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Next Board Meeting:

October 8, 1999

The Association Center, Salem
(directly following the Rules Hearing)

Next Public Rules Hearing:

October 8, 1999, 1:00 PM

The Association Center, Salem
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End Of Era As Hull Retires

After over 20 years at the helm, Donald Hull, PhD, RPG, retired as Oregon State Geologist effective July 31, 1999. At a public reception held at the Portland State Office Building on July 30, 1999, Board President Dorian Kuper presented Hull with a special certificate. The certificate represented every person that served with Hull on the State Board of Geologist Examiners. The following present or past Board Members signed the certificate: Allen Agnew, 1983-1990; Patrick Ashby, 1983-84; Carl Brandhorst, 1995-98; Ray Brodersen, 1988-1993; Charles Crump, 1989-1995; Audrey Eldridge, 1995 to present; Saleem Farooqui, 1977-1981; Jane Feinberg, 1987-1993; Lanny Fisk, 1993-1998; Patrick Gisler, 1983-88; Charles Hester, present; Jasper Holland, 1981-1983; Mavis Kent, 1982-84; Rick Kienle, 1983-86; Dorian Kuper, 1993 to present; Michael Long, 1993 to present; Kent Mathiot, 1986 to 1993; William Orr, present; Len Palmer, 1990-93; Lloyd Staples, 1977-80; Richard Thoms, 1981-87; Gary Wehr, 1984-89; Bob Yeats, 1981-83; Sandy Zundel, 1977-1983. In addition were signatures for former Administrator Edward Graham, 1987-1998 and Susanna Knight, current Administrator. Two deceased Board members were included, Harold Enlows, 1977-1980 and Herb Schlicker, 1977-1980, in order to represent all of those with whom Don Hull has worked during his tenure with the Board. As Dorian Kuper stated at the July Board Meeting, "A big thank you to Don Hull for his many contributions over his 21 years with the Board."

Governor Appoints Beaulieu

Governor Kitzhaber has appointed an experienced and capable successor to State Geologist Donald Hull in John Beaulieu, Ph.D., CEG, Portland. Beaulieu was a 1966 magna cum laude graduate of the University of Washington where he received his BS degree in Geology.

John Beaulieu has served as the Deputy State Geologist since 1977, but has been with the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries since 1970. He came to the department following a year at the University of Oregon as an Assistant Professor of Geology. While working toward his Ph.D. at Stanford University, Beaulieu served as a teaching assistant and as a museum curator. Beaulieu has published extensively on such topics as landslides, earthquakes, and geologic, seismic, and volcanic hazards. Beaulieu will be a strong addition to the Board.

Knight Notes

It has been a very busy three months here since our last newsletter. Although our Board had no statute changes in the works affecting licensing or process during this legislative session, we did have a critical piece of legislation out there: SB1127. At press time, this bill remains in the queue for the Governor's signature. When signed, Chapter 643, by which we have been governed in our pilot program as a semi-independent agency, will sunset, and a permanent semi-independent agency will be created. In the legislation, two additional Boards were established as semi-independent Boards: Oregon Board of Massage and the Physical Therapy Board. The Children's Trust Fund is part of the legislation on its way to becoming a completely independent organization.

We are making progress on issues and processes. It is exciting to have our email in place at osbge@open.org and a web site (skeleton only) at <http://osbge.org>. These are excellent tools for keeping communication open to the community-at-large as well as our registrants.

A Board member change has occurred during the last three months. Don Hull had served as an ex-officio member since the Board's inception in 1978. With his retirement on July 31, 1999, we now welcome our new State Geologist ex-officio member John Beaulieu.

Enclosed is the ballot for the CEGBoard position due for appointment November 17, 1999. **Ballots must be in the office by October 7.** *Please participate!* Results will be delivered to the Governor's Office for the final decision. (See related article in the June Newsletter.)

I am excited to report that the Board has chosen to appoint me to the permanent position as Administrator. There is indeed much work to be done at the administrative level. I knew when I accepted the Administrative Assistant position back in January that it would take a good two years to bring organization to the historical information here in the office. My first goal each day is to meet the current requests and needs. As time allows, I will begin working on other tasks.

When I interviewed with the Board back in December, I shared with them some of the issues I felt were critical. The Board is proving to me every day that they are genuinely interested in what is happening here. I am very challenged and honored to be appointed as the Administrator.

Enjoy the waning days of summer.

Susanna R. Knight
Administrator

Volunteer Opportunities Available

A pool of volunteer geologists and certified engineering geologists is being established to fill openings as they occur on the Board's standing committees. The committees are Professional Practice, Rules and Regulations, and Compliance. If you volunteer and are appointed to a committee, you will be required to attend committee meetings. The Board pays expenses involved with attendance of committee meetings. A description of each standing committee follows:

Professional Practice Committee [PPC]: This committee will look at the definition, scope of practice, etc of both Registered Professional Geologists and Certified Engineering Geologist. This Committee will also work as a liaison group with the Engineering Board. Chairperson of this committee is Michael Long, CEG.

Rule and Regulations [R&R]: This committee will be reviewing both our statutes and rules and suggesting additions, changes, improvements. Chairperson of this committee is Audrey Eldridge, RPG.

Compliance Committee [CC]: This committee is charged with reviewing compliance issues presented to the Board. Committee assignments are made on a case-by-case basis, but experts in the field are needed for Peer Reviews. Peer Reviews are a critical step in the Compliance process. Chairperson of this committee is our Public Member of the Board, Charles Hester.

If you would like to volunteer, please submit your resume to the Board office and specify which committee interests you. If you are interested in serving on the CC, be sure to include information regarding your work experience. This will help to determine which cases to direct your way.

Compliance Issues

At both the June 11, 1999, Meeting and the July 14, 1999, Special Meeting, the Board took action regarding compliance issues. A citizen issued a complaint to the Board that a registrant was practicing on a lapsed license. A review of the Board records did indeed reveal that the registration had been in a lapsed status for three years while the registrant was actively practicing. The Board voted to issue a civil penalty.

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The Board again voted to issue civil penalties on a complaint brought by a citizen. Following an extensive review by the Board, the Board determined the following: the registrant gave public testimony on a lapsed license; the registrant presented himself as a geological engineer during public testimony; and the registrant was negligent in the practice of his profession. Ongoing negotiations by the State Attorney General's Office will determine the final outcome of this case.

The Board is actively reviewing eight additional compliance issues at this time. Updates will be found in future newsletters.

Public Rules Hearing Held

On June 11, 1999, the Board held an open hearing to discuss the biennial budget and fee changes. In addition to all Board Members, one registrant was present and spoke on behalf of the Rule changes. A budget of \$ 227,534 was adopted for the 1999-2001 biennium. The effective date of new fees approved through the Hearing procedure was June 17, 1999. Annual fees are as follows: Geologist-in-Training, \$25.00; Registered Professional Geologist, \$75.00; Certified Engineering Geologist Specialty, \$50.00. In addition, the following fees were set: \$50.00 application fee; \$50.00 CEG Exam Fee; \$50.00 Oregon Specific Exam Fee; and \$25.00 Replacement Wall Certificate.

Next Rules Hearing Set

A Rules Hearing has been set for October 8th, 1999, beginning at 1:00 PM at The Association Center, Salem, Oregon. NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING HEARING was delivered to the Secretary of States office on August 13, 1999. The Rules Hearing will precede the scheduled Board meeting. The following rules will be under consideration: 809-001-005 Model Rules of Procedure; 809-003-0000 Definitions; 809-040-0001 Date of Application; 809-015-0005 Restoration; and 809-015-0015 Geologist-in-Training.

The Rule Summary is as follows:

- 1) The Board is adopting the September 15, 1997, Attorney General's Model Rules of Procedure.
- 2) The Board is adding the definition of negligence and modifying the definition for official transcripts.
- 3) The Board is changing exam application cutoff dates to align with nationally set Board examination dates.
- 4) The Board is changing the expiration clause for the Geologist-in-Training registration.

In addition, the Board published a NOTICE OF PERIODIC REVIEW OF RULES with the Secretary of State's office. The following rules will undergo a 3-year review: Division 1, Procedural Rules; Division 3, Definitions; Division 5, Certification of Specialty; Division 10, Fees; and and Division 15, Renewals, Restorations.

All registrants are asked to review the above-listed rules that will be discussed at the Rules Hearing. Public Comment will be received at the Rules Hearing. If you are unable to attend, written comment will be received up until 5:00 PM on October 7, 1999. If you do not have a current copy of the Oregon Administrative Rules 809, you may access them on the web at: http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/rules/OARS_809/OAR_809/809_tofc.html (enter without spaces)

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You Help, Help, Help

Many of you contacted the Board office to alert staff of the location of registrants with names published in the June Newsletter. Thank you! Please read on. Can you give us current address information for any of the following? There are additions and deletions since the June Newsletter.

Anderson, Robert Lowell; **Artim**, Ernest R; **Bell**, Rochelle B; **Black**, Janette Y; **Boge**, Wendy S; **Booker**, Nathan H; **Braibish**, Thomas E.; **Brown**, Randall E; **Chaney**, Richard L; **Cofor**, Charles R; **Dilbert**, Clifford A; **Dill**, Earl W; **Dolan**, David Walter; **Dorion**, Kristel Alexia; **Durham**, Fritz Edwin; **Fischbein**, Steven A; **Growney**, Lawrence P.; **Harrera**, Nora B.; **Howard**, Stephen Charles; **Hull**, CD; **James**, David H.;

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Can you give us current address information for any of the following?

Jenson, John W.; **Kazmierczak**, Russell A; **Landech**, Lori Marie; **Lielausis**, Cathy L; **Maloney**, Ken James; **Moresco**, Raymond L; **Mortyn**, P. Graham; **Neff**, William H.; **Owen**, Clark H; **Radcliff**, Gerald Eugene JR; **Roberts**, Larry E; **Rogers**, David K; **Schlieder**, Dr. Gunnar; **Springer**, James E; **Trewartha**, Mark A; **Van Vickle**, Robert A; **Watts**, Christopher F; **Wiebe**, Karl H; **Yound**, Richard A.

Address Change Reminder

Please notify the Board office *in writing* when you have an address change.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- September 17: ASBOG National Exam, Salem
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- September 17: Oregon-Specific Exam, Salem
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- September 17: Certified Engineering Geologist Exam,
Salem, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- October 7: Ballots for Board Position due
in the Board office by today!**
- October 8: Board Work Session, 9:00 AM
The Association Center, Salem
- October 8: Administrative Rules Public Hearing
1:00 PM, The Association Center, Salem
- October 8: Board Meeting directly following the
Rules Hearing
- October 12-16: ASBOG Annual Meeting,
San Francisco, CA
- December 10: Board Meeting, DOGAMI,
Portland, 1:00 PM

NOTICE: IMPORTANT BALLOT ENCLOSED.... MUST BE IN THE BOARD OFFICE BY OCTOBER 7

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