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○○○○○○○ NEXT BOARD MEETING June 11, 1999

The Association Center Building, Conference Room A
Rulemaking Hearing to Convene at 1:00 PM
Board Meeting to Follow

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COMPLIANCE ISSUES

The Board is currently looking into the following issues: a registrant *actively* practicing on an *inactive* license; a GIT performing Geologist work; a registrant stamping work compiled by another registrant. Follow-up information will be printed in future newsletters.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES HEARING

The Board will hold an Administrative Rules Hearing in order to set the budget for the 1999-2001 biennium. This process was authorized under the *semi-independent* pilot program in which the Geologist Examiners Board is participating. In addition to setting the budget, the Board will adopt a new fee schedule. All registrants received information about both the budget and fee changes. As licensees, you are encouraged to participate in the Rulemaking Process. If you are unable to attend, written comments may be submitted to the Board office by June 1, 1999.

Thank You to Candidates

The Board wishes to thank those who offered their name or the name of others to serve as candidates for the Registered Professional Geologist board position vacated by the resignation of Dr. Lanny Fisk, RPG. Of particular significance was each candidate's interest in protecting the citizens and resources of the state of Oregon from unprofessional geologic practices. The Board encourages you to consider future vacancies.

BOARD HIRES STAFF

Susanna R. Knight has been hired to carry out the daily work of the Board. Knight is quite familiar with Board work, and in particular, work of the Geologist Examiners Board. Knight first came to OSBGE in February of 1994 for a six-month period. She left to return to the classroom, but subsequently returned in January of 1995. She remained with the Board staff until December of 1997 when she moved to an Administrative Assistant position with the State Board of Massage Technicians.

Knight graduated from Concordia Teacher's College, River Forest, Illinois, in 1968 with a BA in Elementary Education. Following a teaching stint in both McMinnville and Dayton, she moved with her family to Seward, Nebraska. For the next eleven years, she was the proprietor of a consignment-clothing store. Returning to Oregon in 1989, she began her career with the State of Oregon. In addition to positions previously mentioned, she has worked with Adult & Family Services, Oregon State University, Office of the State Fire Marshal, and the Board for Public Safety, Standards and Training.

Knight resides in Monmouth where her husband serves on the faculty at Western Oregon University. Knight enjoys reading, traveling, camping, quilting, gardening, and baking pies. Attending athletic competitions fills any other remaining time, and in the spring, you will find her officiating the men and women's pole vault for WOU. She serves on the Park Board for the City of Monmouth and also chairs the Fellowship Committee and serves on the Social Ministry Committee for her church. She has two grown children, and is thrilled to become a mother-in-law on June 11th!

Knight thrives on variety, and a one-person office is certainly variety! She is excited to be "on board" with OSBGE. Contact Knight at the Board office if there are issues for which you need assistance.

GEOLOGY BOARD MEMBERS:

Dorian Kuper, CEG, Chair; Audrey Eldridge, RPG; Charles Hester, CPA, Public Member; Donald A. Hull, RPG, State Geologist; Michael Thomas Long, CEG; William Orr, PhD, RPG. **BOARD OFFICE:** 707 13th Street SE, Suite 275, Salem OR 97301
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BOARD MEMBER INFORMATION

GOVERNOR APPOINTS TWO NEW MEMBERS

ORR ELECTED IN FIRST EVER BALLOT PROCEDURE

Following the election last November, the final ballot was submitted to the Governor's office. The Governor appointed Dr. William N. Orr, RPG, to the unexpired three-year term vacated by Dr. Lanny Fisk. Orr's appointment, to fill the remaining time of Fisk's appointment, began 1/25/99 and ends 11/17/99. Orr has been a Registered Geologist with the Board since 1978. Orr is the father of two grown daughters and resides in Scotts Mills with his wife Elizabeth. In addition to publishing many articles during his tenure as a professor at the University of Oregon, Orr and his wife have authored six books on Oregon geology. Orr has been appointed as the Board's representative to the *Council of Examiners*, the group that works with the development of the Association of State Boards of Geology's National Examination. Orr attended his first workshop in Salt Lake City April 16 & 17. Besides his enthusiasm, Orr brings tremendous knowledge of Pacific Northwest geology to his service on the Board.

HESTER APPOINTED TO THREE-YEAR TERM

Charles W. Hester, CPA, has been appointed to a three-year term as the Public Member of the Board beginning January 25, 1999, and ending January 24, 2002. The Board indeed welcomes Hester's accounting expertise as it moves into the second biennium of the pilot program as a semi-independent state agency. Hester is excited to have this opportunity for public service. He currently works as an audit consultant around the world having retired from a Western District Audit Manager position with The Federal Emergency Management Agency. He has actively served in professional societies related to his accounting field, so stepping into the geology realm is a new adventure. Hester resides in Salem with his wife Betty. They have one grown son. Hester serves as the Compliance Officer for the Board.

TWO CEG BOARD POSITIONS TO BE AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 1999

It is time to begin the process for electing two new Board Members. The term for **Dorian E. Kuper**, CEG and current Chairperson of the Board, expires November 17, 1999. Kuper is with David Newton and Associates, Portland. She was appointed to her first term in November of 1993 and was reappointed to a second three-year term in November of 1996. She has been instrumental in leading the Board through these changing times. In addition to serving as the chair for the past year, she has teamed up with fellow Board Member **Michael T. Long**, CEG, to give leadership to the CEG examination process. Long was employed with Willamette National Forest when first appointed to the Board in November of 1993. He recently accepted a position with the Geo-Hydro Department of the Oregon Department of Transportation, Salem. Long's second term also expires November 17, 1999. Long served as chairperson of the Board for the calendar year 1998. **If you are interested in filling a CEG position on the Board or would like to nominate someone, please call the Board office for additional information.**

BOARD TO BID FAREWELL SOON

Don Hull, State Geologist gave notification to the Governor early this year that he will be leaving his position at the close of this Legislative Session. The application cutoff date for the State Geologist position was May 14. Hull came to the State Geologist position in January of 1978 following a 3-year stint with the DOGAMI office in Baker City. Hull completed his undergraduate degree work at the University of Idaho, his MS program at McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, and his Ph.D. at the University of Nevada, Reno. A varied and interesting work history preceded his appointment to the State Geologist position. He is looking forward to "trying something new" upon his departure. The State Geologist is an ex-officio member of OSBGE. Hull has been a member of OSBGE since its inception. He has been the cornerstone in the development of OSBGE policies and procedures. Letters of congratulations are encouraged and should be sent to Donald A. Hull, DOGAMI (Department of Geology and Mineral Industries), Portland State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon Street #28, STE 965, Portland, Oregon 97232.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR THE OREGON STATE BOARD OF GEOLOGIST EXAMINERS

The Board (OSBGE) was established by the 1977 Legislature and was originally administered under the umbrella of the Department of Commerce. Staff that provided services to a number of other regulatory boards carried out the functions of the agency. In 1987, the Department of Commerce was dissolved and OSBGE received administrative services through an interagency agreement with the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying (OSBEELS). Until January 1, 1999, OSBGE had no employees. OSBEELS' staff that consisted of 6 persons as follows handled the workload: an Executive Secretary, an Office Manager, 3 Registration Specialist, and 1 Support Services Specialist. Beginning in January of 1999, OSBGE hired a full time administrative assistant to handle all activities of the Board. All property of the Board was moved from the Hawthorne Street location in Salem to the Association Center, Salem.

During the Board's first year, the license of registrants meeting statutory requirements was grandfathered. After that year, an examination became the required ticket for licensing with the Board. Until 1997, the Board members wrote the licensing examination for Registered Professional Geologists (RPG). In the Spring of 1997, the Board began using the national examination prepared by the Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG). This examination is now also the basis for licensing if an applicant is applying from out of state. Upon completing a baccalaureate program, Geology majors may take the fundamental portion of the Geologist examination. Upon passing, they become *Geologist-in-Training* (GIT). After meeting the experience requirement, they may sit for the practice portion of the ASBOG examination to become an RPG. Oregon is one of only two states that also offers a Certified Engineering Geologist (CEG) specialty. The CEG examination continues to be authored by the Board. In addition to being an RPG, experience working with engineering geology is a prerequisite to sit for the CEG examination.

The mission of the Board is to regulate the practices of geology and engineering geology in the State of Oregon as they relate to the welfare of the public in safeguarding life, health, and property. The public is best protected if the Board ensures that: 1) only individuals fully qualified by education, experience, and examination are granted the privilege by license to practice in Oregon; 2) relevant laws and rules are regularly reviewed, with needed revisions promulgated expeditiously; 3) enforcement of regulatory laws and rules is pursued vigorously and impartially; and 4) information regarding the Board's goals and activities are effectively disseminated to licensees and the public.

The Board consists of 6 members with appointments confirmed by the Governor. Of the six members, one is the State Geologist, one is a public member, and four are professionals licensed with the Board. Each Board member receives a small stipend for attending meetings and is reimbursed for actual expenses related to Board activities. In addition, the Board operates through committees comprised of volunteers. The committees have developed guidelines for site specific hazard reports and guidelines for engineering geology reports. Registrants are encouraged to volunteer their name to serve on Board committees.

As a result of Legislation during the 1997 session, OSBGE is in a 4-year pilot program currently referred to as a *semi-independent* state agency. This program exempts the Board from the regulations of the Department of Administrative Services. As a semi-independent state agency, the registrants, through the Rulemaking Hearing process, set the biennial budget. The purpose of the pilot program is to determine if an agency under this status can operate more efficiently and effectively. The Board is dedicated to proving an affirmative outcome through this pilot program. Additional Legislation affecting this semi-independent process is pending during the 1999 Legislative Session.

HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP!

PLEASE HELP US FIND THE FOLLOWING **GIT REGISTRANTS**. CURRENT RULES REQUIRE THAT THEY BE IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE BOARD. PENDING RULE CHANGES REQUIRE THAT THEY MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE BOARD OFFICE ON A YEARLY BASIS. THEY ARE REGISTERED AS GEOLOGISTS-IN-TRAINING BUT DO NOT HAVE A CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS IN OUR SYSTEM:

Anderson, Robert Lowell; **Bell**, Rochelle B; **Boge**, Wendy S; **Booker**, Nathan H; **Dilbert**, Clifford A; **Dill**, Earl W; **Dolan**, David Walter; **Dorion**, Kristel Alexia; **Durham**, Fritz Edwin; **Goodell**, Andrew Valentine; **Growney**, Lawrence P.; **Himes**, Dorinda S; **Kazmierczak**, Russell A; **Landeche**, Lori Marie; **Mortyn**, P. Graham; **Radcliff**, Gerald Eugene JR; **Watts**, Christopher F.

CORRECT ADDRESS ALSO NEEDED FOR THESE REGISTRANTS

Artim, Ernest R; **Black**, Janette Y; **Chaney**, Richard L; **Cofer**, Charles R; **Fischbein**, Steven A; **Hull**, CD; **Lielausis**, Cathy L; **Maloney**, Ken James; **Moresco**, Raymond L; **Owen**, Clark H; **Peter**, Timothy J; **Roberts**, Larry E; **Rogers**, David K; **Springer**, James E; **Trewartha**, Mark A; **Van Vickle**, Robert A; **Wiebe**, Karl H; **Yound**, Richard A.

Do you know any of these names? If so, please contact the Board office so we can forward critical information to them!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 10** 6:00 PM, Board Work Session, Salem
- June 11** 8:30 AM, Board Work Session, Association Center, Conference Room A
- June 11** 1:00 PM, Rules Hearing on 1999-2001 Budget and New Fee Schedule
- June 11** Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Board directly following the Rules Hearing
- July 1, 1999** Cutoff date for applications for September 17 examinations
- August 2, 1999** Nominations due in office for two Board positions
- September Board Meeting** *date and location to be announced*
- September 17** ASBOG Examination and Oregon CEG Examination



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