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## Next Board Meeting:

**September 18, 2001**

Salem, Oregon

*(Check website for  
time and location)*

## Stamping Your Work

**A**s a registrant of this Board, you must comply with the laws and rules that govern your work. ORS 672.605 states that all drawings, reports, or other geologic papers or documents involving geologic work must be signed and impressed with the seal of the registered geologist accepting responsibility for the work.

So the questions arise: What if a report is prepared by more than one registered professional? Must more than one seal be affixed to the report? In 1983, an Attorney General's Opinion prepared for the Geology Board addressed this question. The answer was, "If the geological data, geological conclusions or geological interpretations are prepared by a geologist, then that geologist need also sign the report."

How can this be accomplished? If one report is prepared as a separate document, that report can be incorporated by reference. Whoever prepared that separate document must stamp that document. But if the two reports are blended, then both professionals must affix their stamps and signatures in such a way that it identifies that portion of the work for which each accepts responsibility.

The Board reminds registrants that failure to stamp your work is grounds for discipline. In addition, stamping work under a lapsed or expired registration is also grounds for discipline. Any questions regarding stamping should be addressed to the Board office.

## Board Position Available Soon

**D**ecember 15th will be the official appointment date for the next new Board member. Although it may seem like a long way away, it is definitely the right time to be thinking about becoming involved. New members are appointed by the Governor and must make application through the Governor's office. Contact Lisa Howard at 503-378-8471 here in Salem for application materials. Appointments are for a 3-year term with reappointment opportunity for one additional 3-year term. The Board regulates the public practice of geology and meets four times a year. Additional meetings can be scheduled as needed. More information about the Board can be found on the Board's website: [www.osbge.org](http://www.osbge.org).

Audrey Eldridge joined the Board in December 1995 and agreed to a second term of appointment. Her term expires 12/14/2001. Eldridge is a *Registered Geologist* and works for DEQ out of their Medford office.

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## Knight Notes

The Legislature is winding down its 72nd Session. By the time you receive this newsletter, the last gavel may have been tapped. It has been quite an adventure to see the entire process in action.

- From a bill's beginnings in early 2000 as the Board began working on recommendations from the Board's Rules and Regulations Committee;
- to the development of a Legislative Concept by mid-July;
- to the exciting news that the Governor had approved the concepts and bill numbers would be assigned;
- to the apprehensive meetings with legislators to discuss the bill in an attempt to get a hearing;
- to the ecstasy of a bill being passed on the House side;
- to the agony of it being shelved by a committee chair on the Senate side;
- to the excitement of a bill passing both sides and being signed by the Governor into law;
- Wow, what a process!

During this session, I have had numerous occasions to chat with registrants about Board bills. Registrants' interest and input about the bills have been appreciated. The Board started with three bills. Of those three, HB2197 has been signed into law; HB2106 passed the House side only and was never given a committee hearing on the Senate side; and HB2107 was never heard by the Committee.

With the passage of HB2197, geologists registered with this Board will now be titled Registered Geologist and the acronym for business cards, etc., will be RG. HB2106 was to have changed the complaint process. It had strong support by the Board and was given a favorable hearing on the House side. Following passage on the House side, Senator Derfler assigned it to the Health and Human Services Committee. It was never given a committee hearing. HB2107 was to give lien rights to geologist. No registrants came forward to champion this bill.

In addition, the Board has been following SB447 and has given its support. The bill has passed the Senate side and may still have last-minute hearings on the House side. This bill would amend ORS 672.002 to 672.325 so that it would not apply to "a certified engineering geologist acting within the scope of that certification or a person acting in the capacity of a subordinate to a certified engineering geologist."

Susanna Knight  
Administrator

## Largest Group to Date

Sixteen candidates sat for the March 16th Oregon-Specific Geology Examination. This is the largest group for one sitting since the Board began requiring this examination in September 2000. Of the sixteen candidates, twelve passed, for a 75% pass rate. The next Oregon Geology Examination is scheduled for June 8th in Salem. Six candidates are scheduled to sit for that exam at the Board's office in Salem.

## Oregon Continues to Shine

Results of the March 16, 2001, National Association of State Boards of Geologist (ASBOG) examination were recently released. Oregon's passing rate was again at the top with a 94.1% pass rate for the fundamental exam and a 92.9% pass rate for the practice exam.

Total national candidates sitting for the March 16, 2001, fundamental exam was 462. The national pass rate was 56.9%. Total national candidates sitting for the practice exam were 262. The pass rate was 70.4%. Oregon's pass rate was 37.2% above the national average for the fundamental portion and 22.5% above the national average for the practice portion. Congratulations to all passing candidates and to those who have mentored them in their field experience. Keep up the great job.

## Letters of Concern Authorized

At the March 13th Meeting of the Board, authorization was given to issue three Letters of Concern. Letters were issued to one non-registrant alerting him about the requirement to be registered in order to publicly practice. A second letter was issued to a city for accepting a report that was not properly stamped. A third letter was issued to a registrant informing that registrant that the Board holds registrants who testify at public hearings to the same CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT as those who prepare reports.

In addition, the Board agreed to a revised Consent Order issued to a non-registrant (see page 3 of this newsletter). The Board also closed two cases due to insufficient evidence.

The goal of the Board is to bring registrants, non-registrants, cities, counties, and any other government body into compliance with the Board's statutes and rules.

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## Consent Order Signed

At the March 13, 2001, Board meeting, signing of the following Consent Order closed a compliance case.

STATE OF OREGON  
BOARD OF GEOLOGIST EXAMINERS

In the Matter of  
**Roderick Pardee and PETCO INC.**  
Case No. 99-01-001

The individual involved in this case was not a registrant of the Board nor was he a resident of Oregon. However, the Board determined that he had engaged in the public practice of geology here in Oregon. The case had been ongoing since early 1999.

Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners (Board) is concerned with public awareness and actions that constitute the public practice of geology without a geologist registration. The Board believes the practice of geology includes, for example, the following actions and that a report on these actions must contain the seal of a licensed geologist:

- 1) The investigation of groundwater flow in relation to the earth's crust and the rocks and other materials that compose it.
- 2) The interpretation of groundwater flow and direction, because it uses knowledge of the earth and its constituent rocks, minerals, liquids, gases or other materials, when interpretation is made for human benefit.
- 3) The interpretation of groundwater flow and analysis beneath soils, within bedrock.

Roderick Pardee and PETCO admit no culpability, liability, or fault for any alleged violation of Oregon law for the public practice of geology without a license. All charges or assessment of penalties against Roderick Pardee or PETCO are hereby dismissed without imposition of any penalty or determination of fault. The Board will not pursue any claim or discipline against Roderick Pardee or PETCO for reports signed prior to March 6, 2000, which may include public practice of geology.

By signing this document, Roderick Pardee on behalf of himself and PETCO, Inc., agrees to comply with Oregon law by obtaining the appropriate signatures and seals of

Registered Geologists for work that is considered by Oregon law to be the public practice of geology.

Mr. Pardee and PETCO waive all rights to a contested case hearing or any further appeal and withdraw the request for hearing already filed in this matter.

## Board Welcomes New Registrants

Congratulations to all those candidates who successfully passed the national exams as well as though who have met criteria for their Oregon registration. A registration date of May 7, 2001, has been issued to the following candidates:

### *Registered Professional Geologist:*

Jennie E. Armstrong  
Phillip A. Brown  
Matthew J. Brunengo  
David L. Cole  
Ivan K. Gall  
Margaret D. Jenks  
Michael P. Klisch  
Anne MacDonald  
David L. Schwarz  
Mark Wirganowicz

### *Geologist-in-Training*

Richard L. Andersen  
Ronald P. Blegen  
Alan R. Hughes  
Michael J. Pickering  
Taryn E. Sparacio  
Amanda L. Spencer  
Erick J. Staley

A registration date of April 30, 2001 has been issued for the following:

### *Certified Engineering Geologists*

Scott D. Billings  
Stephen H. Evans

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### **Lapsed Licenses for 2001**

The registration of the following individuals lapsed during the first quarter of 2001.

**Bedi, Vijay K;**  
**Howard, David Bryan;**  
**Kane, John R.;**  
**Lessman, James L.;**  
**Read JR, Norm W;**  
**Robinson, Robert A;**  
**Springer, James E;**  
**Tomes, Reynold J;**  
**Walkey, William C;**  
**Warren, Scott Alan.**

Please contact the Board office if you did renew so that we can correct the database. Your assistance in this matter is appreciated. If you wish to activate your registration, forward your renewal form, renewal fee, and the Restoration Fee.

### **2001 Calendar of Upcoming Events**

- June 5: Board Meeting, 10:00 AM  
The Association Center, Salem
- June 8: Oregon-Specific Geology Exam  
Board Office - Salem  
1:00 to 3:00 PM
- July 1: Cutoff for Applications for ASBOG Exam  
and Oregon-specific Exam
- September 14: ASBOG Exam  
8:00 AM to Noon and 1:00 to 5:00 PM  
Oregon-Specific Exam  
6:00 to 8:00 PM
- September 18: Board Meeting  
Salem
- December 18: Board Meeting  
Portland