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You and only you can use your BCEID or IDIR account to submit an appraisal through ECAS or reply through ECAS on an appraisal submission.

Example A

Mr. Stumped, RPF enters and reviews all the required appraisal information into ECAS for CP #005. The one remaining item is a map change that a map specialist will complete the very next morning. Mr. Stumped leaves his BCEID and password with the map specialist and asks that the map specialist submit to the appraisal into ECAS for CP #005 for Mr. Stumped as he will not be in the office the next morning.

Example B

Mr. Tree, RFT works as an appraisal reviewer. Mr. Tree reviews CP #010 and requests clarification for one issue before possibly rejecting the ECAS submission. Mr. Tree is being requested by his superior to attend a meeting in one hour. Mr. Tree then asks his resource clerk to wait for his call back to the office and then follow his instructions using his IDIR account in ECAS to either reject or forward to the Regional office CP #010.

Conclusion

Mr. Stumped and Mr. Tree's actions are inappropriate from multiple perspectives of public interest and professional liability. Transferring member specific identification in order to transact the submission is intended to misrepresent the actual submission status. Not only is there an issue of professional honesty, but Mr. Stumped and Mr. Tree may be subordinating their professional responsibility and they risk compromising the integrity of the work. This is regardless of the fact that Mr. Stumped and Mr. Tree reviewed the submissions beforehand and left specific instructions for another person, and whether or not the map specialist or clerk were authorized to make submissions on their own (Bylaw 11.4.4, 11.4.5). Mr. Stumped and Mr. Tree risk personal professional liability because a member remains accountable for any and all professional documents where there is the expectation that the document has been prepared and delivered in his/her professional capacity whether or not it is signed, stamped, and/or sealed by that member (Bylaw 10.7).