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## Next Board Meeting

**Sept. 9, 2011**  
**1:00 PM**

*Preceded by 8:30 AM*  
*Work Session*  
Salem, Oregon

## Reminder - New Signature Requirements in Effect!

Effective July 1, 2011, the Board has a new rule in effect addressing requirements for how registrants sign reports, plans, maps, or other documents they prepare. The rule was adopted to keep pace with the widespread use of electronic documents and transmissions.

The following is a summary of new rule requirements. After applying your registrant seal, you are required to sign in permanent ink across the seal. You also must write "Expires" and list your registration expiration date directly below the seal; example illustration:



The Board's new signature rule also allows registrants to use an electronic signature, which previously was not addressed. An electronic signature must be unique to the registrant, under the direct control of the registrant, verifiable as belonging to the registrant, and must include the registration expiration date. The electronic seal used in conjunction with the electronic signature must meet the requirements for seals found in 809-050-0000. The new rule does not affect the existing standards for seals.

Please remember that each displayed copy or hard copy printed from an electronic document must contain the electronic seal and the signature. Also, if a document with an electronic or digital signature is altered in any manner, the seal and signature are no longer valid, i.e. the document can no longer be considered prepared or approved by or under the direction of the registrant. The revised document must be re-signed and sealed to confirm the registrant's responsibility for the changes.

If you choose to use an electronic signature, be diligent about its use and care. If another person uses your electronic signature even without your knowledge, for example a co-worker or colleague, this may be grounds for disciplinary action against you as the person responsible for control of the electronic signature.

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## Board Rulemaking Update – Newly Effective Rules and Possible Rule Revisions

As of July 1, 2011, the following new or amended rules are in effect:

- Budget, 809-010-0025
- Fees, 809-010-0001
- Qualifications for Geologist Fundamentals Exam and Certification as a Geologist in Training, 809-030-055
- Signature, 809-050-0005 (see also related article in this newsletter!)

Copies of the newly implemented rules are posted on the OSBGE website at <http://www.oregon.gov/OSBGE/index.shtml>. Thanks to the Rules Committee and all other registrants who took the time to review drafts and provide comments, either during the development phase or the formal rulemaking process. The Board greatly benefited from your input.

The Board is also actively considering the need for additional rule revisions related to the following topics:

- “In Responsible Charge”: Definition and Application, as defined in statute and used in multiple rule divisions including qualifications for registration
- “Reissuance of Revoked Registration”: A proposed new rule that will outline the procedures for reinstatement of a revoked registration.

The Board will engage the rules committee to help evaluate and develop these initiatives further. The committee’s input and public comments will help guide the Board in the rulemaking process and assure best practices in the state of Oregon.

## Board Exam Results Released

In March, 2011, twelve (12) candidates sat for the fundamental section of the ASBOG examination with a 91.7% pass rate; ten (10) candidates sat for the practice section with an 90% pass rate. The Oregon passing rates exceeded the national average of 56.7% (Fundamental) and 70.87% (Practice). Congratulations to all those candidates who received a passing score.

No candidates sat for the Engineering Geology examination.

## Board Reappointments Announced

Great news for OSBGE! Governor John Kitzhaber, MD, reappointed Mark Yinger, RG and Richard Heinzkill, public member to second three-year terms. Their current terms run until February 2014. Board Member Yinger has worked as a consulting geologist since the mid 1970s and started his own consulting firm in 1994, Mark Yinger Associates. He has a broad background in water resource development and protection, mineral exploration, geologic hazards, environmental assessment and remediation. He continues to serve as Chair of the OSBGE Rules Advisory Committee. Board Member Heinzkill retired as Humanities Reference Librarian with the University of Oregon in 2000 and has been actively volunteering for different causes since then, including OSBGE. He continues to serve the Board as the lead facilitator for processing compliance cases as they are filed with the office.

## Wanted: Future Board Members and Volunteers

In the Spring 2011 newsletter, registrants were notified of two impending vacancies on the Board and encouraged to consider service to the geologic profession in Oregon. There is still time for interested registrants from the professional community to apply with the Governor’s Office! Candidates must be registered in the State of Oregon and have a keen interest in serving their profession. Board appointments are for an initial 3-year term, with an opportunity to be reappointed for an additional 3 years. By statute, the Board consists of four Registered Geologists and one public member, with the Director of the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) serving as an ex-officio (non-voting) member.

For those interested in serving the profession but unable to commit to being a Board member, there are other ways to contribute through participation in Board activities. For example, registrants can sign up to serve on the rules committee, volunteer as technical reviewers for compliance cases, share information about the profession and Board with clients and citizens, and support Board outreach endeavors such as this newsletter.

A BIG thanks to all registrants that have volunteered in the past or who commit to doing so in the future. Your support for the profession is invaluable and greatly strengthens the Oregon geologic community!

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## Christine's Corner – Notes from the Administrator



**W**ith a little over 5 months on the job, I've learned a lot about the Board and life as the Administrator. Admittedly, I still have a lot more to learn, and at this juncture my list of ambitions for projects to assist the Board and registrants is still much longer than my list of actual accomplishments. But my motto is to take it one day and one week at a time, keep putting one step in front of the other.

One project I've started to research and that could directly impact registrants is to explore what would be required to allow for online payment of renewal or other fees. Registrants calling into the Board office routinely ask staff about the availability of online payment, and my guess is that a majority of registrants might take advantage of such an option. The Board has agreed that I should look into offering online payment as a voluntary option for the convenience of registrants. So far I have discovered that online payment is not universally available across the population of Oregon licensing boards. Select boards

offer online payment options, but charge a convenience fee for the service to offset costs for web-based transactions. I will share updates on this project in future newsletters as information develops. Registrants, please feel free to share your thoughts about the value of an online payment system with me. Would it make your life just a little simpler and better? Or not matter all that much?

I also need to update the Board's records regarding volunteers. Registrants have routinely volunteered to assist the Board over the years with various efforts including, but not limited to serving on the rules committee and as technical reviewers in compliance cases. Some of the volunteer documentation on file has become dated, particularly with respect to changes in a registrant's availability and contact information. In addition, I would like to see more registrants added to the list of volunteers to help ensure that the

Board has a sufficiently deep pool to draw from and doesn't have to ask too much of any one registrant. If you've volunteered with the Board before, don't be surprised if you hear from staff to verify and update your information on file. And of course, I am also interested in talking to any registrant that would like to volunteer but has questions about what such service entails. The vitality of the Board lies in its registrants' service to the profession. Volunteer contributions are an essential component of our success.

In closing, I would like to thank the Board Members and those registrants that have shared wisdom and insights with me during my first few months as Board Administrator. I appreciate your helpfulness and your commitments to the profession. I enjoy learning, with your assistance, about all the facets related to the public practice of geology.

## Welcome New Registrants

**T**he Board welcomes the following new registrants and wishes them a safe and successful practice in Oregon.

### **GIT by Passing Exam:**

Bartosik, Elizabeth	T2308	04/15/2011
Sabga, Melissa	T2313	05/27/2011
Stewart, Lynne Marie	T2309	05/24/2011
Berghoffer, Charlotte	T2315	06/03/2011
Poole, Timothy	T2316	07/06/2011

### **RG by Passing Exam:**

Carroll, Erin	G2179	05/25/2011
DeGrood, Shira	G2310	05/25/2011
Kerin, Jane-Clair	G2211	05/25/2011
Lavarnway, Aimee	G2186	05/25/2011
McKinney, Richard	G2311	05/25/2011
Rhea, Christopher	G2293	05/25/2011

Sautter, Timothy	G2312	05/25/2011
Blake, Andrew	G2174	06/27/2011

### **RG by Cooperative Registration:**

Evans, David	G2314	05/31/2011
Johnson, Christina M.	G2262	05/02/2011
Fox, Aaron	G2317	07/20/2011

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### Lapsed Registrations

The following individuals are not registered to practice geology in Oregon due to failure to renew. If your name appears below and you did submit fees, please contact the Board office so that the error can be corrected. Until the following persons obtain current registration, practicing is in violation of the Oregon statutes:

Linda **Baker**, G1205 (06/30/2011); Jeff **Berger**, T2287 (06/30/2011); Williams **Bond**, G0885 (06/30/2011); Gregory **Burgess**, G1549 (05/31/2011); Paul **Carney**, E1046 (05/31/2011); Stuart **Childs**, G1211 (06/30/2011); Donald **Coberley**, G1866 (05/31/2011); Craig **Dockter**, G2118 (04/30/2011); John **Fortuna**, G2003 (07/31/2011); Richard **Fredricksen**, G1442 (05/31/2011); Jeffrey **Freeman**, G1645 (05/31/2011); Henry **Hiram**, T2061 (05/31/2011); , Steven **Humphrey**, T2276 (04/30/2011); Randal **Irwin**, E1429 (05/31/2011); Thomas **Keatts**, T2283 (05/31/2011); Karl **Languirand**, G1987 (04/30/2011); Hugh **Larkin II**, G1575 (07/31/2011); Roger **Lewis**, G2187 (05/31/2011); Larry **Robinson**, T2214 (04/30/2011); David **Samples**, G1339 (05/31/2011);

Kurt **Seel**, G1231 (06/30/2011); Anthony **Severini**, G1506 (03/31/2011); Erick **Staley**, E1936 (05/31/2011), Matthew **Steinkamp**, T2165 (04/30/2011); Greg **Vick**, G1663 (04/30/2011); Rex **Wallace**, G1951 (06/30/2011); Thomas **Wayland**, T2255 (06/30/2011); Richard **Weingarz**, G1455 (06/30/2011); Mark **Wirganowicz**, G1937 (05/31/2011); Betsy **Yount**, G1347 (05/31/2011)

### 2011 Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Sept. 5: Office Closed, Labor Day Holiday
- Sept. 9: OSBGE Quarterly Board Meeting  
Salem, Oregon
- Sept. 30: Fall ASBOG Exam  
Salem, Oregon
- Nov. 2- 5: ASBOG Workshop and Annual Meeting  
San Antonio, Texas
- Dec. 2: OSBGE Quarterly Board Meeting  
Salem, Oregon