BEFORE THE IOWA REAL ESTATE APPRAISER EXAMINING BOARD OF THE STATE OF IOWA

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
)	CASE NO. 05-51
Steven L. Rhodes)	
CR01299)	COMBINED STATEMENT OF CHARGES
)	AND CONSENT ORDER
RESPONDENT)	

A. Statement of Charges

- 1. The Iowa Real Estate Appraiser Examining Board ("Board") has jurisdiction of this disciplinary matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 17A, 272C, and 543D (2005).
- 2. Respondent is a certified residential real estate appraiser in Iowa. He was issued Certificate No. CR01299 on 1/17/1992
- 3. Certificate No. CR01299 is currently valid and in good standing, and is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2007.
- 4. Respondent reported continuing education on his 2005 renewal that was not qualified for continuing education in the respondent's role as a certified appraiser and was not approved for continuing education by the Board. The Board renewed Respondent's certificate in reliance on his representations and discovered the unqualified courses in a subsequent audit. Respondent did promptly attain replacement, qualifying continuing education, and is currently qualified to practice as a certified appraiser. For a period of time, however, he was unqualified.
- 5. As a result of the actions described in paragraph 4, Respondent violated Iowa Code sections 543D.16(1) and (2), and 543D.17(1)(b)(2005)
- 6. The Board and Respondent have agreed to fully resolve these charges through the following Consent Order, rather than proceed to contested case hearing.

B. Settlement Agreement and Consent Order

- 7. Respondent has a right to a hearing on the charges, but waives his right to hearing and all attendant rights, including the right to seek judicial review, by freely and voluntarily entering into this Order. This Consent Order constitutes discipline against the Respondent, and is the final agency order in the contested case, pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.10 and 193 Iowa Administrative Code 7.4.
- 8. Respondent agrees the State's counsel may present this Order to the Board and may have ex parte communications with the Board while presenting it.

- 9. This Order shall be part of the permanent record of Respondent and shall be considered by the Board in determining the nature and severity of any future disciplinary action to be imposed in the event of any future violations.
- 10. This Combined Statement of Charges and Consent Order is a public record available for inspection and copying in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 22 (2005).
- 11. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Order shall be grounds for further disciplinary action pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.3(2)(a) (2005). However, no action may be taken against Respondent for violations of these provisions without a hearing, or waiver of hearing.
 - 12. This Order is subject to approval of the Board:
 - (a) If the Board fails to approve this Order, it shall be of no force or effect on either party, and it shall not be admissible for any purpose in further proceedings in this matter.
 - (b) If the Board approves this Order, it shall fully dispose of all issues in this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- A. Reprimand. Respondent is reprimanded for claiming continuing education hours that weren't approved by the Board.
- B. <u>Civil Penalty</u>. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) to the Board office no later than thirty (30) calendar days following the full execution of this Consent Order.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

Respondent	The Iowa Real Estate Appraiser Examining Board
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Steven L. Rhodes	Richard Koestner, Vice Chair
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