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Next Board Meeting:

June 9, 2003

Sunset Center South
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OUS Geology Department Heads Meet in Round Table

Tuesday, March 18, 2003, Oregon University System professors joined with two Board members in a round table discussion. Representing the Board was Outreach Chairman William Orr and Rules Chairman Eileen Webb. The following professors were present: Michael Cummings, Portland State University; Dana Johnston, University of Oregon; Roger Nielsen, Oregon State University; Stephen Taylor, RG, Western Oregon University; and former Board Member and Emeritus Professor from Oregon State University, Robert Yeats, RG. Although a representative of Southern Oregon University was unable to be present at the meeting, the Geology Department of SOU, convened by Jad D'Allura, RG, met prior to the round table and provided their written comments to the Board.

The agenda included three items the Board wished to discuss with these Geology Department heads:

- 1) Increase awareness within the science programs of universities of the regulation of the practice of geology (letter distributed to all environmental faculty 2/10/2003);
- 2) Expose geology major/minor students to the Board and its regulatory responsibilities; and
- 3) Review current rule for evaluating professor experience toward registration requirement.

The Board previously issued an informational letter to Environmental Department heads in an effort to create awareness in that arena that the practice of geology is regulated. Many of the Board's compliance cases involve environ-

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Hydrogeology Committee Appointed

The inaugural meeting of the Hydrogeology Committee was chaired by Board Member Eileen Webb. It was held on Thursday, March 6 at the Board office in Salem. The purpose of the gathering was to establish strategies for developing guidelines for preparing hydrogeology reports.

Committee members present were as follows: Steve Bruce, GeoEngineers, Portland; Doug Geller, City of Portland; Kenneth Lite, Oregon Water Resources, Salem; Marc Norton, Oregon Water Resources, Salem; and Steve

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Knight's Notes

The Legislature is in full swing. Although the Board submitted only one bill that did not get a Committee Hearing, two bills have required attention by the Board. Those bills are SB 572 and HB 2893. Both bills were introduced on behalf of Mark Reed, a University of Oregon geology professor. Senator Corcoran of Cottage Grove, District 4 introduced the Senate bill. Representative Barnhart of Eugene, District 11 introduced the House bill. Both bills did receive committee hearings and hence are active in the legislative arena. And both bills are designed to make changes to ORS 672.505 to 672.705, the statutes of this regulatory Board.

In concluding a compliance case involving Reed, the Board removed any reference to Public Testimony from their Administrative Rules. The Board clearly understands that it is a constitutional right to speak as one chooses. However, Reed's contention is that a future Board may fail to remember his circumstance and a similar complaint could come under scrutiny again by the Board. The bills will add number 8 and 9 to ORS 672.525. The draft for number 9 states: "A person does not publicly practice or offer to publicly practice geology solely because the person testifies or prepares to testify in a public proceeding." Both Reed bills are drafted to also change the language of the definition of the practice of geology. The Board continues to track these bills and to be present for committee hearings or work sessions. The Board does not believe that a geology statute change is necessary to secure the right of any individual to testify.

As this newsletter goes to press, the House Committee on Ag & Natural Resources has passed HB 2893 to the House Floor. SB 572 remains in the Senate General Government Committee. You may follow these bills on the oregon.gov website.

Susanna Knight
Administrator

PUBLIC RULES HEARING

June 9, 2003

Conference Room -- 1:00 PM

Sunset Center South, Salem, Oregon

OAR 809-010-0025: Operating Budget

*The Hearing will allow oral comment on the
2003-2005 biennial budget of the Board.*

Written comment must be received by June 1, 2003.

OUS Geology Round Table

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mental practitioners who slip into the practice of geology. Because the university system teaches the environmental coursework and prepares environmental specialists, the Board determined this was a primary contact point. There was some question as to why the Board was informing the geology professors of this concern. The Board clarified that a letter had been issued to the Environmental Science Department Chairperson, but that the Board was seeking the geology professors' support in communicating this information within the science community.

Orr reported that late in 2002, he had attended an OSU classroom and talked about the registration process and the regulation of the practice. He offered the Board's services in the future to attend classes and share with the students regarding the work of the Board and their regulatory jurisdiction. The professor's acknowledged that they have been receiving and posting newsletters and meeting notices, but there is no way to determine if students are reading the information.

In an attempt to increase awareness of the Board and its work, the Board attempts to meet away from the office and out in the public arena. In December, the Board met at Portland State University. By noticing the meeting information within the Portland State University campus community, the Board "invited" anyone interested to attend the meeting and thereby increase awareness of the regulation of the practice. Although attendance by the PSU community was poor, the Board did offer to hold a quarterly meeting on another campus if the faculty were interested.

In evaluating and establishing long-term goals over the past two years, the Board compiled a list. Included on that list was the goal: "Build bridge to universities with geology majors." Listed under this goal was, "encourage registration by professors who have met minimum requirements." In particular, the Board invited the round table group to discuss what type of guideline can be developed in evaluating a professor's experience. An active exchange of ideas occurred. Orr and Webb will continue to work with the university geology chairpersons to develop a plan to take back to the full Board. The Board's goal is to increase the ranks of Registered Geologists on the campuses of the university system.

Committee Appointed

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Recca, EGR Associates, Eugene. Committee member Karl Wozniak, Oregon Water Resources, Salem was unable to attend.

Numerous other registrants have offered to serve and to assist the committee. Since the draft document will need review and comments by additional registrants practicing hydrogeology, those volunteers will assist with the second phase. If you are interested in participating in the development of the document and did not provide your name to the Board office, please do so. The committee is interested in including additional registrants who will be willing to read the first draft and offer suggestions.

The goal of the committee is to create a standard for hydrogeology reports. The final document will be published on the Board's web site.

CEG Volunteers Requested

It is time for the Board to update the CEG guidelines that were approved in 1992. The Board is seeking volunteers to work with the update process. If you are interested in assisting with this project, please write or email the Board office of your interest. Information will be forwarded to those appointed to the committee.

Rulemaking Hearing Scheduled

The 2003-2005 biennial budget of the Board of Geologist Examiners will be reviewed at the Public Rules Hearing on June 9, 2003, at 1 PM, at the new Board offices. The Hearing will allow any oral comments. Written comments must be received by June 1, 2003.

Welcome New Registrants

The Board congratulates and welcomes four new REGISTERED GEOLOGISTS who have recently completed all requirements for registration.

Daniel E. Becraft, G1974
Jennifer J. Callison, G1977
Kenneth Hamilton, G1986 *(by Cooperation with Arizona)*
Karl Edward Languirand, G1987

The Board also congratulates the two newest CERTIFIED ENGINEERING GEOLOGISTS who successfully passed the March Examination.

Gary C. Sandstrom, E1452
Michael J. Zimmerman, E1897

All twelve Oregon Geology examination candidates successfully passed the March examination. The Oregon Geology examination is administered four times each year and is required of those seeking registration in Oregon. The next Oregon Geology examination date is June 6, 2003.

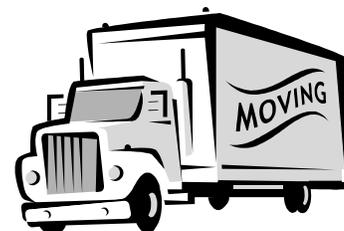
The Board Office is Moving!

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Lapsed Licenses

During the months of October, November and December 2002, the following registrations have lapsed.

Agnew, Allen, E125; **Ahern**, Richard, G414; **Anderson**, Glenn, G1244; **Becraft**, Dan, T1974; **Bilderback**, James, E358; **Cardinal**, Floyd, G784; **Carr**, James, E142; **Carson III**, Robert G1682; **Eckerlin**, Richard, E427; **Flynn**, James, G1483; **Freeman**, Kevin, E807; **Goehring**, Arllow, G482; **Gudemann**, Horst, G1106; **Holland**, Jasper, E228; **Holmes**, David, G483; **Klinchuch**, Leslie, G1382; **Koloski**, Jon, E633; **Kramer**, Dale, G1243; **Ladwig**, Lewis, E32; **Larkin**, Dwight, E604; **Maul**, James, G868; **Myers**, Steve, G1161; **O'Neill**, Alan, E132; **Pescador JR**, Pedro, E618; **Ryder**, Mayo, E446; **Skov**, Erik, T1985; **Smith**, Jay, E369; **Snell**, Jonathan, G1021; **Spellman**, Howard, G664; **Thornton**, Travis, G1659; **West**, Donald, E436.

To practice in Oregon, a registration must be in an active status. If your name is listed above and you have renewed, please contact the Board office. There may be a database entry error in which your registration was not properly updated.

2003 Calendar of Upcoming Events

- June 3: Postmark Deadline
for Fall National Exams
- June 6: Oregon Geology Exam
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
The Association Center, Salem, Oregon
- June 9: Work Session, 9:00 AM
Sunset Center Conference Room
Salem, Oregon
- Public Hearing, 1:00 PM
Sunset Center Conference Room
Salem, Oregon
- Quarterly Board Meeting
following Rule Hearing
- Sept. 8: Quarterly Board Meeting
Time and Location to be Announced
- October 3: Fall Date for National and State Exams