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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

P. LINAS NORUSIS,
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ORDER 0006327

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 APP 035

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

P. Linas Norusis
14654 S. Stonegate Dr.
Homer Glen, IL 60491

Wisconsin Real Estate Appraisers Board
P.O. Box 8366
Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190
Madison, WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Wisconsin Real Estate Appraisers Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent P. Linas Norusis (DOB 4/30/1957) is certified by the State of Wisconsin as a Certified General Appraiser, having certification number 190-10, first issued on January 22, 1992, and current through December 14, 2019. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 14654 S. Stonegate Dr., Homer Glen, IL 60491.

2. On or about May 1, 2018, Respondent performed an appraisal of property located at 232 South Curtis Road, West Allis, Wisconsin.

3. On or about August 16, 2018, the Department received a complaint alleging that the subject appraisal violated the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP). Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) Case Number 18 APP 035 was subsequently opened for investigation.

4. Respondent's appraisal was reviewed by DLSC and it was determined that the appraisal and appraisal report contained only very minor USPAP violations that would not affect the credibility of the opinion of value.

5. During the course of DLSC's investigation of Case Number 18 APP 035, DLSC conducted an audit of Respondent's certified appraiser continuing education (CE) for the 2013-2015 biennial period (December 15, 2013 to December 14, 2015).

6. Respondent's submission for the 2013-2015 biennial renewal period included evidence that Respondent completed a 6-hour ICAP 2014 Supervisor/Trainee Seminar sponsored by the Chicago Chapter of the Appraisal Institute.

7. The 6-hour ICAP 2014 Supervisor/Trainee Seminar sponsored by the Chicago Chapter of the Appraisal Institute was not approved by the Department for CE.

8. Pursuant to DLSC's audit, Respondent was found to be noncompliant with the CE requirements for certified appraisers for the 2013-2015 biennial period, as Respondent only completed 26 hours of approved CE during that time period.

9. On December 22, 2018, Respondent completed 7 hours of CE, which were retroactively applied to Respondent's CE requirements for the 2013-2015 biennial period. The course taken by Respondent was titled Appraising Automobile Dealerships.

10. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Real Estate Appraisers Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 458.26, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent violated Wis. Stat. § 458.13 and Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 85.900(1) by failing to complete at least 28 class hours of CE in the 2013-2015 biennial period.

3. As a result of the above violations, Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 458.26(3)(i).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent P. Linas Norusis is REPRIMANDED.
3. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$457.
4. Any CE hours listed above in Finding of Fact paragraph 9, that were completed and retroactively applied to Respondent's CE requirements for the 2013-2015 biennial period, may not be used to satisfy any other certified appraiser CE requirements with the Board.
5. Payment of costs shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent by Respondent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

You may also submit this information online via DSPS' Monitoring Case Management System at: <https://app.wi.gov/DSPSMonitoring>.


6. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's certification (number 190-10), or Respondent's right to renew his certification may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of the Order. The Board may, in addition and/or in the alternative, refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.

7. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS BOARD

by:


A Member of the Board


Date

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STIPULATION

ORDER 0006327

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 APP 035

Respondent P. Linas Norusis and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
- the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
- the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
- the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
- the right to petition for rehearing; and
- all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation. Respondent is represented by Attorney David Friebois of Baker Hostetler.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Real Estate Appraisers Board (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

P Linas Norusis

P. Linas Norusis, Respondent
14654 S. Stonegate Dr.
Homer Glen, IL 60491
Credential No. 190-10

05/13/19

Date

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