

## **April 27, 2005 - Message from the Director**

The agency's budget has passed to the full Joint Ways and Means Committee with a due pass recommendation. Talk about combining our agency with the Board of Accountancy has ended. The Committee was able to see the value of having both agencies. They recognized the work each agency does is very different and the protections they provide Oregonians necessary. The agency's budget is very similar to the 2003-2005 budget. There were no fee increases proposed. The Board will continue to look for efficiencies to contain its expenditures, eliminating the need for an increase in license fees. The Board and its staff are committed to continually evaluating how we operate, to check our effectiveness and to insure efficiencies.

Renewals for consultants are taking place now. I would encourage all consultants to send your renewals in early. If you need additional continuing education, please look at the website for a listing of board approved correspondence courses. The link to the approved list is:  
[www.Oregon.gov/otpb/docs/Forms/2004\\_2005\\_CE\\_Course\\_Approvals.pdf](http://www.Oregon.gov/otpb/docs/Forms/2004_2005_CE_Course_Approvals.pdf).