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1:00 PM

Salem, Oregon

## New Year Brings Official Board Member Change

Effective January 1, 2007, Rodney J. Weick, RG, CEG, of Portland, Oregon, becomes the newest Board member appointed by the Governor's office to fill the position vacated by Gary Peterson, RG, CEG. Weick is employed by the Northwest Region of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and previously served as a volunteer for the Board in the compliance review process. Weick received his undergraduate BS in Geology from California State University, Los Angeles. He was awarded an MS in Geology from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Weick states the following reasons for his interest in serving on the Board: to continue the advancement of the quality of work performed by Engineering Geologists; to continue to protect the public safety and welfare through the sound and ethical practice of geology; and to provide registrants with the tools, guidance and review of practice that better serve the public practice of geology and enhance the work of registrants. Weick's education and experience are primarily in the fields of engineering geology and hydrogeology.

Weick is actively involved with coastal erosion as well as coastal and statewide slope stability and other geologic hazards, as they affect the public through DEQ regulations, including bluff retreat, landslides, and shallow groundwater issues. Through his position at DEQ, he is involved also with residential property development, subdivision development, and solid waste disposal.

The Board welcomes Rodney Weick and it says farewell to Gary Peterson. The October 2006 newsletter reported the Board's celebration of the membership tenure of Gary Peterson, RG, CEG at the September 14, 2006, Board Meeting (Knight's Notes, page 2). Peterson remained on the Board for the December 1, 2006, Board meeting, as the Governor's office had not yet notified staff of the appointment of his replacement. Peterson was instrumental in the success of the following joint ventures: Oregon/Washington Engineering Examination; OSBEELS/OSBGE Joint Compliance Committee for reviewing engineering complaints in the overlap practice arena; and the venture of the joint administration of the Landscape Architect Board and the Geologist Examiners Board.

## Appeal of Final Order Submitted

In a unanimous vote of the Board at a special meeting convened October 20, 2006, the Final Order revoked the registration of Nicholas W. Coffey. On December 20, 2006, the Board received notice that a Nicholas W. Coffey is petitioning the State of Oregon Court of Appeals for judicial review of the Board's Final Order. See the October 2006 newsletter for information about the Final Order.

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## Knight's Notes

**H**appy New Year!

As the odd-numbered year rolls around, so does the opportunity to change the laws of the state through the Legislative process. The Board has submitted one bill for this session, and it has been assigned SB 165. The bill was heard by the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources on Thursday, January 18. Board Members Taylor and Webb represented the Board at this initial hearing. The bill attempts to clean up statutory language dealing with the complaint process. Of note is the deletion of the current requirement that complaints must be "sworn to" in order to be presented to the Board. The Board recognizes this as a hurdle in the complaint process. Numerous other changes will occur if the bill is successful. You can access the full language of the bill at:

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/07reg/measpdf/sb0100.dir/sb0165.intro.pdf>

During prior sessions, the Board has sought support from registrants and has included them on the Legislative Committee. If you are interested in working with the Board as a volunteer during this legislative session, please contact the Board staff for more details.

January is the month when the Board extends a thank you to everyone who has served as a volunteer over the past year. The regulation of the practice of geology is accomplished through volunteers, beginning with Board members, and adding to that, all Committee Members. THANK YOU. Your contributions to the Board are very important. If you have not yet volunteered your time, please contact the Board office to find a fit as a volunteer.

The best to all of you in 2007.

Susanna Knight  
Administrator



## Board Issues Letter of Concern

**D**uring the September 2006 quarterly meeting, the Board voted to close a compliance case by issuing a LETTER OF CONCERN. A LETTER OF CONCERN puts an individual on notice by the Board regarding the practice of geology. The Board has often issued such a non-disciplinary letter as an informational tool, often to non-registered individuals.

If the recipient of the letter is not currently registered, the letter informs them that the Board review of the compliance case has concluded; that they practiced geology without registration; and that should this happen in the future, the Board could invoke their \$1,000 civil penalty authority.

If the recipient of the letter is a registrant, the Board provides guidance about what is lacking with their practice. The Board's expectation is that those issues will be corrected in future reports.

The Board's CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT can be found in Chapter 809, Division 20 of the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR). OAR 809-020-0006 (7) states:

"If a Registered Geologist has knowledge or reasonable cause to believe another person or geologist is in violation of the registration law, ORS chapter 672, or the related administrative rules, the geologist shall present such information to the Oregon Board of Geologist Examiners, in writing."

The complaint that resulted in the LETTER OF CONCERN discussed above was presented by a Registered Geologist (RG). The RG recognized a document as the public practice of geology, but could find no registrant stamp on the document. Further research revealed that the report had been prepared by an unlicensed individual.

The Board continues to remind each of its registrants that you are the eyes and ears of the Board. When you encounter unlicensed practitioners or a poor geological work product, the Board's Code of Professional Conduct requires that you report this to the Board.

## Welcome New Registrants!

Since the last newsletter, the following individuals have been added to the roster of registrants of the Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners. The Board welcomes all of you and wishes you the best as you practice in Oregon.

The following Geologist-in-Training registrations were effective November 21, 2006:

T2132	<b>Cook, Robyn</b>
T2133	<b>Crow, Leanne</b>
T2134	<b>Eaton, Gail</b>
T2136	<b>Friberg, Erik</b>
T2137	<b>Gomez, Linda</b>
T2140	<b>Hofgren, Chris</b>
T2142	<b>Kobor, Jeremiah</b>
T2143	<b>Koslofsky, Adam</b>
T2147	<b>Rasmussen, Janet</b>
T2148	<b>Rogers, Claudia</b>
T2149	<b>Shair, Peter</b>

The following registrations as Registered Geologists were also effective November 21, 2006:

G1988	<b>Andrieu, Kenneth</b>
G2135	<b>Farrow, James</b>
G2138	<b>Heidgerken, Joe</b>
G2139	<b>Henry, Jacob</b>
G2141	<b>Klemz Jr, Warren</b>
G2016	<b>Koss, Ericka</b>
G2144	<b>Lange, Rebecca</b>
G2145	<b>Lopez III, Alexander</b>
G2089	<b>McNamara, Brian</b>
G2146	<b>Palmer, Patrick</b>
G2095	<b>Tardif, Michael</b>
G2150	<b>Vagt, William A</b>
G2151	<b>Wyatt, John A</b>
G2152	<b>Yantz, Heidi W</b>
G2154	<b>McCarthy, Dana</b>

Charles M. **Clough** and Kevin A. **Schleh** recently added the certification as an Engineering Geologist to their registration with the Board. Congratulations to these two new CEGs.

The Board also added the following new registrants by Cooperative registration:

G2130	<b>Murch, Keri</b>	10/17/06
G2131	<b>Rhoades, Matthew</b>	11/09/06
G2153	<b>Laton, William</b>	11/28/06
G2155	<b>Palmer, Stephen</b>	12/20/06

## Recent Changes to Administrative Rule

Recent revisions have been made to the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 809 that govern the practice of geology. None of the revisions to the definitions were substantive. Individuals registered to practice geology are referred to as registrants, not licensees, so numerous changes were made to input the word registrant. The acronym for the national body charged with developing the national examination is ASBOG. A revision was made to this definition. Much of the definition of misconduct was removed, but no new language was added. Mitigatory was changed to mitigation and the word tsunami was included in the definition of "threat to public health, safety, etc."

If you would like to receive notification of pending rule changes, please send a written request to [osbge.info@state.or.us](mailto:osbge.info@state.or.us) to be on the public distribution list for such notification. Include the email address where information should be directed.

An Administrative Rules Committee reviews and provides input to any revisions of the OAR. If you would like to be a member of this committee, please contact the Board office.



**THE WHITE PAPER**, a document prepared by the Board as an informational tool about the practice of geology, is posted on the web page (<http://oregon.gov/OSBGE>). The Board is asking each registrant to read this document and provide their input. All inquires should be directed to **[osbge.info@state.or.us](mailto:osbge.info@state.or.us)**. Your suggestions will be used in finalizing this document. Thank you for your participation in the last phase of this endeavor.

--- *The Professional Practices Committee*

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## Lapsed Registrations

The following registrants' licenses to practice geology in Oregon lapsed during the last quarter of 2006. An active registration is required to practice geology in Oregon. A late fee is required to reinstate registrations that have expired. If your renewal payment was processed, but your name appears below, please contact the Board office so the error can be identified and a correction made to our registrant database. Your assistance is appreciated.

**Anderson**, Glenn (G1244); **Artim**, Ernest (E0064);  
**Balmer**, Donald (G0350); **Becker**, Steven (G1847);  
**Benson**, Gilbert (G0495); **Borron**, Steven (T2079);  
**Brownell**, James (G1369); **Charlton**, David (G1852);  
**Crain**, Troy (G1777); **Crowl**, William (G0573);  
**Fenton**, Robert (G0809); **Hawkins**, Jeffrey (G1071);  
**Hopman**, Dennis (E0704); **Hoylman**, Edward (G0345);  
**Kiesler**, James (G0556); **Lindberg**, Jonathan (G0588);  
**Metteucci**, Thomas (G1376); **McFarland**, Douglas  
E0137); **McGlasson**, James (G0314); **McConnell**, Sio-  
bhan (T2088); **Moran**, Allan (G0313); **Newcomb**, Wal-  
ter (G0062); **Orlowski**, Dennis (G1892); **Palmer**,  
Eugene (E0557); **Rasmussen**, Gary (E0790); **Rogers**,  
Charles (T1918); **Rosenfeld**, Charles (G0550); **Schmidt**,  
Kenneth (G0462); **Schoenike**, Howard (G0363)

## 2007 Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Feb. 7: Joint Compliance Committee  
8:00 AM, Salem, Oregon
- Mar. 2: Board-Administered Exams
- Mar. 15: Quarterly Board Meeting  
Salem, Oregon
- June 1: Deadline for September ASBOG  
Exam Applications
- June 7: Quarterly Board Meeting  
Salem, Oregon