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## Next Board Meeting:

**September 14, 2004**  
**1:00 PM**  
Salem, Oregon

Preceded by a Work Session

## Board Welcomes New Member

Allen Morris, Canby, was recently appointed to the Board of Geologist Examiners. He will complete the term vacated by Charles Hester. Morris's appointment became effective 3/25/2004 and will end on 1/24/2005. At that time, he will be eligible for appointment to a 3-year term. As the Public Member of the Board, Morris will serve as Chair of the Compliance Committee.

Morris currently resides in Canby, but spent much of his career in Lane County. His teaching and coaching career spanned three decades and included stints in Harrisburg, Eugene, and Crow. He ended his education career as Assistant Principal at Oakridge High School. Upon his retirement from the field of education, he began a second career as a self-employed Building Contractor.

Morris's interest in geology stems from his Earth Science teaching career. But he also carried that interest into volunteer endeavors. He served as a docent at the University of Oregon Museum of Natural History and later served as a member of the Friends of the Museum Board of Directors. He has also volunteered with OMSI. And his interest in geology does not end there. He states: "I have traveled to virtually every significant geological and archeological area of Oregon and to several areas out of the country."

Morris resides in Canby with his wife Carrie. He has three sons, one an architect, one an engineer, and the third a teacher, currently serving in Iraq with the National Guard. The Board welcomes Allen Morris and looks forward to his leadership in the compliance arena.

## Board Approves Rule Revisions

During the Board's Work Session on June 5, 2004, Rules Committee Chair Eileen Webb presented numerous Administrative Rule changes. Webb suggested that it is time for the Board to consider a Hydrogeology certification. She pointed out that both our neighbors to the north and our neighbors to the south currently require a Hydrogeology certification. Serving as the lead for the development of a Board document titled, GUIDELINES FOR HYDROGEOLOGY REPORTS, Webb noted that there has been a great interest by practicing hydrogeologists in writing and reviewing the document. Board Members agreed that it is time to seek comment from practitioners about the need for such a certification. You are encouraged to supply your comments in writing to the Board.

Over the past year, the Rules Committee has been evaluating the experience criteria for university professors. The Board reviewed the recommended language drafted by the Rules Committee and offered their input. The Board adopted the rule change at the June 6, 2004, meeting along with three additional rule changes. Texts for each of four Administrative Rule changes approved by the Board and currently provided for public comment are presented on page 3 of this newsletter. The Board also recently added Mediation Rules (OAR 809-001-0035) to its Administrative Rules.

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## Knight's Notes

**G**eologists are an interesting group. They are first and foremost scientists. In my time with the Board, I have discovered that this does not lend itself to being a joiner, whether it is a professional organization or a committee of the Board. As this concept solidifies for me, I realize why we do not have registrants lining up to serve on the occasional committee that needs assistance. It is good we have some "joiners", as the Board itself is made up of volunteers. In addition to one public member (see related article on page 1), the five remaining Board Members are all Registered Geologists, geologists that are willing to donate time to secure the safety of the citizens of the state of Oregon. They accomplish this by regulating the community of geologists registered in Oregon.

An article from the July/August 2004 AIPG publication ([www.aipg.org](http://www.aipg.org)), THE PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST, page 19, After the Rapture or AIPG's Role after Registration was forwarded to the office. In this article, the author William V. Knight states that "the registered geologist had forgotten that the stated purpose of the state board is to protect the public not to protect the profession." However, when Boards act in such a manner to protect the public from questionable or unsafe geologic practice, they also put themselves in a position to be attacked. There are always those that do not want to be given a guide to do what they want to do. Mr. Knight's article goes on to explain that attacks against the registration law begin in an attempt to modify or weaken the law. This may occur by groups attempting to become "exempt" from the law, or groups attempting to modify the law so that requirements for registration become weakened. As registrants of the Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners, all registrants must abide by the **Code of Professional Conduct** (OAR 809 Division 20). This Code requires that if a registrant has knowledge or reasonable cause to believe another person or geologist is violation of the registration law, such information shall be presented to the Board, in writing (OAR 809-020-0006 (7)).

The newsletter contains Administrative Rules that are undergoing change. The text changes are also included. Please contact the Board staff if you have any questions.

Susanna Knight, Administrator

## Staff Reviews Renewal Date Requirement

**A** registrant recently protested payment of the Restoration Fee because his renewal was presented to staff the day after his renewal date. He stated that his renewal date was a holiday and thereby he could not have it postmarked as required on the renewal notice.

Staff reviewed ORS 672.585 (2), which reads as follows:

ORS 672.585 (2) All certificates shall be renewed annually at such time as will be designated by the board. All applications for renewal shall be filed with the administrator before the expiration date, accompanied by the annual renewal fee. A license, which has expired for failure to renew, may only be restored after application and payment of the prescribed restoration fee.

The conclusion was that not only was the Restoration Fee due and payable by this registrant, but the renewal form issued to registrants should state that renewals must be postmarked *before* the renewal date. Many registrants delay posting their renewal fees until the actual renewal date. The Restoration Fee must now be included if your renewal payment is postmarked *on* your renewal date.

## Welcome New Registrants

**C**ongratulations to the following persons who completed requirements for registration upon receipt of the National Association of State Boards of Geologists (ASBOG) examination results. Their original date of registration is May 4, 2004.

**Beckstrand**, Darren L., G1940  
**Dodak**, Eron J., G2023  
**Haggerty**, Roy D., T2024  
**Harcourt**, Brianna D., T2025  
**Healy**, Robert P., G1994  
**Higgins**, David J., G2026  
**Higgins**, Dan P., G2015  
**Keene**, Emily L., T2027  
**Khandoker**, Rafiqul, A., G1888  
**Leavitt**, Thomas, G1889  
**MacDonald**, Brett S., G2028  
**Manske**, Scott L., T2029  
**Marshall**, Michael S., T2030  
**Miller**, Todd A., G2032  
**O'Donnell**, Jason S., G2033  
**Porus**, Gwen S., G2034  
**Romey**, Adam W., T2035  
**Rotting**, Marjan A., T2036  
**Skrotzki**, Tim W., G2037  
**Spadaro**, Philip A., G2038  
**Staley**, Erick J., G1936  
**White**, Timothy M., T2039

The Board also congratulates the following Registered Geologists whose effective date of RG registration is June 16, 2004:

**Driver-Rowe**, Leslie Ann, G2011  
**Hinkle**, Jason C., G1966  
**Marvin**, Richard K., G2031

The Board also congratulates the following new Cooperative Registrant, effective July 6, 2004.

**Chakurian**, Anthony M., G2008

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## Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

The Board has recently proposed four rule changes. Details of each of the changes are provided below.

### OAR 809-003-0000: Definition of "Misconduct"

(11) "Misconduct" — [Mismanagement, improper behavior, v]Violation of [law or standard] the Code of Professional Conduct adopted by the Board, or any state or federal rule or statute in the course of the practice of geology, or aiding or abetting any person to violate any state or federal rule or statute in the course of the practice of geology.

### OAR 809-010-0001: File Maintenance Fee

(14) File Maintenance Fee: \$25.00 per request. This fee is to cover maintaining examination files for passing examinees who decline to register in Oregon. Required prior to releasing verification of passing ASBOG exams.

### OAR 809-030-0015: Qualifications for Examination

(1) To qualify to take the geologist examination, an applicant must have a minimum of seven years['] of geology experience computed as follows:

(a) Two years of experience are granted for an undergraduate degree in geology or a related [field] geological science; or two years of experience are granted to applicants without a degree who have a minimum of 45 quarter hours including 36 upper division or graduate course hours leading to a geology major. These two years' experience must be included in the seven-year minimum.

(b) One year of experience, up to a maximum of three years, is granted for each year of graduate study in geology or a related geological science [, to a maximum of three years].

(c) Credit shall not exceed four years for the undergraduate geology or geological science degree or specific coursework plus graduate study [shall not exceed four years].

(d) One year of experience is granted for each year spent working under the supervision of a registered geologist; however, a minimum of three years of such experience must be completed before any credit is granted.

(e) One year of experience is granted for each year spent in responsible charge; however, a minimum of five years in responsible charge must be completed before any credit is granted.

(f) [One year of experience is granted for every four years spent teaching or doing research in geology at a school which grants graduate degrees in geology, but credit shall apply only toward the five year minimum spent in responsible charge.] Geology faculty may acquire the seven years experience in accordance with the following criteria:

(A)Meet the requirements of OAR 809-030-0015(1)(a); and

(B)Five years experience is granted for geologic work conducted in responsible charge as professional faculty activities conducted other than teaching or administrative duties. Such duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

(i) geologic report preparation;

(ii) publication and the preparation for publication of published geologic work;

(iii) geologic field or laboratory data collection; or

(iv) geologic data analysis or interpretation.

(A) Geologic experience must be documented and calculated as a percentage of non-teaching full-time experience such as follows:

(i) experience documented by the preparation of geology reports or publications; and

(ii) geologic experience verified by the Board.

(D) Post-baccalaureate research in geology or a related geological science may be granted for in responsible charge experience, at the discretion of the Board.

(g) Duplicate credit will not be given for experience and education gained concurrently.

(h) Experience of less than one month will not be recognized.

(2) Applicants for the geologist practice examination must:

(a) Be registered as a GIT in Oregon; or

(b) [Be a]Apply[ing] to [sit] take [for] the ASBOG fundamental examination on the same day; or

(c) [Have on file in] Provide to the [Oregon] Board [of-office verification] proof of having pass[ing] ed the ASBOG fundamental examination [in another state].

### OAR 809-050-0000: Facsimile of Stamp

Every registered geologist and/or certified [engineering] specialty geologist shall use a stamp, including its electronic image, bearing the name of registrant, the certificate number and the words "Registered Geologist" or "Certified Engineering Geologist." A facsimile of the design and lettering of the stamp appear in Exhibit 1 and may be produced and used in proportion thereof. If the stamped geologic product or document is not otherwise signed by the registrant, then the registrant must sign the stamp in the rectangle provided. [Ed. Note: Exhibits referenced are available from the agency.]

A public rulemaking hearing may be requested in writing by 10 or more people, or by an association with 10 or more members, within 21 days following the publication of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the *Oregon Bulletin* or 28 days from the date Notice was sent to people on the agency mailing list, whichever is later. If sufficient hearing requests are received, the notice of the date and time of the rulemaking hearing must be published in the *Oregon Bulletin* at least 14 days before the hearing. ORS 183.335(2)(b)(G) requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business. The last day for public comment on the proposed rule changes is **August 1, 2004.**

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### Lapsed Registration

The following registrations lapsed during April of 2004. No lapsed registrations occurred during March or May. If your name is listed below and you *did* renew, please contact the office immediately. There may be a database entry error in which your registration was not properly updated. Your assistance in correcting the information is appreciated.

<b>Uhlman, Kristine</b>	G1950	4/30/2004
<b>Wahl, Allan</b>	G1454	4/30/2004

To practice in Oregon, a registration must be in an active status.

### 2004 Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Sept. 14: Quarterly Board Meeting at 1:00 PM  
preceded by Work Session  
Salem, Oregon
- Oct. 8: ASBOG, CEG, and Oregon Geology Exams  
Chemeketa Community College  
Salem, Oregon
- Nov. 3 - 4: Council of Examiners Meeting  
Boise, Idaho
- Nov. 5: ASBOG National Meeting, Boise, Idaho
- Dec. 3: Oregon Geology Exam, Salem, Oregon
- Dec. 8: Board Meeting, OSU, Corvallis (*tentative*)