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

NEW REGULATION DIVISION MANAGER

Selina Barnes was selected as the new Regulations Manager and has taken over those duties. Ms. Barnes joined the agency in December 2002 as an investigator and was promoted to the Licensing Division Manager position two years later. Prior to that, she served more than eight years with the Salem Police Department, including four years as a detective conducting complex, multi-jurisdictional investigations, and managed the Regional Investigator Program for the Construction Contractors Board. During recruitment for a new Licensing Manager, Laurie Hall will serve as the interim manager. Ms. Hall has been with the Agency since July 2007 and will also continue her duties reviewing criminal background checks for license applicants.

EDUCATION DIVISION

Agency staff members Gae Lynne Cooper, Judi Parker and Danette Rozell have joined Mesheal Heyman in the newly re-established Education Division. The Division develops educational guidelines and license exams, approves pre-license and post-license schools, and produces books and brochures. It will be responsible for finding ways of providing educational opportunities to real estate licensees, including compliance reviews, in an efficient, cost-effective manner. In addition, it will evaluate the educational needs of the staff and provide training that will improve customer service and consistency of information provided to licensees.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT THE OREA

Licensing Division Manager. Interested in bringing your management and supervisory skills along with your industry knowledge to the Real Estate Agency? The licensing division manager oversees the Agency's licensing functions, researches and evaluates legislation and administrative rules, and implements program changes to comply with laws and rules. This recruitment is currently open. Refer to the Agency website for the announcement for a more detailed description and minimum qualifications of the position. **Financial Investigator 1 (Two positions).** Looking for an opportunity to put your real estate experience to use as an investigator with the Real Estate Agency? These positions are in the Regulation Division which is responsible for enforcing the OREA laws and administrative rules to the regulated activities of licensees. The announcement is open and contains further information on qualifying requirements. Both of these recruitment announcements can be accessed from our website, www.rea.state.or.us and clicking on "Job Announcements."

BOARD MEETING INFORMATION

The Real Estate Board voted at their June 2 meeting to hold their August 4 meeting in the Boardman/Hermiston area. The Columbia Basin Board of Realtors will host. The Agency presented its proposed 2009-11 budget policy packages to the Board at a special teleconference meeting on June 23. Watch the Agency's website, www.rea.state.or.us, for the August 4 meeting agenda.

BOARD APPROVAL OF PERMANENT RULES

The Real Estate Board approved the permanent rule for advertising (OAR 863-015-0125) and the new rules defining the criminal background check process for license applicants. There were no changes in the language of the temporary advertising rule, so the permanent rule continues the requirements that have been in place since January 18. The rules will be effective July 1 and the complete text of all the rules will be posted to our website, www.rea.state.or.us.

E-MAIL RULEMAKING NOTIFICATION AVAILABLE

The Agency encourages anyone interested in receiving information on administrative rule changes to notify us. We have both regular mail and e-mail notification methods available. Simply send an e-mail to luann.p.rahmig@state.or.us to be placed on the mailing list.

SHARE THIS BULLETIN

The Agency is working on a plan to increase the distribution of this monthly bulletin. Presently, the Commissioner's Bulletin is being e-mailed to all OAR board and association executive officers and presidents, as well as other "interested parties." We encourage recipients to share the information contained in the bulletin with their colleagues.

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Oregon Real Estate Agency