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## Next Board Meeting:

**March 11, 2004**

**1:00 PM**

Sunset Center South  
Conference Room  
1193 Royvonne Ave. SE  
Salem, Oregon

## New State Geologist Joins OSBGE

The Board experienced change recently when its ex-officio member, State Geologist John Beaulieu, chose to retire at the end of May. Beaulieu became a Board member in July 1999 per his appointment as the State Geologist. A native of Washington, John spent his entire career working as a geologist in the state of Oregon. Following the completion of his PhD work at Stanford University, he briefly joined the faculty at the University of Oregon. From that position, he moved on to become the Deputy Director of the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI). He served as the Deputy Director until the retirement of Don Hull in 1999. In appreciation of his service on the Board, Beaulieu was presented with a special plaque.

Vicki McConnell, RG, DOGAMI Deputy Director, was appointed as the interim State Geologist effective in late May 2003. DOGAMI began a search and narrowed their applicant pool to three. One withdrew just prior to the interview day in late October. The Governing Board of DOGAMI chose not to select a candidate. Following the January 2004 meeting of DOGAMI's Governing Board, word was received that McConnell accepted the appointment as State Geologist. She now becomes a permanent member of OSBGE.

Before moving to Portland to become DOGAMI's Deputy Director, McConnell resided in Baker City, Oregon, and worked as a staff field geologist mapping the western reaches of the Wallowa Mountains.

She completed her undergraduate studies at Metropolitan State College of Denver with a Land Use major and Geology minor. In December 1995, the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, conferred her Doctor of Philosophy degree from the College of Natural Sciences with a Geology major. McConnell's career in geology has spanned the western United States with much of it focused on understanding the geothermal systems associated with volcanic areas. Before leaving New Mexico for graduate studies in Alaska she worked for Sandia National Laboratories in the Geoscience Department.

McConnell resides in Portland, west of the Portland Hills, with her husband, Phillip Charette, and Labrador/Rottweiler mix, Jezabel. She shares: "I am honored and excited to be named the State Geologist of Oregon. This state certainly contains classic examples of dynamic geology and presents a challenge to anyone trying to provide geologic information. I am also pleased to serve on the OSBGE Board and work with a cross-section of the talented geoscientists that reside in Oregon."

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## Knight's Notes

**H**appy New Year to all of you. January is quickly slipping by, but it is still only the beginning of our trek through 2004.

Sometimes newsletter articles bring no response and other times a short flurry of comments arrive alerting the office that the newsletter has been delivered. Such was the case with the lead article from the October 2003 Newsletter: COMPLIANCE AND THE BOARD. Comments arrived in the form of quick phone calls or short emails, probably a reflection of how busy registrants are, but stating their appreciation of the article. They were acknowledging the responsibility they bear as registrants. ORS 672.515 states that the geology registration "is necessary to safeguard the health and welfare and property of the people of Oregon". This safeguard occurs when the Registered Geologists hold non-licensed practitioners accountable to the registration process.

The bulk of annual renewals occur during the months of October, November, and December. Many registrants do not sign the renewal form. **PLEASE**, sign the renewal form. In addition, renewals are often sent to this office. **PLEASE**, use the blue envelope included with your form whenever possible. The turn-around in creating a replacement pocket card is much more timely when you use the blue envelope, as your payment goes directly to the bank.

Please forward work and/or home address changes as they occur during the year. They must come in writing, but can arrive by email, fax or US Mail. Renewal information is delayed when your annual renewal is returned to this office and address options for reissuing it must be researched.

It is also important that you keep staff informed of email changes. We hope to send out this newsletter via email at some point in the future.

Susanna Knight  
Administrator

## Board Investigation Continues

**A** complaint originating in May of 2002 is headed to the Hearing Panel. After well over one year of discussions with the respondent, no closure has been negotiated. Scheduling of the hearing is currently underway by the Attorney General's office. Investigations are in process in two other cases and five cases are currently underway.

Two cases were closed at the September 2003 Board Meeting with no disciplinary action. A LETTER OF CONCERN was issued in closing both cases. A non-registrant, non-resident prepared geologic information for a County Hearing, but he had been accepted as an expert witness in the court proceedings surrounding the case. The Board alerted this person about regulation of the practice of geology in this state. An environmental scientist, who completed a report containing geology work, received a letter alerting him to the regulated arena of geology.

## Peterson Accepts Reappointment

**T**he Governor's office has announced the reappointment of Gary L. Peterson, RG, CEG, to a second term as a member of the State Board of Geologist Examiners. During his first tenure, Peterson served two times on the ASBOG Council of Examiners (COE) and also served as the delegate to the national ASBOG meeting in Biloxi, MS. Peterson is currently the Vice-Chair for the State Board. He serves as a member of the Joint Committee of the Geology and Engineering Boards and serves as a member of the COE for the Engineering Geology examination.

Peterson has been a Sr. Principal with Squier Associates, a 32-year-old Oregon firm. Recently Squier Associates merged with Kleinfelder, an employee-owned geotechnical and environmental firm with some 1,600 employees. Mr. Peterson is now geotechnical group manager and a principal with Squier | Kleinfelder, located in Beaverton, Oregon. The Board is honored that Mr. Peterson has agreed to serve for a second term. Peterson's term of appointment will expire 10/31/2006.

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## Welcome New Registrants!

The Oregon Board administered the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) examination in Salem on Friday, October 3, 2003.

On a national basis, 335 candidates completed the FG (fundamentals of geology) examination and 268 sat for the PG (practice of geology) examination. Oregon was one of twenty-five states administering the examination.

Of the 25 candidates in Oregon sitting for the FG exam, 15 passed for a 60% pass rate. The national pass rate was 59.7%. Of the 17 candidates in Oregon sitting for the PG exam, 14 passed for an 82% pass rate. The national pass rate for the PG was 74.6%.

Eleven new GITs were added to the State registration roster, five GITs became RGs and four new RGs were added to the roster. Congratulations to the following new registrants:

Clifford A. Baines	T2004
David Banton	G2005
Christopher W. Breemer	T2006
Kathryn Lee Castelli	T2018
William J. Burns	G1901
Janine M. Castro	G2007
Anthony M. Chakurian	T2008
David G. Coles	G2009
Kathryn A. Cross	T2010
Leslie Ann Driver-Rowe	T2011
Jennifer O. Garza	T2012
Rick L. Gates	G1912
Rachel A. Goldberg	T2013
Ian E. Hattie	G2014
Dan P. Higgins	T2015
Alan R. Hughes	G1928
Ericka Joy Koss	T2016
Michael J. Pickering	G1932
Taryn E. Sparacio	G1934
Robert E. Weir	T2017

The CEG examination was also administered on October 3, 2003. Three candidates sat for the exam with a pass rate of 66.6%. The Council of Examiners convened in Portland on November 20, 2003, to review

the exams. Congratulations to the two newest registrants qualified to practice as CEGs in Oregon:

Brooke K. Fiedorowicz	E1885
David G. Taylor	E1879

In addition, two registrants passed the Oregon Geology exam and joined the ranks of Oregon Registered Geologists by cooperative registration. Congratulations to:

Terry J. Crotwell	G2019
Ronald A. Schnabel	G2020

## Lapsed Licenses

Numerous licenses from the September to December 2003 renewal dates are currently in a lapsed status. If your name is listed below and you have a record of payment, please call the Board office. If your name is listed and your registration is not current, you are out of compliance. No one is to practice geology without an active license.

**Ackerman**, Anne; G1820; **Anderson**, Dale Y. G824; **Ball JR**, Emmett B., G719; **Barry**, Michael P., G1123; **Bekey**, Thomas J, E0048; **Braibish**, Thomas E., T1764; **Brooks**, David E., G1018; **Brown**, Donald J., E514; **Bush JR**, John H., G561; **Carson III**, Robert G, G1682; **Causey**, J. Douglas, G671; **Collins**, Thomas K., E673; **Cullochdasson**, William R., G1487; **Davis**, Ray H., E1593; **Davis**, Steven A., E1385; **DeSantis**, Michael K., T1911; **Easdson**, Michael, G243; **Feely**, Ralph C., E538; **Flynn**, James H., G1483; **Glore**, Charles R., E214; **Hook**, John W., G35; **Kent**, Richard C., E99; **Landers**, Ronald A., G190; **Leavitt**, Thomas D., T1889; **Livermore**, David G., G1174; **Long**, Philip E., G623; **Marshall**, Timothy B., G1164; **Merrill**, William R., G370; **Meyers**, Joseph D., E232; **Moore**, Zean R., G131; **Park**, Jinsuk C., G1861; **Portwood**, Barbara B., E877; **Reed**, Patricia L., T1773; **Roberts**, Timothy H., G1396; **Robinson**, James D., T1982; **Romer**, James R., G1491; **Schick**, James D., E1860; **Schmid**, Henry E., G632; **Smith**, Mackey, E383; **Thomas, JR**, J. Elliott, G343; **Throop**, Allen H., G817; **Trudell**, Steven A., G853; **Vargas**, John F., G1383; **Wheeler**, Thomas K., G766.

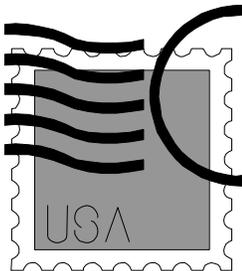
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### Reminder Notice



To avoid the Restoration Fee, your renewal must be post-marked by or before your renewal date. If your post-mark is after your annual renewal date *and* you fail to include the required Restoration Fee, there will be a delay in issuing your current registration card. The card will not be issued if the Restoration Fee is outstanding.

### 2004 Calendar of Upcoming Events

- March 4: National and Board Examinations  
Salem, Oregon
- March 11: Quarterly Board Meeting  
Sunset Center South; Salem, Oregon
- April 2-3: ASBOG Council of Examiners  
Columbia, South Carolina
- June 4: Oregon Geology Exam, Salem  
  
Cutoff Postmark for October National Exam
- June 7: Quarterly Board Meeting  
Location To Be Announced