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Governor Appoints Two New Board Members

Effective November 18, 2005, Governor Kulongoski appointed two new faces to the Board. Each is appointed to a 3-year term with the opportunity for a 3-year reappointment.

Stephen Taylor has been appointed to fill the position of William Orr, who served from January 1999 to November 2005. Christopher C. Humphrey fills the position of David Michael following his two terms of service from November 1999 to November 2005. The Board honored William Orr and David Michael for their service at the November 11, 2005, Board meeting.

Christopher C. Humphrey, RG, CEG, is an engineering geologist with H.G. Schlicker and Associates, Inc., in Oregon City. Humphrey completed both his BS and his MS degrees at Portland State University. His specialties include engineering geology; landslide analysis; geotechnics; seismic assessments; groundwater studies; and soil and groundwater cleanup and land use planning. Humphrey has served on the Oregon-Washington Certified Engineering Geology Examination Development Committee. Humphrey resides in Portland.

Stephen B. Taylor, PhD, RG, is a professor in the Earth and Physical Science Department of Western Oregon University. Taylor received his BS in Geology from Slippery Rock University, Pennsylvania; his MS in Geology from Washington State University; and his PhD in Geology from Western Virginia University. He has been at Western Oregon since 1999. Between his university stints, he worked in industry as a hydrogeologist, a consulting geologist involved with waste-water treatment studies, and a geologist involved with geophysical mineral exploration. Taylor has a lengthy list of publications to his name. Taylor was registered in Pennsylvania prior to his move to Oregon, but met the Oregon registration standard through both national and the Oregon geology examination. He has been registered with the Board since 2002 and has served the Board at the University Roundtable (see April 2003 newsletter) and has testified at the Legislature on behalf of the Board. Taylor resides in Corvallis.

The Board welcomes these new appointees and offers a huge thank you to Michael and Orr for their service to the Board.

Outreach Critical Mission of Board

In the Board's Mission Statement adopted in 2000, the Board identified three areas of outreach: 1) public education directed at appropriate regulatory communities, 2) cooperation with closely related Boards and Commissions, and 3) systematic outreach to counties, cities, and registrants.

As an outreach effort, the Board mails the quarterly newsletters to all active registrants, all county commissioners, and all cities larger than 10,000. In an effort to enlarge the Board's contact with cities, every community under 10,000 has now been added to the newsletter mailing list.

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Knight's Notes

The New Year is a great time to recognize volunteers that have served the Board during the past year. Board members are volunteers, and it is especially appropriate to recognize David Michael, RG, CEG, and Bill Orr, RG. Both completed their second 3-year term last November and were not eligible for reappointment. In addition, Jane Feinberg, RG, CEG, serves the Board as both the volunteer webmaster and newsletter Design Editor. Jane recently migrated the Board's website to www.oregon.gov/OSBGE.

The Board has numerous committees that provide invaluable service to the Board.

The Board adopted GUIDELINES FOR HYDROGEOLOGY REPORTS at the June 2005 Board Meeting thanks to the following hard-working group of volunteers on the committee: Eileen Webb, Steve Bruce, Audrey Eldridge, Doug Geller, Corky Isselhardt, Ken Lite, and Marc Norton. This committee has been "disbanded," but as everyone recognizes, guidelines must be continually reviewed and updated. At some point in time, this group could be resurrected.

The RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE regularly serves as the front line to review and provide input to Administrative Rule changes prior to adoption by the Board. This active group is chaired by Board Member Eileen Webb, and the members are: Jennifer Berry, Terry Crotwell, Audrey Eldridge, Bernie Kleutsch, David Livermore, and Ted Weasma.

The PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE is now chaired by Chris Humphrey, new member of the Board. David Michael previously served as chair and will continue as a committee member along with Tim Blackwood, Jim Fischer, Rowland French, and Jonathan Sprecher. This Committee has been developing [The White Paper](#), a document discussing the multi-faceted field of the practice of geology. This document will soon be on the web page so that every registrant can provide input before finalization. Continuing Education requirements were recently discussed by this committee and the committee recommended to the Board that consideration be given to adding such a requirement.

The CEG GUIDELINE COMMITTEE is now chaired by Board Member Gary Peterson. This committee must update the guidelines during 2006. Additional CEG volunteers are needed.

On the heels of the release of the GUIDELINES FOR HYDROGEOLOGY REPORTS, the Board agreed that GUIDELINES FOR GEOLOGY REPORTS should also be developed. Board Member Webb agreed to serve as the Chair for this committee. A few registrants have volunteered, but more are needed. Please contact the Board office if you are willing to offer your services on this project.

The Board also thanks those registrants who have assisted in Compliance Peer Reviews. They are an integral part of solidifying the standard of practice in the state. The Board always welcomes volunteers and is especially interested in seeking registrants from Eastern Oregon and Southern Oregon.

Susanna Knight,
Administrator

Board Outreach

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As more communities become aware of the regulation of the practice of geology, the Board hopes for additional opportunities to respond to questions and concerns about the practice.

The Board also developed a DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, which was recently distributed to all counties and cities in Oregon. This document is designed to assist counties and cities in the Public Hearing process as they evaluate qualifications of presenters. The form is posted on the Board's web page under Publications and has been implemented in some counties.

Board Member Webb and Administrator Knight met with Land Quality managers of DEQ at the NW Region office in Portland on December 15. The presentation included information about the Board, what it does and does not do, and what the Board expects from DEQ. This was the second time in recent months that the Board had the opportunity to reach out to DEQ.

The Board was again invited to the OSU campus in November to discuss the registration process with students nearing graduation. This is the third year Board Member Orr and Administrator Knight have presented information about registration and regulation. The Board hopes to extend this outreach to other universities in the state. As an outreach effort, the Board meets annually on a university campus. This year the Board convened November 11, 2005, on the campus of Southern Oregon University (SOU) in Ashland. Members of the geology faculty joined the Board for lunch and heard a summary presentation by Board Member Webb about issues discussed at the national meeting of ASBOG (Association of State Boards of Geology). At times during the meeting, students, faculty and local registrants also attended the meeting.

The Geology and Engineering Boards are actively working together through the Joint Compliance Committee to review issues in the overlap practice area. At an upcoming Joint Compliance Committee meeting, the Boards may consider how to address overlap practice issues.

Oregon ASBOG Candidates Up; CEG Exam Numbers Down

The national Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) examination was administered across the country on Friday, October 7, 2005. The exam was administered in 27 states with 430 candidates completing the fundamental section of the examination and 298 candidates completing the practice section of the test. For each examination, a scaled score of 70 reflects the minimum passing score. When the results were applied to the October 2005 examinations, 243 out of 430 candidates (56.5%) passed the fundamental (FG) examination while 236 out of 298 (79.2%) passed the practice (PG) examination.

Oregon's Board administered the exam on the campus of Chemeketa Community College, Salem. Twenty-nine candidates were scheduled for the fundamental exam and 17 for the practice exam. Twenty-seven candidates sat for the FG with a pass rate of 78%. Sixteen candidates sat for the PG with a pass rate of 94%. The pass rate for Oregon candidates was well above the average and continues a trend the Board has recognized over the years. The examination site was proctored by Board Member Eileen Webb.

The Oregon/Washington Certified Engineering Geology examination was also administered on Friday, October 7, 2005. Two candidates completed the examination. Board Member David Michael served as proctor.

Congratulations to all of those who successfully completed exams.

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

In the matter of *OAR 809-030-0025: Qualifications for Board Examination:*

SB 80 of the 73rd Legislative Assembly directs the Board to list in rule the geology coursework required on a university transcript that accompanies an application packet. Some applicants have a geology degree, but the geology coursework falls short of the 45-hr threshold required of any applicant that has not completed a degree. SB 80 allows the Board to establish in rule what coursework should be found in the transcript with a degree to fulfill the 45-hr course requirement. Before SB 80 was passed by the 2005 Legislative Assembly, applicants needed only to provide the information for a completed degree. Some applicants had a BA in geology, which included far fewer than the 45 hrs required of those not attaining a degree. Transcripts for a BS in geology generally contained at least 45 geology hrs. With the implementation of this rule, those applicants with a degree but fewer than 45 hrs in geology will be required to complete additional hours. The course list will assist them in determining what courses to complete to secure the 45 hrs.

Welcome New Registrants!

The Board congratulates the following new Geologists-in-Training, Registered Geologists, and Certified Engineering Geologists who have been added to the roster since the last newsletter:

Richard L. **Andersen**, E1922, Issued 10/10/2005; Charles **Ard**, G2078, Issued 9/22/2005; Steven E. **Borron**, T2079, Issued 11/28/2005; Jason P. **Buck**, T2080, Issued 11/28/2005; Michael A. **Douglas**, T2081, Issued 11/28/2005; David A. **Dukat**, G2104, Issued 1/3/2006; Shannon M. **Dunn**, G2082, Issued 11/28/2005; Jennifer Wright **Dussor**, G2070, Issued 11/28/2005; Gwendolyn **Erickson**, T2083, Issued 11/28/2005; Kenneth S. **Gardner**, G1964, 11/28/2005; Benjamin A. **George**, T2084, Issued 11/28/2005; Gregory J. **George**, G2085, Issued 11/28/2005; Geoffrey **Hales**, G2075, Issued 9/2/2005; Harold **Hatfield**, G2102, Issued 11/21/2005; Stephen P. **Hay**, G1859, Issued 11/28/2005; Christine **Manhart**, G2106, Issued 1/3/2006; Gary **Manhart**, G2103, Issued 11/21/2005; Linda E. **Mark**, G2086, Issued 11/28/2005; Jason D. **McClaughry**, T2087, Issued 11/28/2005; Siobhan **McConnell**, T2088, Issued 11/28/2005; Brian P. **McNamara**, T2089, Issued 11/28/2005; Tracey Ann **Mulhern**, G2077, Issued 9/14/2005; Teresa A. **Nowicki**, T2090, Issued 11/28/2005; Peter A. **Oblander**, G2091, Issued 11/28/2005; Dennis R. **Orlowski**, G1892, Issued 11/28/2005; Tova R. **Peltz**, G2092, Issued 11/28/2005; Brian C. **Ranney**, G1917, Issued 11/28/2005; James D. **Robinson**, G1982, Issued 10/27/2005; Barry A. **Sanford**, T2093, Issued 11/28/2005; Scott E. **Shoemaker**, G2000, Issued 11/28/2005; Anthony Gomez **Silva**, G1965, Issued 11/28/2005; Erick J. **Staley**, E1936, 10/10/2005; Jesse O. **Strickler**, T2094, Issued 11/28/2005; Michael W. **Tardif**, T2095, Issued 11/28/2005; Dennis **Terzian**, G2096, Issued 11/28/2005; Kelly R. **Titkemeier**, T2097, 11/28/2005; Mark J. **Villa**, T2098, Issued 11/28/2005; Marsha L. **Walker**, G2099, Issued 11/28/2005; E. Timothy **Wallin**, G2051, Issued 11/28/2005; Eric S. **Wilson**, G2105, Issued 1/3/2006; Kyle W. **Wolfe**, T2100, Issued 11/28/2005; Kimberly **Wytenberg**, T2101, 11/28/2005; Robert W. **Zei**, G2076, Issued 9/14/2005



REMINDER TO ALL REGISTRANTS:

At the beginning of a new year, it is always timely to remind all registrants of processes affecting their registration.

- Renewal payments *must* be postmarked *before* the expiration date. The expiration date is the last day of the month in which you renew. If your payment is postmarked on the last day, you must include the \$10.00 late fee (See page 3, April 2005 newsletter.)
- Address updates are accepted in writing *only*. Do not leave a voice message with an address update. You may update via US Mail, fax, or email.
- You are responsible to keep your registration current. Annual reminders are issued as a courtesy and to the mailing address on record. If you fail to update your address, your renewal reminder may not reach you.

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Lapsed Registrations

The following registrants' licenses to practice geology in Oregon lapsed during September, October and November 2005. 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.

Mark A. **Adams**, G896; Ernest R. **Artim**, E64; Thomas E. **Braibish**, T1764; Geoffrey C. **Brown**, G1941; Craig W. **Clarke**, G72; John F. **Cole**, E762; William E. **Collins**, G816; Ray A. **Eastman**, E110; Ralph D. **Farmer**, E648; Daniel B. **Gano**, E95; William H. **Godwin**, G1851; Randolph L. **Greenamyre**, G831; William F. **Hoffstetter**, E254; Michael, E. **James**, G1915; Clarence E. **Keech**, E67; Henning D. **Larsen**, G1838; Ronald H. **Larson**, E601; Douglas G. **McFarland**, E137; Edward G. **Miller**, E419; David **Morton**, G1028; Robert L. **Nelson**, E502; Scott N. **Pearson**, G1846; K.C. **Robbins**, E187; David K. **Rogers**, E525; Walter W. **Stiles**, E322; Todd M. **Thornburg**, G1831; James H. **Wazlaw**, E500; Aaron B. **Wieting**, G1800; Steven C. **Wilson**, G1761; Frank L. **Witzel**, E686

2006 Calendar of Upcoming Events

- January 31: Joint Compliance Committee
1:00 PM
- March 3: ASBOG Exams: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
CEG Exam: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Salem, Oregon
- March 9: Quarterly Board Meeting, 1:00 PM
Work Session, 8:30 AM
Salem, Oregon
- April 7, 8: Council of Examiners
Houston, Texas