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## Next Board Meeting:

September 14, 2006

1:00 PM

Sunset Center South  
Conference Room  
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## Board Solidifies Legislative Issues for 2006

The first step in changing the law is to determine if any part of the law needs revising. As the Board applies the law on a day-to-day basis, they recognize stumbling blocks in the current language. The Board's November 10, 2005, Work Session held in Ashland, Oregon, focused on statutory issues of concern to the Board. During that Work Session, the Board concluded that it is time to revise information about the complaint process and the Board's disciplinary authority in the Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS). The Board again discussed possible concepts at the March 9, 2006, Board Meeting.

Changing the law begins with preparing a Legislative Concept. Legislative Concepts for the 74th Legislative Session, which will convene early in 2007, must be submitted early in the preceding year. Once a draft is complete, the Board has one opportunity to offer revisions to a draft concept. The Board reviewed the initial draft for 2007 at the June 2, 2006, Board meeting. Following that meeting, additional revisions were submitted to Legislative Counsel, the agency charged with drafting changes to the ORS.

The draft legislation, which the Board will submit to the 74th Legislative Assembly, will broaden the Board's authority to investigate potential violations of the geology law. The legislation will also establish procedures to be followed by anyone with a revoked registration. The draft legislation also increases the current \$1,000 civil penalty established in 1978. Much work is involved in seeing a draft through the legislative process and subsequently into law.

## Presentation to Board on Contested Case Process

The Board listened with interest as Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Lori Lindley presented information about the Contested Case Process on March 9, 2006, during the Work Session of the Board. In anticipation of an upcoming Revocation Hearing scheduled with the Office of Administrative Hearing (Note: Hearing was held May 24 & 25, 2006), AAG Lindley described the hearings process and answered many questions asked by Board members.

When complaints against registrants lead to a disciplinary notice, that registrant has a right to a Hearing. The Hearing is conducted before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) who then prepares his Findings for the Board's review and deliberation. The Board has not yet received the Findings from the May 2006 Hearing.

## Board Seeks Registrants' Assistance

The Board would like to publish an article in each issue of the newsletter that would be of particular interest to employees of cities, counties, or state agencies that are involved with the use of registered professionals. The April 2006 edition of the Geologist Examiner contained an article titled Valuing the Registered Professionals Input.

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## Knight's Notes

The Board gathered for their 4th Annual Picnic on Saturday, July 22, 2006, at the William Orr Farm. This annual picnic brings together current and former Board members and provides the opportunity for an ongoing friendship. This social activity includes spouses and extended family. An invitation to join the picnic was also extended to all volunteers that have served the Board. If you are or have served as a volunteer and did not receive the email distribution, please email the Board office so that we might add your name to the picnic distribution list. We apologize for this oversight and would have enjoyed your participation.

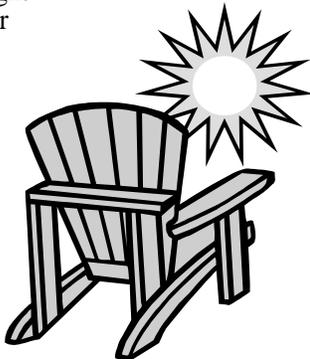
During 2005, the Board adopted a DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT and subsequently distributed it to cities and counties. The purpose of the document is to provide members of a hearings panel with information about a presenter. Each individual appearing before a hearings panel hopes to be perceived as a professional. Documenting registration information before a panel may assist the panel in evaluating the expertise of presenters.

A copy of the Disclosure Document is printed in this month's newsletter. It is also available on the Board's website under Publications. The Board encourages you to include a copy of the form when attending your next hearing. Offer it to the Board, commission, or panel and encourage them to consider the use of such a document.

Thank you for taking time to read this newsletter. And please be reminded that the Governor's office is seeking a new CEG Board member (see related article).

Stay cool during these hot days of summer,

Susanna Knight  
Administrator



## Board Seeks Assistance

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Ongoing outreach in this area is necessary due to city, state and county staff turn-over. It is important that new staff is exposed to the role of the registered professional.

**The Board is seeking your assistance.** If you have experience in providing any services identified as the public practice of geology for a county, a city, or a state agency *and* if you would be willing to write an article, please contact Board staff. The article should convey the importance of the geology component to the work task addressed in the article. It should enlighten city or county staff about the application of the practice of geology to the safety of their community and citizenry.

At the March 9 2006, Board Meeting, Board Member Taylor suggested that printing articles of actual case studies would be in order to demonstrate what the practice of geology "looks like." The Board anticipates that many registrants might have such "stories" revealed in case studies that could be quite informative about the practice. Interesting articles that you author can be a learning experience for many others.

## CEG Position Opening on Board

Members of the Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners are appointed by the Governor to a three-year term. Effective 10/31/2006, a current CEG position will become available. Interested CEG registrants should apply through the Governor's office. Application forms can be located at the following website:

<http://governor.oregon.gov/Gov/boards.shtml>

If you would like additional information about such volunteer service, please contact the Board office or the Governor's Appointment's Office.

## Welcome New Registrants!

The Board congratulates the following new registrants who have been added to the roster since the last newsletter. The Board extends a welcome to each of you and wishes you much success in your practice as a Registered Geologist in the State of Oregon.

<b>Betts, Jill</b>	G2054	04/20/06
<b>Clough, Charles</b>	G1865	04/20/06
<b>Cook, Jason</b>	G1990	04/20/06
<b>Gerking, Erik</b>	G2126	06/10/06
<b>Phillips, Ron</b>	G2124	05/12/06
<b>Trudell, Mark</b>	G2125	06/09/06
<b>Thiesen, Stan J</b>	G2127	07/17/06

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## Committee Finalized for Developing Geologic Report Guidelines

**B**oard Member Eileen Webb will head up the working group charged with developing GUIDELINES FOR GEOLOGIC REPORTS. Webb previously led the charge in developing the GUIDELINES FOR HYDROGEOLOGY REPORTS completed and adopted by the Board in 2005. That document is posted on the Board's website.

Thank you to the following eight volunteers ready to assist in this project:

**Wayne Adams**, Hart Crowser, Inc

**Craig Arola**, Vista Engineering Technologies

**Jennifer Berry**, City of Portland,  
Bureau of Environmental Services

**Ken Cameron**, Oregon DEQ

**Terry Crotwell**, Cambria Environmental Technology

**Corky Isselhardt**, Retired

**Laura Maffei**, Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt

**Catherine Roso**, Alaska DOT

## RGs and the Disclosure Document

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Should you have the opportunity in a Hearings environment, offer the DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT to the Commission, Board, or Panel and encourage them to consider the use of such a document.

The Board directed that a copy of the document be provided in this newsletter. Questions about the document can be addressed to the Board staff. The document is also available on the Board's web page under the PUBLICATIONS link:

<http://www.oregon.gov/OSBGE/pdfs/disclosureform.pdf>

## Board Updates Rules on Stamping Documents

**T**he Rules Committee of the Board presented revised language for Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 809-050-0000, Use of Seal. The following language was approved at the March 9, 2006, Board meeting and subsequently noticed in the April 2006 Oregon Bulletin. The Permanent Administrative Rule was submitted June 26, 2006.

### 809-050-0000 Use of Seal

A facsimile of a registrant's seal shall be affixed to final geology products in the course of the public practice of geology.

(1) A Registered Geologist shall use a seal bearing the Registered Geologist's name, certificate number, and registration title, as shown in Exhibit 1 of this rule. The Registered Geologist seal must be at least 1.5 inches in diameter from point to point. A Registered Geologist may use an electronic seal that meets these requirements.

(2) A Certified Engineering Geologist shall use a seal bearing the Certified Engineering Geologist's name, certificate number, and registration title, as shown in Exhibit 2 of this rule. The Certified Engineering Geologist seal must be at least 1.5 inches in diameter from point to point. A Certified Engineering Geologist may use an electronic seal that meets these requirements.

(3) Draft geology or specialty geology products or documents clearly marked as draft do not require a geologist's seal.

(4) If a bound report is sealed by the registrant in responsible charge of the work, geology figures, maps, plates, logs, and products bound within that final report or document do not need to be individually sealed. A geology product within that report that is not prepared by the registrant responsible for that bound report shall be individually sealed by the registrant who prepared that geology product.

(5) Unbound final geology products, including boring logs, shall be individually sealed, signed, and dated.

(6) Any registrant who seals and signs a final version of a geology product takes full responsibility for the geology content of that product.

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### Lapsed Registrations

The following registrants' licenses to practice geology in Oregon lapsed during March, April, and May 2006. An active registration is required to practice geology in Oregon. If your renewal payment was processed, please contact the Board office so the error can be identified and a correction made to our registrant database. Your assistance in the process is appreciated.

<b>Airhart</b> , Steven, G1728	<b>Long</b> , Robert Jr., G1735
<b>Arnett</b> , Eric, G1679	<b>Mitchem</b> , P. Stan, G1052
<b>Burt</b> , David, G1504	<b>Nakamoto</b> , Dennis, E1535
<b>Clark</b> , Soren, T2057	<b>Robbins</b> , Donald, G1260
<b>Gallucci</b> , Richard, G1711	<b>Salisbury</b> , William, G0871
<b>Gaston</b> , Brent, T1993	<b>Schassberger</b> , H T, G0940
<b>Green</b> , Jeff, T2060	<b>Schwartz</b> , David, G1933
<b>Harcourt</b> , Brianne, T2025	<b>Siembieda</b> , Michael, G1188
<b>Kuiper</b> , Jennifer, G1328	<b>Vannier</b> , Ryan, G2053
<b>Lambert</b> , Arnold, G1647	<b>Wahl</b> , Allan, G1454

### 2006 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sept. 14:	Quarterly Board Meeting Salem, Oregon
October 6:	National ASBOG Examination Salem, Oregon
	Oregon/Washington CEG Examination Salem, Oregon
Nov. 1, 2:	ASBOG Council of Examiners Utah
Nov. 4:	ASBOG Annual National Meeting Utah
Dec. 1:	Quarterly Board Meeting WOU, Monmouth

**DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**  
**For Public Hearing**  
**To Assist the Board/Commission in Evaluating Your Comments**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Business Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Organization Represented: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Describe training or educational certificates, diplomas, degrees, or other educational experience, that endorse your qualifications to participate as a subject matter expert in the hearing.
6. List professional licenses, certificates, or affiliations held, that endorse your qualifications to participate as a subject matter expert in the hearing:
7. Describe applicable employment history, occupations, businesses owned, or work-related experiences, that support your qualifications to participate as a subject matter expert in the hearing:
8. Describe the public offices and elected positions held, or the offices of the organization on whose authority you will testify:
9. Present other information that might aid Committee members to better understand the context or applicability of your testimony in the hearing.

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Name (printed)

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Signature

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Date