

**OREGON REAL ESTATE AGENCY
COMMISSIONER'S BULLETIN
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What's new at the Oregon Real Estate Agency?

TEMPORARY ADVERTISING RULE

Temporary rule OAR 863-015-0125, effective January 18, 2008 through July 16, 2008, has been filed. Significant changes were recommended by the licensing/brokerage rule review work group. The full text of the rule is on the Agency's website at www.rea.state.or.us.

REA BOARD NEWS

Troy Costales of Keizer, one of the two public members on the Board, was reappointed by the Governor for a four-year term effective January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2011. Mike Graeper and Troy Costales, were re-elected chair and vice-chair respectively for calendar year 2008.

SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION SET FOR FEBRUARY 2008

The agency will not present any legislative concepts for the special session scheduled for February 4-29, 2008. State agency concepts to be considered for the 2009 session are due in early April.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD JANUARY 14

The Real Estate Board met January 14, 2008, to review and discuss (1) the proposed temporary advertising rule and (2) proposed legislative concepts developed by the various rule review work groups for the 2009 regular Legislative Session.

PSI EXAM MODEL DISCUSSION

PSI (the agency's current broker examination provider) met with agency staff and representatives from the joint Real Estate Board/OAR education work group on January 8 to discuss the various types of exam models available. This work group is exploring different methods of testing the knowledge of applicant.

WORK CONTINUES ON AGENCY RULE REVIEW

The draft rules resulting from the licensing/brokerage rule review work group were sent to the work group and the larger advisory committee January 18, 2008, with instructions on how to submit comments to the agency electronically via "Survey Monkey." The agency will consider the comments submitted and may reconvene the rule review work group to "fine tune" the proposed changes to the Division 15 licensing rules.

A subgroup of the licensing and property management rule review work groups met January 17 to discuss issues of mutual concern to reach agreement on how to handle the issues in rule.

The background check work group has completed draft rules to implement 2005 House Bill 2157. The draft will be presented to the Real Estate Board at their February 4 meeting to approve for public hearing.

The escrow rule review work group will hold their first meeting January 25 to begin a complete review of the administrative rules in OAR Chapter 863, Division 50. The agenda is posted at www.rea.state.or.us. The work group members are Alan Brickley (First American Title Insurance), Darlene Allman (Ameri-Title), Peggy Neikirk (LandAmerica Commercial Services), Renee Grace (Mid-Columbia Title), Billie Epperson (First American Title Insurance), Jay Dobson (First American Title Insurance), Patricia Ihnat (Fidelity National Title Company of Oregon), Cleve Abbe (LandAmerica Title Insurance), Susan Reiman (LandAmerica Title Insurance), George Slape (Western Title & Escrow Company), and Yvonne Clifford (Pacific Northwest Title).

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