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1:00 PM

(Preceded by Work Session)

Salem, Oregon

Board Welcomes RG Mark Yinger as Newest Board Member

Effective December 26, 2007, Mark Yinger, RG, of Sisters, Oregon, was appointed by the Governor's office to the position vacated by Eileen L. Webb, RG. In addition to a three-year term effective March 1, 2008, Mark will complete the unfinished term through February 28, 2008, vacated when Webb moved out of state. The Board will officially meet him at the March 6, 2008, Board meeting.

Mark made application for the position based on a desire to serve the profession. He has "found the profession to be rewarding, interesting and challenging and desires to help the Board maintain and promote high standards in the practice of geology." Currently, Mark also serves as a volunteer on the Long-Term Facilities Planning Committee for the Sisters School District.

In 1971, he completed his undergraduate degree in Geology at Oregon State University. He subsequently added a Masters Degree in Geology from the University of Idaho, Moscow. He has been a consulting geologist since the mid 1970s. He has a broad background in water resource development and protection, mineral exploration, geologic hazards, and environmental assessment and remediation.

Mark previously served as a volunteer peer reviewer related to complaints being investigated by the Board. He has also worked with Oregon Water Resources Department teaching well logging seminars for well drillers and he has served on policy and rule drafting committees for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. Mark started his own consulting firm, Mark Yinger Associates, in 1994. He now resides in Sisters with his wife and two sons. He is an avid fly fisherman often found in pursuit of redsides on the Metolius River.

Engineering Geology Volunteers Needed

The Washington State Geologist Licensing Board (WSGLB) and the Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners (OSBGE) are currently conducting a Task Analysis, a process that defines the current practice of engineering geology in the states of Oregon and Washington. The information compiled from the Task Analysis will be used in the development of future Oregon/Washington engineering geology exams. Phase I is currently underway, but volunteers are still needed for Phase II of this process.

Volunteers for the **first phase** are providing information regarding the registrant's Engineering Geology practice. This phase is being conducted between January 22, 2008 to February 8, 2008. Volunteers are in place for this approximately 45-minute telephone survey.

The **second phase** is a 1-day workshop to be convened tentatively during the last week in February. Additional volunteers from Oregon are needed. This phase will rely on

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Knight's Notes

The electronic newsletter format has brought an expanded reading audience to the newsletter. The newsletter can quickly be forwarded to other practitioners when the information is deemed worthy of an expanded reading audience. Such is what happened with the October 2007 newsletter, as the article by Board Member Stephen Taylor, PhD, RG, Watershed Assessment, River Restoration, and the Geoscience Profession in Oregon, stimulated must interest.

The watershed and wetlands are active practice arenas for varied professionals in this first decade of the new century. When I came to the Geology Board in 1999, at the end of the previous decade and century, a variety of folks were practicing in the underground storage tank arena. Many of those folk had neither any knowledge of underground plumes nor what such plumes had to do with digging up an underground tank. The Board worked through underground storage tank issues on a case-by-case basis and educated a variety of individuals about the practice of geology in the process of carrying out its mission to help assure the safety, health, and welfare of Oregonians with regard to the public practice of geology.

The watershed arena is multi-disciplinary. But a variety of individuals are interested in practicing in this arena. October's newsletter article was designed to provide Registered Geologists with information about their role "in the burgeoning field of river restoration." How wonderful that it sparked the interest of so many others who are also interested in the watershed arena!

Annually, the newsletter includes the Board's CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT. Because of the extensive watershed article in the October Newsletter, the Code was not included. Please take the time to read the enclosed code and remember your responsibility as a Registered Geologist.

The Board extends a Happy New Year to all of you and encourages you to bring concerns or questions to its attention.

The best to you in 2008!

Susanna Knight
Administrator



Volunteers Needed

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the information gleaned during the telephone interviews from phase one. The Board will reimburse each participant for actual expenses incurred including mileage, meals, and overnight stay, if needed. The 1-day workshop will probably be held in Vancouver, Washington, a site previously used and quite conducive to the needs of both states. Volunteers for this phase should hold registration in both Oregon and Washington as Engineering Geologists.

If you are interested in participating in phase two, **please** contact the Board staff at (503) 566-2837 or osbge.info@state.or.us for further information.

Board Administers National Exam

Exams of the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) were administered in Salem, Oregon, on September 28, 2007. Oregon's results were again very favorable. Examinations were administered at Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Oregon, to one of the largest groups in the last decade.

Across all testing sites, five hundred and forty-seven candidates completed the Fundamental (FG) examination while three-hundred ninety-two sat for the Practice (PG) examination. The examinations were administered in 28 states: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

For each examination, a scaled score of 70 reflects the minimum passing score. When the scaled results were applied to the nationwide September 2007 examinations, candidates passed as follows: 309 out of 547 candidates (56%) passed the FG examination while 278 out of 392 (71%) passed the PG examination.

In Oregon, thirty candidates sat for the morning Fundamental section; 25 received passing scores with a pass rate of 83%, 27% above the national norm.

In the afternoon, the Board administered the Practice section to 16 candidates with a pass rate of 100%. This is an incredible effort by Oregon candidates and 29% above the national norm.

The Board offers its congratulations to all candidates that successfully passed the examination(s).

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CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

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Goals

(1) A geologist shall be guided by the highest standards of ethics, honesty, integrity, fairness, personal honor, and professional conduct.

(2) To the fullest extent possible, a geologist shall protect the public health and welfare and property in carrying out professional duties.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 672

Stats. Implemented:

His.t: GE 4-1984, f. & ef. 12-18-84

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Responsibility to Profession

(1) A geologist shall undertake professional service or render expert opinion only when qualified by training or experience in the technical areas involved.

(2) When serving as an expert or technical witness before a court, commission, or other tribunal, a geologist shall express only those opinions founded upon adequate professional knowledge of the matters at issue.

(3) A geologist shall sign and seal only professional work, including, but not limited to, maps and report for which the geologist has direct professional knowledge, and for which the geologist intends to be responsible for its accuracy and adequacy.

(4) A geologist shall not take credit for work conducted by others. When using the results of other geologists' work in the performance of the practice of geology, a geologist shall give due credit to the other geologists by citation or acknowledgement. Work of other geologists which is proprietary, or was not intended to be made generally available, shall not be used without the permission of the other geologist.

(5) A geologist shall not knowingly make false statements or misrepresentations, or permit the publication or use of the geologist's name or work in association with any fraudulent activities.

(6) A geologist shall make full disclosure to all parties concerned of any conflict of interest in projects or properties on which the geologist performs work.

(7) If a 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.

(8) If a geologist's professional judgment is overruled or not adhered to under circumstances where the geologist has reasonable cause to believe there is a clear and present threat to the public health or welfare or property, the geologist shall immediately notify the client/employer. If the client/employer does not take appropriate action within a reasonable amount of time under the circumstances, the geologist shall notify in writing the agency of local government having jurisdiction, or in the case of state/federal property the state/federal agency having land management responsibility, and the Board of the nature of the public threat.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 672

Stats. Implemented:

Hist.: GE 4-1984, f. & ef. 12-18-84

809-020-0011

Responsibility to Employer

(1) A geologist shall avoid conflict of interest with a client/employer and shall disclose the circumstances to the client/employer if a conflict is unavoidable.

(2) A geologist shall not, during the time of the geologist's retention or employment by a client/employer, use information developed for, or the resources of, said client/employer for private gain or in any other manner that may conflict with the client/employer's interest without the knowledge and consent of the client/employer, except as specified in OAR 809-020-0006(8) Responsibility to Profession. In the case of a former client/employer, a geologist shall honor agreements with that former client/employer with regard to proprietary information, except as specified by OAR 809-020-0006(8).

(3) A geologist shall either engage or advise a client/employer to engage other experts or specialists if

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the client/employer's interests are best served by such service.

(4) A geologist shall give due notice of withdrawal of service from a client/employer. Due notice shall be either 30 days or a time mutually agreed to by the geologist and the client/employer, whichever is less. However, a geologist may withdraw from service without due notice if:

(a) The geologist fails to receive compensation, or has reasonable cause to believe that compensation for services performed will not be received;

(b) The geologist knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, that continued employment will result in a violation of this Code, ORS Chapter 672, the related administrative rules, or will otherwise be illegal;

(c) The geologist knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, that the client/employer is involved in illegal or fraudulent practices, or practices dangerous to the public health, and welfare and property;

(d) The geologist knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, that continued employment will result in sickness or injury to the geologist or the geologist's dependents.

(5) A geologist shall not accept compensation concurrently from more than one client/employer on a project, unless the circumstances of payment are fully disclosed and agreed to by all financially interested parties.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 672

Stats. Implemented:

Hist: GE 4-1984, f. & ef. 12-18-84

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Responsibility to the Board

(1) A geologist, when requested by the Board, shall respond to communications from the Board within 30 days of the date of receipt of mailing by registered or certified mail.

(2) A geologist, when requested by the Board, shall present information and assistance to the Board in pursuing violations of laws and rules relating to the practice of geology in the State of Oregon. A geologist shall not dismiss from his employment, or take

any other sanction against another geologist because of the other geologist's compliance with this, or any other subsection, of the Code of Professional Conduct, ORS Chapter 672, or the related administrative rules.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 672

Stats. Implemented:

Hist: GE 3(Temp), f. & ef. 12-14-77; GE 1-1978, f. & ef. 3-9-78; GE 4-1984, f. & ef. 12-18-84

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Misconduct

Violation of the Code of Professional Conduct is misconduct. In addition, the following specific actions are considered to be, but not limited to, misconduct for which the geologist may be disciplined:

(1) Signing or stamping work which was not prepared under the direct supervision or control of the geologist;

(2) Offering or accepting gifts (other than those of nominal value, such as entertainment or hospitality), with the intent of influencing the judgment of a client, prospective client or government official, or the geologist in connection with a project, or employment, in which the geologist is to be retained or has a financial interest;

(3) Engaging in professional conduct involving fraud, deceit, or violation of federal or state statute or rule regulating the practice of geology;

(4) Practicing geology while the geologist's ability to practice was impaired by alcohol or other drugs;

(5) Engaging in false, misleading or deceptive advertising;

(6) Making a substantial misrepresentation relating to the public practice of geology.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 672

Stats. Implemented:

Hist: GE 4-1984, f. & ef. 12-18-84

Board Welcomes New Registrants

The Board welcomes the following new registrants both by Cooperative Registration (passing the ASBOG exam in another state) and by examination (passing the ASBOG examination in Oregon). The Board anticipates your practice to be both safe and successful here in Oregon as you comply with the Code of Professional Conduct (OAR 804, Division 20).

By Cooperative Registration:

McGregor, Derek K.	G2170	10/18/2007	FL
Drummond, Andrew D.	G2171	11/01/2007	CA
Glenn, William S.	G2172	11/14/2007	CA
Sedgwick, Brian S.	G2198	11/26/2007	WI
Snyder, Clint E.	G2199	12/03/2007	CA
Lee, Douglas J.	G2200	01/03/2008	WA
Zuroweste, Tara C.	G2201	01/10/2008	CA
Whitney, Beau B.	G2202	01/16/2008	CA

New Geologist-in-Training after passing the September 2007 ASBOG examination:

Bauer, Andrew P.	T2173	11/19/2007
Blake, Andrew	T2174	11/19/2007
Carroll, Erin	T2179	11/19/2007
Eversaul, Martin	T2182	11/19/2007
Hughes, Peter	T2185	11/19/2007
Lavarnway, Aimee E.	T2186	11/19/2007
Lewis, Roger C.	T2187	11/19/2007
Lynn, Jeremy M.	T2188	11/19/2007
Nogaire, Kenneth	T2189	11/19/2007
Rapp, Elizabeth	T2190	11/19/2007
Sadofsky, Seth J.	T2192	11/19/2007
Viescas, Lynn	T2195	11/19/2007
Wright, Briana M.	T2197	11/19/2007

New Registered Geologists after successfully completing the September 2007 ASBOG examination:

Sjostrom, Sara K.	G1984	11/19/2007
Parmenter, Amy B.	G2065	11/19/2007
Douglas, Michael A.	G2081	11/19/2007
McClaghry, Jason D.	G2087	11/19/2007
Villa, Mark	G2098	11/19/2007
Bosze, Stephanie	G2175	11/19/2007
Brady, Roland H.	G2176	11/19/2007
Brooks, Rebekah	G2177	11/19/2007
Cagle, Gregory A.	G2178	11/19/2007
Colby, Norman D.	G2180	11/19/2007
Dopp, Steven J.	G2181	11/19/2007
Garvey, Sean	G2183	11/19/2007
Herman, Kurt	G2184	11/19/2007
Rapp, Shawn R.	G2191	11/19/2007
Schmidt, Andrew P.	G2193	11/19/2007
Schwalm, Albrecht J.	G2194	11/19/2007
Wilcoxon, James R.	G2196	11/19/2007

Lapsed Registrations

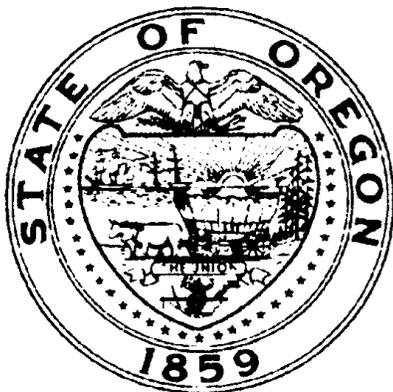
The following registrants have failed to renew their registration in recent months and currently have an expired registration. An active registration is required to practice geology in Oregon. The annual fee and restoration fee must be presented to the Board to activate the registration. If your renewal payment was processed and you have a *current registration card*, 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.

Ackerman, Anne	G1820	11/30/2007
Aitken, Greg	G1375	11/30/2007
Becker, Steven	G1847	10/31/2007
Benfer, J	E0973	10/31/2007
Braddock, James	G1386	12/31/2007
Brown, Jim	E0410	10/31/2007
Crow, Leanne	T2133	11/30/2007
Davis, Dennis	G0454	10/31/2007
Day, John	G1464	10/31/2007
Feuer, Jack	E0443	10/31/2007
Frey, D.A.	E0445	10/31/2007
Gano, Daniel	E0095	10/31/2007
Goldsmith, Locke	G0786	10/31/2007
Hammond, Charles	E1056	12/31/2007
Helm, Ron	E1674	10/31/2007
Henderson, Kenneth	G0717	10/31/2007
Hoffstetter, William	E0254	10/31/2007
Holt, Jeffrey	E0545	10/31/2007
Howard, Stephen	G1812	10/31/2007
Lauritzen, Robert	G1945	12/31/2007
Manhart, Gary	G2103	11/30/2007
McCulloch, Dexter	E0274	10/31/2007
Mitchell, Miles	G0511	10/31/2007
Mohorich, Leroy	G0114	10/31/2007
Moore, Richard	G1076	10/31/2007
Morrison, Ralph	E0268	10/31/2007
Oblander, Peter	G2091	11/30/2007
O'connor, Patricia	G1333	12/31/2007
Olmstead, Dennis	G0946	10/31/2007
Olmsted, Terry	E0598	10/31/2007
Palmer, Patrick	G2146	11/30/2007
Parkinson, Kerry	E0126	10/31/2007
Patterson, Peter	E0027	10/31/2007
Randall, Jeffery	G0855	10/31/2007
Rogers, Charles	T1918	11/30/2007
Rogers, Claudia	T2148	11/30/2007
Shair, Peter	T2149	11/30/2007

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Staley, Shayne	T1948	11/30/2007
Stevens, Sarah	G1484	12/31/2007
Vandre, Bruce	G0678	10/31/2007
Wallace, Jeffrey	G1288	12/31/2007
Westhoff, David	G1267	12/31/2007
Yen, Peter	E0507	10/31/2007

2008 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Mar. 6:	OSBGE Work Session 8:30 AM, Salem, Oregon
	OSBGE Quarterly Board Meeting 1 PM, Salem, Oregon
Mar. 7:	ASBOG & OR/WA EG Examinations
Apr. 4 – 5:	ASBOG COE Cody, Wyoming
June 6:	Application Deadline for October 3, 2008, Exams
June 13:	OSBGE Quarterly Board Meeting