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Next Board Meeting:

June 9, 2002

4:00 PM Board Work Session

June 10, 2002

9:00 AM Board Meeting

Shilo Inn Oceanfront, Seaside
Lobby Board Room

It's Official -- RG not RPG

During the 2001 legislative session, the Board sought to change the title for our registrants from *Registered Professional Geologist* to *Registered Geologist*. The statute contained mixed messages regarding the appropriate title. Staff received calls regularly regarding the appropriate title. After Legislative Counsel reviewed our statutes, they found three additional locations where the title was referenced and recommended updating those too.

January 1, 2002, was the effective date for the new title *Registered Geologist*. This title is now required on the stamp. You may access the new facsimile of the stamp at our website: www.osbge.org.

Now the question by those previously registered is: do I need to purchase a replacement stamp and business cards? The answer is: should your stamp wear out or be misplaced or lost, then you do need to order a stamp with the updated information. At this time you are not required to purchase a replacement stamp or business cards.

The Board is concerned about those registrants who contact the office years after they have become registered and inquire about the stamp. This means they have *not* had a stamp up to that time. The statute is quite clear about who is to obtain a stamp. ORS 672.605 states that "each registrant, upon issuance of a certificate, shall obtain a seal of the design authorized by the State Board of Geologist Examiners, bearing the registrant's name and the legend "registered geologist" or "certified specialty geologist". The language of the statute, "**shall** obtain a seal," is very clear. If you are a registrant of this Board and do not have a seal, you are in violation of the statute.

Certified Engineering Geologist Examination Changing

You might ask, "What forces drive change in an examination?" In the case of the Board's Certified Engineering Geology (CEG) examination, it was the opportunity to build a defensible test through the leadership of psychometricians in cooperation with the Washington Board.

Since last December, the Washington and Oregon Boards have been working together in the development of a new CEG examination. Volunteer CEG registrants have served many, many hours during the past five months to bring about the new examination. The volunteers have been under the leadership of two psychometricians, experts in developing defensible exams that test the state of the profession. Two major changes have occurred: the length and the format of the examination. Over the 20-plus years that the CEG examination has been written and administered here in Oregon, the examination had grown into an 8-hour examination with multi-formatted questions. Those included situational problems, short answer, true false, and multiple choice. Effective this fall, the examination will be a 100-point multiple-choice test with a 4-hour time limit.

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Meeting of the State Board of Geologist Examiners

The regular meeting of the Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners is set for Monday, June 10, 2002, at 9:00 AM. The Board work session will begin at 4:00 PM on Sunday, June 9, 2002. Both the Board meeting and the work session will be held in the Lobby Board Room at The Shilo Inn, 30 North Prom, Seaside, Oregon. During the meeting, the Board may consider law enforcement matters, financial reports, legislative activities, administration of examinations, examination appeals, and Administrative Rule review. Executive Session may be convened to consider confidential issues of the Board.

Meetings of the Board are open to the public. Parties interested in the regulation of registered professionals or the practices of geology and engineering geology are invited to attend. For additional information, please direct your questions regarding the meeting to the Board office.

Oregon Shines Again

The National Association of State Board of Geologists (ASBOG) recently released the results of the March 2002 examination. Oregon candidates continue to score at the top of the nation.

Five hundred and sixty-one candidates testing in 24 different states completed the Fundamental (FG) section of the examination. Twenty of those sat for the test here in Oregon. Four hundred twenty-seven sat for the Practice (PG) section of the examination across the country. Sixteen of those were Oregon candidates. On the national level, the pass rate for the FG examination was 59.5%; Oregon's pass rate was 80%. The pass rate for the PG on the national level was 70.5%; Oregon's pass rate was 100%. Three other states had a 100% pass rate on the PG examination: Kansas with one candidate; Maine with five candidates; Mississippi with two candidates. Nebraska was the only state with a 100% pass rate on the FG with all six candidates passing.

Call for Abstracts

The Groundwater Foundation is announcing its 2002 Fall Conference to be held at Valley River Inn, Eugene, Oregon. The conference theme is Groundwater: The Forgotten Element of Watershed. A CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS has been issued and information must be submitted by June 1, 2002. Information regarding the ABSTRACT SUBMISSION and general information about the conference can be found at www.groundwater.org. The conference dates are November 17-20, 2002.

CEG Exam *(continued from page 1)*

The other major change could be the fee for the examination. The Board has requested an increase from \$50.00 to \$200.00 (see Statement of Need and Fiscal Impact). This increase will help to defray the ongoing costs of examination development with the Washington Board. Although volunteer man-hours worked on the development, many costs have occurred in the development process.

The Board wishes to acknowledge and publicly thank the following CEG's who gave so many volunteer hours toward this new examination: Timothy Blackwood, Kevin Foster, George Freitag, J. Doug Gless, Christopher Humphrey, Bernie Kleutsch, Ken Maloney, Amy Pfeifer, Gunnar Schleider, David Scofield, and Ruth Wilmont.

Welcome New Registrants

Congratulations to the following individuals who have fulfilled all requirements for their Registered Geologist certification since our last newsletter and have an initial registration date as listed below:

Andersen, Richard L.	G1922	5/8/2002
Bergeron, Brent N.	G1959	5/8/2002
Bogar, Robert S.	G1960	5/8/2002
Braendle, James Patrick	G1910	4/8/2002
Dewey, Michael R.	G1902	5/8/2002
Dunkin, Joyce S	G1961	5/8/2002
Eckart, Jessica L.	G1943	5/8/2002
Field, James B	G1962	5/8/2002
Frederick, Jeffrey J.	G1867	5/8/2002
Meier, Daniel B.	G1967	5/8/2002
Miller, Robert D.	G1947	5/8/2002
Nashem, William D.	G1916	5/8/2002
Panek, Valerie A.	G1873	5/8/2002
Pattee, Charles T.	G1874	5/8/2002
Renda, John J.	G1876	5/8/2002
Schleh, Kevin Arthur	G1949	4/8/2002
Taylor, Stephen B.	G1968	5/8/2002
Uhlman, Kristine	G1950	4/8/2002

Congratulations to the following newly registered Geologist-in-Training:

Amann, Mary A	T1957	5/8/2002
Bartlett, Cindy D	T1958	5/8/2002
Finucane, Kevin G	T1963	5/8/2002
Gardner, Kenneth S	T1964	5/8/2002
Gomez Silva, Anthony J	T1965	5/8/2002
Hinkle, Jason C	T1966	5/8/2002
Janczak, Laura L.	T1971	5/8/2002
TerWeele, Eric A.	T1972	5/8/2002
White, Katherine M.	T1969	5/8/2002
Winkler, Michael J	T1970	5/8/2002

Washington State Licensing Deadline Approaches

June 30th marks the end of no-exam requirements for Washington state.

Since July 2001, people practicing geology or advertising geologist services in Washington state are required to get a license from the Department of Licensing. This includes geologists working for businesses, state and local governments, non-profit organizations, or those who are self-employed.

Through the end of June, people with a minimum of 5 years' experience in geology or geologist specialty field may apply for a Washington state geologist license without taking the national ASBOG exam or the state-specific engineering geologist and hydrogeologist specialty exams.

All completed applications must be postmarked by June 30, 2002, to the mailing address below. Applications also may be delivered in person to the DOL offices located at 405 Black Lake Boulevard in Olympia by Friday June 28. Please note that June 30 is a Sunday, and the office will be closed.

Complete applications must include:

- a) Application
- b) Application fees (first year initial license can be submitted at the same time)
- c) Sealed college transcripts or documentation of completion of educational equivalents
- d) Signed "Employment and Experience Verification" forms

Mail applications to:

Geologist Licensing Program
PO Box 9045
Olympia, WA 98507-9045

Knowledgeable Candidates Succeed

On March 15, the Board administered the Oregon Geology examination. A total of 15 candidates (one in Indiana) sat for the examination. This was one of the larger groups to date. All candidates passed the examination. Congratulations to those candidates for their successful effort.

The Oregon Geology Examination is again scheduled for June 7 at the Salem Board office. Five candidates are approved to sit for the test. Application packets for the next national examination scheduled for October 4, 2002, must be postmarked by July 1, 2002. The Oregon Geology Examination will be held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on the October date.

Statement of Need and Fiscal Impact

In the matter of the following:

Fees: OAR 809-010-0001(3)

Statutory Authority: ORS 182.466; ORS 670.310;
ORS 672.705

Statutes Implemented: ORS 672.705

Need for the Rule(s): The Board has contracted with the State of Washington Geology Board to jointly develop examination questions for the Certified Engineering Geology Examination. In addition to the costs associated with the development of the examination questions, the Board has contracted for cut score training. Also, a committee of Washington and Oregon Board members will meet annually to review and evaluate the examination questions. All of these activities, designed to create a stronger and more defensible examination, require dollars.

Documents Relied Upon: Contract charges from DOJ; contract charges from psychometricians for cut-score training; reimbursement forms for ten volunteers and two Board Members who participated in the development of the examination questions; reimbursement for staff to attend training in content and setup of the examination; word processing program for examination; post-examination scoring processed off site.

Fiscal and Economic Impact: Candidates applying for the examination will incur an economic impact due to the increased fee for the examination. The examination fee will be equivalent to Washington's Certified Engineering Geology fee.

Administrative Rule Advisory Committee Consulted?

No. This fee increase is the direct result of increased costs associated with providing this regulatory examination. The Board's decision to pursue this examination's rewrite has driven the fee increase.



North Coast Residents:

Please note that the Board will hold its quarterly meeting in Seaside on June 10th. You are encouraged to attend. Meetings are open to the public. See related article on page 2.

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Lapsed Licenses

The registration of the following individuals lapsed during the first quarter of 2002.

Arendt, Jack, G1304
Baca, Brian R., E1300
Berger, Richard J., G1107
Braam, Pieter H.M., G1418
Danovich, Teresa M., E1308
Jones, David L., G1629
Moore, Susan B., G1296
Peter, Timothy J., G1319
Wilson, Doyle C., G1095

If your name appears above and you *did* renew, please contact the Board office. Board staff will seek your assistance to research the error. If you wish to activate your registration, forward your renewal form with any address corrections, renewal fee, and the Restoration Fee. Remember: If you are publicly practicing geology in this state, you must maintain a current registration. **This newsletter will be the last communication from the Board** should you choose not to renew.

2002 Calendar of Upcoming Events

- June 7: Oregon Geology Exam
The Association Center, Salem
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
- June 9: Board Work Session,
Shilo Inn Oceanfront, Seaside
Lobby Board Room -- 4:00 PM
- June 10: Board Meeting
Shilo Inn Oceanfront, Seaside
Lobby Board Room -- 9:00 AM
- July 1: Application Cut-off for October 4th Exam
- Sept. 10: Governor's New Board Member Training
Salem
- Sept. 11: Board Meeting
The Association Center, Salem
- Oct. 4: National Geology, Oregon Geology, and
Certified Engineering Geology Exams
- Nov. 4 - 10: National Meeting of State Boards of Geologist
Examiners, Biloxi, Mississippi
- Nov. 6 & 7: Council of Examiners Workshop
Biloxi, Mississippi