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New Leadership Elected for Board

During the Board's May 2021 meeting, Dr. Sean St.Clair, PE was elected to serve as the Board President, effective July 1, 2021. Tim Fassbender, PLS, CWRE, was elected to serve as the Board's Vice President. The nominations were held as a result of the previous Board President and Vice President leadership terms ending on June 30, 2021.

St.Clair joined the Board during the spring of 2017. Prior to becoming Board President, he served as the Board's Vice President from 2019-2021. St.Clair also chaired the Examinations & Qualifications Committee and served on the Joint Compliance Committee with the Geology Board of Examiners, Legislative Committee, Rules & Regulations Committee, and Professional Practices Committee.

St.Clair moved to Oregon in 2004 from Georgia where he was an instructor at the Georgia Institute of Technology and worked as a Structural Designer for Starzer, Brady, Fagan Associates. Currently he is a professor within the Civil Engineering Department at Oregon Tech, and was previously was the Department Chair for ten years.

St.Clair has spent time as a member of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying's (NCEES) Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) Exam Development Committee, FE Content Review Study Committee, and has authored sections of the FE Reference Handbook for NCEES. He is also currently a member of the NCEES Education Committee.

Vice President-elect, Fassbender joined the Board during the summer of 2019. During his time with the Board, Fassbender has chaired the Professional Practice Committee and the Legislative Committee and served on the Law Enforcement Committee, Rules & Regulations Committee, and the Oregon-Specific Exams Task Force.

Very active in his profession, Fassbender is the Chair of the Professional Land Surveyors of Oregon, a position he has held on four (4) separate occasions. He has also been awarded the "Surveyor of the Year" award two (2) times, in 1992 and 2019, by the organization. Recently retired, Fassbender was previously the City Surveyor for the City of Eugene.



Sean St.Clair



Tim Fassbender

A graduate of Oregon Tech, he initially gained employment with Orville Caswell in Eugene, OR before transitioning to a position with the Lane County Surveyor's office. After serving 10 years with the Surveyor's office, Fassbender returned to the private sector to form the firm of Ford-Ness-Fassbender. Following his partnership with Ford-Ness-Fassbender, Fassbender was hired by the City of Eugene as the City Surveyor, a position he held for over 19 years.

The OSBEELS would like to thank former President, Daren Cone, PE, PLS, for his excellent leadership. He will be continuing to serve as a valuable Board member.

Reflecting back on his term as Board President, Cone said, "I am excited that the OSBEELS will soon be launching a new database system to modernize the licensing and renewal processes and I would like to give praise to the staff at OSBEELS for keeping the core business functions of the agency going during the uncertain times of the COVID-19 pandemic."

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Mission

The mission of the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering & Land Surveying (OSBEELS) is to regulate the practice of engineering, land surveying, photogrammetric mapping, and water right certification in the state as they relate to the welfare of the public in safeguarding life, health and property.



Administrator's Corner

Well, it appears as though we've made it through the pandemic. As of June 30th, the statewide mask mandate is a thing of the past and we are all able to begin transitioning to whatever the new normal will be. Even with the end of the mask mandate, many state agencies, including OSBEELS, will remain closed to the public until September 1st, 2021. Of course, you can always call or email us if you need assistance.

For the last couple of Examiners, you've been receiving updates on our new system, MyOSBEELS, that we had hoped to launch in the first half of 2021. Unfortunately, this project has been delayed by a number of items (like many things during the past 16 months) such as the pandemic, severe weather interruptions, reduced resource availability and employee turnover. These

events have caused us to push our launch date into later this summer to early fall. While we all know that anytime a new system is launched there are bound to be unforeseen issues, we want to make sure you know that we are taking plenty of time to test the system before we launch to minimize those issues.

So rest assured we are continuing to work very hard to get this new system up and running to better serve you! Keep an eye out for announcements in the coming weeks regarding an official launch date and additional information about the new online system.

Oregon TECH

Oregon Tech Geomatics Program Receives NCEES Award for Fifth Consecutive Year

Each year, with the exception of 2020 due to the pandemic, the NCEES issues annual awards to recognized programs that best reflect the organization's mission to advance licensure for surveyors in order to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

In June, the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) announced the recipients of the 2021 Surveying Education Award. For the fifth year in a row, Oregon Tech's Geomatics program was among the recipients.

Oregon Tech was one of seven college programs from across the country to receive the annual award, and the only program representing the Northwest.

In addition to the award, the NCEES also donated \$10,000 to Oregon Tech to assist with the program's continued efforts to promote the value of licensure in the land surveying profession. The award committee selected the University of Maine School of Engineering Technology program to receive this year's grand prize.

Located in Klamath Falls, Oregon Tech's Geomatics program offers students four-year degrees in Surveying and Geographic Information Systems. While completing their coursework, students in the Geomatics program are able to gain valuable land surveying experience through hands-on fieldwork that prepares them for employment and licensure as professional land surveyors.

MyOSBEELS

Coming Soon

The OSBEELS is excited to announce the upcoming launch of the agency's new, online application and licensing system – MyOSBEELS.

The system will have a significant positive impact on how the OSBEELS interacts with members of the public, applicants, and licensed professionals in a more efficient manner with paperless processes, secure online payments, and automated functions.

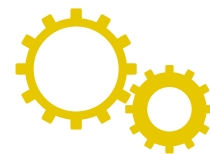
In the coming weeks, as the launch nears, keep an eye out for direct communications from the OSBEELS via email and on the Board website sharing more details about enrolling in the new system and other impactful changes to our current processes.



*Online Registrant Portal accessible via
computer, phone, and tablet*



*Secure Online
Payments*



*Enhanced Licensee
Data tools*



RE:imagine

2021 OSBEELS Symposium

Join OSBEELS for our annual Symposium!

Like last year we'll be fully virtual and offering two days of educational and inspiring sessions. You'll have the opportunity to earn up to 14 PDHs!

Re:imagine Oregon's engineering and surveying future with exciting presentations featuring a wide array of topics and interests.

Register by August 15 for the early registration promotional rate of \$75! So don't delay, mark your calendars and get ready for the 2021 OSBEELS Symposium - Re:imagine!

September 23 & 24
\$100
Up to 14 PDHs



Register now using the QR code above or follow the link to the registration page: <https://rb.gy/ietpkf>

Symposium Schedule

Time	Thursday September 23
08:30 - 09:00 a.m.	Welcome & Intro
09:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Hayward Field - A Transformative Structure Brian Dickson, SE / Magnusson Klemencic Associates
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Hillsboro's Microhydropower Energy Project Eric Hielema, PE / City of Hillsboro - Gregg Semler / InPipe Energy
11:00 - 12:00 p.m.	Cadastral Surveying Program & the Implementation of the Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act Mary Hartel / Bureau of Land Management, Oregon State Office
12:00 - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch Break
12:30 - 01:30 p.m.	SOFI Stadium Deering Volkman, PE, QSD, LLED AP / David Evans and Associates, Inc.
01:30 - 02:30 p.m.	Surveying, "A Great Public Calamity?" Leonard Rydell, PE, PLS, WRE
02:30 - 03:30 p.m.	The Structural Evolution of North Salem High School Travis Smith, SE / KPFF
03:30 - 04:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks
Time	Friday September 24
08:30 - 09:00 a.m.	Welcome & Intro
09:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Astoria Waterfront Bridges Replacement Project Cindy Moore, PE / City of Astoria - Jeff Parker, PE / DOWL
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Districts Projects and the Corps of Engineers' National Landscape Mike Turaski, Matt Hanson, Salina Hart, Kellen Shide / US Army Corps of Engineers
11:00 - 12:00 p.m.	PDX Next Brian Freeman, PE, LEED AP / Port of Portland
12:00 - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch Break
12:30 - 01:30 p.m.	Developing Master Planned Communities Li Alligood, AICP, LEED AP / OTAK - Mike Spelts, PLS / OTAK - Laura Standridge, PE / Standridge Inc. - Mark Mayer, PLS / City of Beaverton
01:30 - 02:30 p.m.	Engineering Behind Failure Analysis Mark Taylor, Ph.D., PE / Lysin Metallurgical Service, LLC
02:30 - 03:30 p.m.	Fish Passage and Aquatic Habitat Reconnection Melanie Klym, RG, PE, ENV SP / GeoEngineers, Inc.
03:30 - 04:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks

More information and updates at:
oregon.gov/osbeels/aboutus/Pages/2021-Symposium.aspx



Board Bids Farewell to Board Member Jason Kent

The Board would like to thank Jason Kent, PE, for his eight (8) years of service on the Board. First appointed in the fall of 2013, during his time with the Board, Kent served as the President of the Board from 2015-2017 and Chaired the Law Enforcement Committee in recent years. In addition to his Board leadership roles, Kent served on the Examinations and Qualifications and Rules and Regulations Committees, as well as the Digital Signatures Task Force and the Joint Compliance Committee with the Oregon Board of Geologist Examiners. Further, he's also served as a Board representative on several committees with the National Council of Examiners for Engineering & Surveying (NCEES).

Currently, Kent is a water resources engineer who serves as a Senior Consultant with Kleinschmidt Associates. Possessing over 20 years of experience in water resource engineering and as a project manager, he has conducted water resources projects in Oregon, the western United States, and Europe involving stream restoration, fish passage and deterrence, dam removal, fish habitat analysis, flood hazard mapping, and bridge and culvert design.

Kent is also a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, where he has been active in his local chapter and the Environmental & Water Resources Institute. He is also actively licensed in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Washington, Idaho, and Alaska.

Reflecting on his time with the Board Kent said, "the most impactful action the Board took during my tenure was the retooling of the registration statutes and rules in 2015



and 2016, particularly SB 297 that simplified the registration rules and matched them with the updated NCEES testing procedures for FE, PE, FLS, and PLS examinations. The result is a registration process that is much easier to understand and follow".

With his time on the Board behind him, Kent is looking forward to traveling more with his family post-pandemic and plans on remaining active as a professional engineer and helping advance the visibility of the profession in Oregon.

"Jason Kent has been an invaluable member of the OSBEELS Board. He has provided tremendous leadership, and has been a model of what an active and

passionate board member should be. We will greatly miss his contributions." Said Board Administrator, Jason Barbee.

The Board and OSBEELS staff would like to thank Jason Kent for his dedication to improving the engineering, land surveying, and photogrammetric mapping professions and wish him the best in future endeavors.

Law Enforcement Cases

The following list contains law enforcement cases that resulted in disciplinary actions and became finalized.

X0083 – Ravinder Maniktala

The Board issued a Final Order against Ravinder Maniktala, PE, assessing a \$250 civil penalty for failing to immediately notify the Board office of license discipline received in another jurisdiction, violating former Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 820-020-0045(4) (2006). 657 days elapsed from the time the final order from the other jurisdiction was issued and when Mr. Maniktala reported it to the Board office.

X0084 – Jose Parada

The Board issued a Final Order against Jose Parada, PE, assessing a \$250 civil penalty for failing to immediately notify the Board office of license discipline received in another jurisdiction, violating former Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 820-020-0045(4) (2006). 665 days elapsed

from the time the final order from the other jurisdiction was issued and when Mr. Parada reported it to the Board office.

X0086 – Ira Martin

The Board issued a Final Order against Ira Martin assessing a \$2,000 civil penalty for violation of Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 672.020(1), practicing professional engineering without a license, and OAR 820-020-0025(1), obligation to act in a truthful manner. In January 2021, Mr. Martin created and stamped engineering drawings, which are considered professional work, for a residential structure. Mr. Martin provided the stamped plans to a client, who in turn submitted the stamped plans to the local Building Codes Division. Within the submitted plans, Mr. Martin stamped four separate pages with his seal bearing an invalid expiration date of “10/21.” Because

Mr. Martin’s license was and is currently delinquent, he was not licensed to practice in Oregon at the time of the project. Additionally, because he provided a false expiration date within his applied stamp, Mr. Martin was not truthful in a professional report, violating OAR 820-020-0025(1).

X0089 – Guy Nelson

The Board issued a Final Order against Guy Nelson, PE, assessing a \$500 civil penalty for failing to immediately notify the Board office of license discipline received in another jurisdiction, violating former Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 820-020-0045(4) (2006). Approximately five (5) years and three (3) months elapsed from the time the final order from the other jurisdiction was issued and when Mr. Nelson reported it to the Board office.

2021 Certified Water Rights Examiners Workshops

Offered to current and future Water Rights Examiners 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at your choice of the following locations:

LaGrande	Tuesday, October 5	La Grande Armory
Bend	Thursday, October 7	McMenamins Old St. Francis School
Roseburg	Friday, October 8	Roseburg Armory (New location)
Salem #1	Wednesday, October 13	Chemeketa Center for Business & Industry
Salem #2	Thursday, October 14	Chemeketa Center for Business & Industry

You do not need to be a Certified Water Right Examiner (CWRE) to attend. Consultants and those studying for the CWRE examination are welcome.

Why You Should Attend This Workshop:

Water Resources Department staff will provide information to help CWRE’s complete Claims of Beneficial Use and transfer applications. In addition, staff will provide updates on legislation, rules and budget.

Registration packets will be mailed in July to all current CWRE’s. Deadline for registration will be **September 1, 2021**. If you have questions, please contact Leona Albin at **(503) 986-0818** or by email: leona.m.albin@oregon.gov

Board Seeking to Fill Vacancy

The OSBEELS is excited to announce that we are currently seeking to fill one (1) vacant position on the Board! We are looking to fill the vacant position with a diverse candidate who is a registered professional engineer.

As a Board member, you will have the opportunity to work alongside public and professional members, and agency staff, to license individuals, address questions from the professional community, and uphold the Board’s mission to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public.

Interested in learning more about the application process and prerequisites? Visit the state boards and commissions’ website. oregon.gov/gov/admin/Pages/Boards-and-Commissions.aspx.

If you are interested in applying or learning more about becoming an OSBEELS board member, please contact Board Administrator, Jason Barbee, at Jason.Barbee@oregon.gov.



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The print version of *The Oregon Examiner* is being phased out as the new MyOSBEELS system comes online. Stay tuned for updates via the Board website: oregon.gov/osbeels

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