas into which land has been subdivided by a subdivision plat map, whether denoted a lot, parcel, tract, undivided block, or other similar designation.

Source: 34 SDR 73, effective September 17, 2007.

General Authority: SDCL 36-13-6.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-13-6.

20:36:02:02. Office of the board -- Address mail -- Notices and communications to the board. The office of the board shall be at the place established by the ~~secretary-treasurer board~~ of

~~which notice~~ Notice of the same, and its address, shall be given in writing to the members of the board and publicly announced by them at the annual meeting of the South Dakota land title association, and published in its report of such meeting. Mail, notices, and communications to the board shall be addressed to the ~~secretary-treasurer of the board, at the office address established as above set forth, and such secretary-treasurer shall immediately communicate to all members of the board in writing information as to any matter of general concern to the board or on which action of the entire board is required. Any such mail, notice, or communications which may be addressed to and received by any individual member of the board shall be by him immediately communicated to the secretary-treasurer who shall file the same and then communicate it immediately to all members of the board.~~

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL 36-13-6.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-13-6.

20:36:02:03. Seal, books, records, and documents of the board -- Where kept --

Inspection of -- Certified copies -- How obtained. The seal of the board shall be kept by the executive ~~secretary-treasurer~~. All books, records, and documents of the board, including correspondence, shall be kept by the executive ~~secretary-treasurer~~. ~~in an orderly and systematic system and with a sufficient index, at the office of the board established as by these rules provided. Such books, records, and documents shall be open to public inspection during ordinary business hours of any business day. Certified copies of any of the said books, records, or documents or specified portions of the same may be obtained from the secretary-treasurer upon payment of 15 cents per 100 words for copying and a fee of one dollar for the certificate thereto, and out of which sums the secretary-treasurer shall first pay the cost of copying and proof reading, and the balance shall be deposited with the funds of board and accounted for as such. Such certified copies may be obtained upon written application of any person, firm, or corporation and payment in advance of the authorized charge thereof, as specified by the secretary-treasurer.~~

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL 36-13-6.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-13-4, 36-13-6.

20:36:02:04. Filing of papers. The executive secretary-treasurer shall file all ~~such~~ books, records, documents, and papers as are required by law or these rules to be filed, or which are of such importance to the operation of the board as to require ~~such~~ filing, or which ~~may be~~ are requested by any member of the board to be filed: ~~or by any person interested in the matter involved.~~ Such filing ~~shall be made upon receipt of the book, record, or document by the secretary endorsing the same as filed with the board, and the date and signed by the secretary as such; provided, that ordinary correspondence may be filed by stamp and dated without signature of the secretary.~~

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL 36-13-6.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-13-4, 36-13-6.

20:36:02:05. Meetings of the board -- Regular -- Special -- How called -- Unanimous consent meetings -- Quorum defined and required. The board shall hold one regular annual meeting at the same time and place as the annual meeting of the South Dakota land title association at which ~~meeting~~ the president and secretary-treasurer and a majority of the members of the board shall be present. The board meeting shall continue during the annual meeting of the ~~said~~ South Dakota land title association ~~and at which~~ the officers and members of the board who are present shall ~~at such meeting~~ elect their own officers, and act upon general affairs of the board, and participate in the meetings of the South Dakota land title association, and be available for conferences with its members and committees and with applicants or other persons having business with the board within reasonable limits of the time available ~~and the other duties of the board.~~ If, ~~prior to the first day of December in any year, the South Dakota land title association shall have neither held nor set a date for an annual meeting, then the annual meeting of the board shall be held on the first day of December or the next following business day if such day is a holiday, at such place as the board shall provide in the state capitol building in Pierre, South Dakota, where the board shall proceed the same as hereinbefore specified.~~

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL 36-13-6.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-13-4, 36-13-6.

20:36:02:06. Special meetings of the board. Special meetings of the board may be held in accordance with SDCL chapter 1-25. ~~at any time or place within the state upon 10 days' advance notice, specifying the time and place and the matters to be acted upon at such meeting. Such meetings may be called either by the president, or the secretary-treasurer, or by any two members of the board joining in the call. The notices shall be given by the officers or members making the call for the meeting and shall be served on all members by first class mail, and proof of such service made by written or oral statement recorded in the minutes of the meeting by the person calling the meeting.~~

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL 36-13-6.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-13-4, 36-13-6.

20:36:02:07. Unanimous consent meetings of the board. ~~Unanimous consent meetings of the board may be held at any time and place within the state, and the board may act upon any subject within the jurisdiction of the board; provided, such unanimous consent is in writing, specifying the time and place of the meeting and the matters consented to be acted upon, and signed by all members of the board and the secretary-treasurer, and such unanimous consent agreement and all proceedings thereunder are filed and recorded in the permanent records of the board. Repealed.~~

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: ~~SDCL 36-13-6.~~

Law Implemented: ~~SDCL 36-13-4, 36-13-6.~~

20:36:02:09. Conduct of meeting. The president, or in ~~his~~ the President's absence the president pro tem, shall preside at all meetings, and the executive ~~secretary-treasurer~~ shall keep the minutes ~~thereof~~. If the executive ~~secretary-treasurer~~ is absent, the members present shall designate one to act as secretary of the meeting, and he ~~the designated member~~ shall keep the minutes and sign the ~~same~~ minutes with the presiding officer and file them with the executive ~~secretary-treasurer~~. Minutes shall be approved by ~~reading, correction~~ with corrections if any are required, and by motion at a subsequent meeting of the board. If any member present requests the vote of the members on any decision of the board, it shall be taken by yeas and nays and the vote of each member recorded ~~as made by him in the minutes. If any member desires to dissent from any action of the board, his~~

~~dissent and reasons shall, upon his request, be entered in the minutes; provided, the request and reasons are written or signed by such member and filed with the secretary of the meeting before adjournment of the meeting.~~

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL 36-13-6.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-13-6.

20:36:02:10. Orders and decisions of the board. ~~All orders and decisions of the board shall be made as provided in SDCL 36-13-30, excepting that orders and decisions for routine matters of the board's administration of its own office and affairs may be made in the form of resolution or motions adopted in a meeting of the board, and recorded in its minutes, but no order or decision of the board shall affect any person other than officers or members of the board unless a certified copy of the same, issued in the name of the board and under its seal, is served upon him in the form and manner required by this article and the law applicable thereto. Repealed.~~

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: ~~SDCL 36-13-6.~~

Law Implemented ~~SDCL 36-13-6.~~

Cross-Reference: ~~Minutes to be filed with auditor general, SDCL 1-25-3.~~

20:36:03:01. Eligibility. An applicant for registration as an abstracter must be a resident of ~~the state of South Dakota~~ this state, or an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States, or the spouse of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States and who is the subject of a military transfer to South Dakota this state, and a person of good moral character and careful, temperate habits.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL 36-13-6.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-13-6.

20:36:03:02. Eligibility to qualify partnership, corporation, and other firm. If the applicant for registration seeks registration for the purpose of qualifying a partnership, corporation, or other permitted firm to engage in abstracting, ~~he~~ the applicant must have the qualifications provided in § 20:36:03:01, and also show by ~~under oath~~ notarized signature either in ~~his~~ the application for registration or by separate document to be filed with the board that ~~he~~ the applicant or some other legally registered abstracter will have personal contact with or responsible supervision of the operations of ~~such~~ the partnership, corporation, or firm at all times. No partnership, corporation, or firm that is not registered prior to the effective date of these rules shall be qualified for registration unless its eligibility is established as ~~herein~~ provided by this section. No partnership subject to SDCL ~~37-11~~ 37-11-1, the fictitious names statute, shall be qualified until ~~it has complied therewith~~ the partnership has met the requirements of that section.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL ~~36-13-6~~, 36-13-6.1(7).

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-13-8, 36-13-11.

20:36:03:03. Examinations of applicant -- Time, place, and fee. The board shall conduct a regular examination each year, either before or immediately following the annual convention of the South Dakota Land Title Association. Other written examinations shall be offered to approved applicants at a the time and place set approved by the board. A fee of \$50 a per section shall be charged to each applicant each time the examination is written. A fee of \$25 a per section shall be charged to each applicant on any section that is re-taken by an applicant following an initial examination.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 3 SDR 49, effective January 17, 1977; 7 SDR 72, effective February 1, 1981; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986; 34 SDR 73, effective September 17, 2007.

General Authority: SDCL ~~36-13-6~~, 36-13-6.1(1), 36-13-6.1(3).

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-13-11, 36-13-12.

20:36:03:04. Examinations -- Method of conducting. A majority of the members of the board or a designated representative shall be present at all examinations.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL ~~36-13-6~~, 36-13-6.1(3), 36-13-12.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-13-6, 36-13-12

20:36:03:07. Examination questions kept secret. ~~Prior to any examination the board shall conduct a meeting of which notice shall be given to all members or written consent of members obtained and filed, at which meeting the board shall formulate the written examination questions to be used at such examination. Such questions~~ Questions, which shall be prepared by the board, shall be held secret at all times by all members of the board except when ~~same~~ the questions are distributed to the applicants at the examinations and shall not be publicly released except by official action of the board. The board shall vary its questions from time to time in such manner as ~~may seem~~ the board deems advisable to conduct examinations in the most effective and impartial manner.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL ~~36-13-6~~, 36-13-6.1(3), 36-13-12.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-13-6, 36-13-12.

20:36:03:08. Grading of examination. The examination papers of applicants shall be graded on ~~the a percentage scale of percentage, 100 percent being considered perfect and with a percentage of 80 being required for passing approval.~~ to pass. If an applicant ~~shall fail in~~ fails any section the board may establish ~~his~~ the applicant's credits on the sections ~~in which he passed and permit him~~ the applicant to be examined only on the sections ~~in which he~~ the applicant failed, at any regular or special examination held within one year ~~thereafter~~ of the date of the initial examination.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 3 SDR 49, effective January 17, 1977; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL ~~36-13-6~~, 36-13-6.1(3), 36-13-12.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-13-6, 36-13-12.

20:36:03:09. Examination grades sent to each applicant. The board shall complete its grading of the examination papers of all applicants within ~~eight~~ three weeks of the date of examination and send notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to each applicant at any post office address specified in writing to the board for such purpose by the applicant. The notice of the board as to the result of the examination shall specify to each applicant the applicant's grade ~~made by him~~ in each section which he the applicant wrote for the examination, and also the percentage attained by ~~him as the applicant~~ determined by the board on his the oral examination.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 3 SDR 49, effective January 17, 1977; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL 36-13-12.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-13-12.

20:36:04:01. General requirements for books, records, and indexes. Before any person is entitled to a certificate of registration to engage in abstracting under the laws of ~~South Dakota~~ this state, the person shall have an approved abstract plant containing the following:

(1) A complete index showing every instrument recorded in the register of deeds office in the county ~~wherein in which~~ the person proposes to operate, properly listed against the specific property which it affects; ~~and also;~~ a separate miscellaneous index showing all recorded instruments which do not affect specific property; ~~And;~~ a general index showing all county aid, state, and federal tax liens as recorded in the Register of Deeds Office in the county ~~wherein in which~~ the person proposes to operate; ~~and in addition to~~ all unsatisfied judgments as filed with the South Dakota Unified Judicial System in the county wherein in which the person proposes to operate. ~~This~~ Each index may be compiled on cards, in bound books, in electronic form, or a loose leaf form, but must be made from an actual check of each page of each book of recorded instruments in said office, and in no case will a copy or film of the numerical index in the office of the Register of Deeds ~~register's Office~~ be accepted;

(2) If a numerical index is used showing only the book and page of each instrument, ~~then such~~ the index must be supplemented by a take-off of each instrument properly arranged in the abstract plant so ~~that~~ it can be located from the person's ~~own~~ numerical index. Such take-off shall be

sufficiently complete to show all essential parts of each instrument, such names, dates, descriptions, acknowledgments, filings, and any special or unusual recitals, covenants, warranties, exceptions, or reservations. Such take-off may be made on cards on loose leaf form or in bound books or film or any other archivable form as approved by the board;

(3) If the form of index is a card, a loose leaf sheet, an electronic form, or the page of a bound book showing all instruments affecting a particular piece of farm land, or town lot or block, then such index must be in such form as to show all names, dates, acknowledgments, seals, and filings, and also ~~a column to show~~ indicating any special or unusual recitals in each instrument.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986; 34 SDR 73, effective September 17, 2007.

General Authority: SDCL ~~36-13-6~~. 36-13-6.1(7)

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-13-10.

20:36:04:01.01. Penalty for failure to comply with § 20:36:04:01. ~~The penalty for failure~~ Failing to comply with § 20:36:04:01 is shall result in the suspension or denial of a certificate of registration until such time as compliance is demonstrated.

Source: 7 SDR 72, effective February 1, 1981; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL ~~36-13-6~~. 36-13-6.1(7)

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-13-10.

20:36:04:04. Examination of new and purchased plants. Before any person begins assembly of an abstract plant for the purpose of qualifying for a certificate ~~or~~ of registration the person shall contact the board. The board shall advise the person as to procedure and shall observe the methods used during the construction of the plant. Whenever any person has completed assembly of an abstract plant or intends to purchase an already registered plant the person shall notify the board in writing that ~~such~~ the plant is ready for examination and state the place at which ~~it~~ the plant may be examined. The ~~executive secretary-treasurer~~ shall immediately communicate ~~it's~~ the writing's contents to all members of the board and the board shall fix a date for examination of ~~such~~

~~the plant, said examination to be held~~ within 60 days of notification, ~~and notify~~ with notice to the applicant thereof of the examination. The examination may be conducted by one or more members of the board as may be ordered by the board and such member or members shall then make their examinations and report within 60 days after date of ~~such~~ the order. During ~~such~~ the 60-day period different examinations may be made at different times by the member or members of the board, and the applicant shall cooperate ~~with them~~ fully in showing the condition of the plant and explaining anything required of the applicant in connection ~~with it and the~~ the examination. The applicant shall also afford the member or members full opportunity to examine ~~such~~ the plant privately and without the applicant's presence if ~~they or any of them~~ the members so desire. After the member or members of the board have completed their examination of the plant they shall make a joint report or individual reports in writing to the board together with their recommendations, and the ~~same~~ reports shall be filed with and become an official record of the board. The board shall ~~then~~ make its official decisions as to the sufficiency of the plant, and file the ~~same~~ decision in the office of the board and a copy of the report and the decision shall then be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the address of where the plant ~~at the place where the same~~ was located at the time of examination ~~thereof~~. If the decision of the board ~~is to the effect that~~ requires certain corrections or additions, or both, to the plant are necessary, the decisions shall specify the ~~same~~ necessary changes and may ~~in the discretion of the board,~~ fix additional time ~~within which for~~ the applicant ~~may make the same to become compliant~~ and notify the board, ~~and~~ Upon notification, the board shall then examine the plant and make its decision as ~~hereinbefore~~ provided under this section.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 3 SDR 49, effective January 17, 1976; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986; 34 SDR 73, effective September 17, 2007.

General Authority: SDCL ~~36-13-6~~, 36-13-6.1(7)

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-13-10.

20:36:04:04.03. Grading of plant examination. Plants shall be graded on ~~the~~ a scale of percentage, ~~100 being considered perfect and~~ with 80 percent being required for approval. If the plant fails in any of the areas set forth in § 20:36:04:04.01, the board may establish the plant's sufficiency in the areas in which it passed and permit it to be reexamined only in the areas in which it failed.

When grading areas in subdivisions 20:36:04:04.01(1) and (2), the board shall use the following criteria: If there are any discrepancies between the indexes in the plant and those in the office of the register of deeds or another registered plant in the county, the board shall check the recorded instruments in question to see whether the error or discrepancy is in the office of the register of deeds or in the plant. If an error is found in the chain from the plant being examined, it will result in a reduction in the credit given ~~failure~~ for that chain. If a chain from the plant being examined shows an instrument properly posted which is not shown on the chain from the office of the register of deeds, additional credit will be given to the plant which will be used to offset a ~~chain-failure~~ reduction in the credit given for that chain.

Source: 3 SDR 49, effective January 17, 1976; 6 SDR 11, effective August 14, 1979; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL ~~36-13-6~~, 36-13-6.1(7).

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-13-10.

20:36:04:04.04. Fee for plant examination. An examination fee of \$500 shall be charged for each examination of new and purchased plants for the purpose of qualifying for a certificate of registration. The fee shall be payable to the ~~treasurer of the~~ board when application is made for a certificate of registration.

Source: 7 SDR 72, effective February 1, 1981; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986; 34 SDR 73, effective September 17, 2007.

General Authority: SDCL ~~36-13-6~~, 36-13-6.1(2).

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-13-10, ~~36-13-11~~.

20:36:04:05. Examination for upkeep and maintenance of existing plants. The board may, upon its own election, not ~~often~~ more often than once each year, or at any time whenever a sworn complaint is deemed by the board to be sufficient for the purpose ~~is~~ filed with it, examine or reexamine any existing abstract plant for the purpose of ascertaining whether ~~or not~~ it is being kept current and maintained in accordance with the laws and rules of this state ~~South Dakota and rules and regulations made pursuant thereto~~. In such cases the board shall ~~by order entered in its minutes~~

fix a time and place for such examination and the method thereof of examination and notify the person, firm, or corporation in charge of said the examination. At least 10 days' notice shall be given to such person ~~in any of such cases~~ and if the examination is being made pursuant to a sworn complaint a copy of the same complaint shall be furnished to the applicant with the notice. Thereafter the board shall make its examination to whatever extent it deems advisable and the persons in charge of said the plant shall cooperate with the board, ~~for such purpose as hereinbefore provided in these rules~~. The decision of the board shall be made and served upon the persons in charge of the plant in accordance with the provisions of SDCL ~~36-13-30~~. 36-13-10.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL ~~36-13-6~~. 36-13-6.1(7).

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-13-10.

20:36:04:06. Examinations upon request -- When made -- Fees and expense. Any person, firm, or corporation in charge of an abstract plant which that has ~~theretofore~~ previously been approved for operation by the board may file with the board a written request for a reexamination ~~thereof of the plant~~, stating the reasons for requesting such the examination and the board shall ~~then~~ grant such the request upon condition that the applicant pay ~~in advance~~ the per diem and expense of the members of the board required to make such the examination. ~~In its order fixing the time and place for such examination, the board shall specify the amount of per diem and expense required by it to be advanced for the purpose and notify the applicant to deposit the same with the secretary-treasurer of the board. If the amount specified by the board proves to be more than was necessary for the purpose after the examination is completed, the board shall refund the overpayment to the applicant. No person, firm, or corporation shall be entitled to such examination oftener than once each year.~~

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL ~~36-13-6~~. 36-13-6.1(7).

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-13-10.

20:36:04:07. Certificate of qualification of plant. Whenever the board has examined or reexamined any abstract plant after the effective date of these rules ~~and regulations~~ and has approved

such the plant, it shall issue and deliver to the person in charge of such the plant by registered mail to the business address of the plant, person, firm, or corporation as registered with the board a certificate in appropriate form for public display, signed by the president ~~all~~, if all concur, or a majority of the members of the board, and attested by the secretary-treasurer under the seal of the board, whether ~~or not he the secretary-treasurer agrees or not to~~ with the decision, ~~and which~~ The certificate shall state ~~among other things~~ the date ~~to~~ on which the plant was found to be complete, the date of the examination, the date of issue of the certificate, and such any other matters as ~~to~~ the board ~~shall seem~~ deems advisable to establish the legal qualification of the plant.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL 36-13-6, 36-13-6.1(7).

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-13-10.

20:36:05:05. Complaint filed with board. The original resolution or complaint ~~as the case may be~~ shall be filed with the executive ~~secretary-treasurer~~ and remain a permanent record of the board, and a note of its filing shall be made in the journal or minutes of the board. The executive ~~secretary-treasurer~~ shall immediately submit the ~~same~~ resolution or complaint to the board unless the charges shall, after consideration ~~by~~ of the board, be dismissed as trivial or not within the jurisdiction of the board without a hearing, ~~they~~ The charges shall be heard and determined by the board within 90 days after their filing with the executive ~~secretary-treasurer~~. The board shall fix a time and place within the county in which the person, firm, or corporation charged ~~shall~~ will be engaged in the business of abstracting, and the time and location where ~~when and where~~ the hearing on the charge shall be conducted.

Source: SL 1975, ch 16, § 1; 12 SDR 151, 12 SDR 155, effective July 1, 1986.

General Authority: SDCL 36-13-6.

Law Implemented: SDCL 36-13-6, 36-13-10.

