



*News from the  
Washington State  
Geologist Licensing Board*

**Board News**

**Guidelines for building officials website**

The new [Guidelines for building officials and design professionals website](#) has gone live! The website replaces the old print version, also known as the “green book,” that was published in 2002. This project has been a collaborative effort among the Geologist Licensing Board, the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, the Board of Licensure for Landscape Architects, and the Board for Architects for the last 6 years. The goal of the website is to be a working document that will allow for updates as-needed. Please take a moment to visit the site and send your feedback to [dfccompliance@dol.wa.gov](mailto:dfccompliance@dol.wa.gov).

In addition to the website, the board has joined a subcommittee comprised of representatives from each of the four design boards. The joint subcommittee will review the website content and address cross-disciplinary issues as they arise.

**Outreach Efforts**

Board members will meet with students at Central Washington University in Ellensburg on June 3, 2014.

Additional outreach events include:

- June 17-20, 2014 – Association of Washington Cities; Spokane, WA
- September 30, 2014 – Meeting with students at Whitman College; Walla Walla, WA

**Discussion topics from the February board meeting**

Can't attend the board meetings in person? Minutes and audio are available on our [website](#).

**Complaints and Disciplinary Activity**

<b><u>Current Cases:</u></b>	
Unlicensed practice	0
Unprofessional conduct	1
<b>Total open cases:</b>	<b>1</b>

The Geologist Licensing Board regulates the industry by investigating complaints of unprofessional conduct and incompetence against licensees, and issues of unlicensed practice. When a complaint is received by the board, an initial investigation is started to gather information about the situation, and usually involves contact with the subject of the complaint (the respondent). A board member is assigned as a case manager and serves as the technical expert. The investigation process can be lengthy and the case has several possible outcomes. The case may be closed by the board with no further

<b><u>2014 Board Meeting Schedule</u></b>	
Meeting agendas and minutes are published on our <a href="#">website</a> as they become available.	
March 18	Department of Licensing, Olympia
June 3	Central Washington University, Ellensburg
September 30	Whitman College, Walla Walla
December 2	South Puget Sound Community College, Lacey
All meetings start at 9 AM	
2015 meeting dates will be set at the December meeting.	
<b><u>Your Board Members</u></b>	
Gene St. Godard, LG, LHG, Chair – Spokane	
Brian Beaman, LG, LEG, LHG, Vice Chair – Carnation	
Robert Mitchell, LG, LHG, Secretary – Bellingham	
Ray Brunson, Public Member - Olympia	
William Laprade, LG, LEG, Member – Seattle	
Dave Norman, LG, LEG, LHG, Member – Olympia	
William D. Ernst, LG, Member - Lakewood	

action if not enough evidence is found to support the complaint or the respondent quickly remedies the situation. For more serious issues, the board may issue a statement of charges against the respondent, with sanctions for each offense. The respondent has an opportunity for a settlement conference to negotiate the sanctions or can ask for a hearing. For more information on disciplinary orders, visit our [website](#).

The board accepted one disciplinary order at the February 11, 2014 meeting:

Case Number	Respondent	Board Action
2013-04-1100-00GEO	Shawn E. Williams	In the matter of unprofessional conduct: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Respondent is reprimanded</li> </ul>

## Licensee News

### Congratulations!

The Geologist Licensing Board and staff welcomed 17 new geologists between November 16, 2013 and January 31, 2014:

Geologist Licenses		
<u>First License</u>		<u>Reciprocal License</u>
Eric Alan Adams	Sharen Keattch	Michael Backe
Jeffrey David Bowman	Nathan Moxley	Gregory Joseph George
Anne Marie Conrad	Jason Michael Shira	Paula Ann Richardson
Jessica Lynn Czajkowski	Lucas C. Swart	Robert Bruce Taxelius
Christopher D. Fell	Timothy James Tschetter	
Orion Arthur George	Daniel Dean Tucker	
Carrie C. Gillum		

### Delinquent Licensees

At their February meeting, the Geologist Licensing Board decided to publish the names of licensees who have failed to renew their license. The list below includes people whose licenses lapsed since November 1, 2013. PLEASE NOTE – it’s not a complete list of all our lapsed licenses. To check the status of your license, visit the Department of Licensing’s [license look-up page](#).

Remember: you need an active license to practice geology. If your license is not active and you perform any activities that require a license, you could be subject to disciplinary action from the board.

Delinquent Licensees November 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014
Ulysses Cooley Jr., 1000
Andrew John Drabick, 2855
Daniel G. Strubel, 1940
Clarence David George, 399
Steven Robert McMullen, 1240
Paul Nordstrom, 435
Matthew A Von Der Ahe, 2931
Mark R. Underhill, 175

### Examination information

If you or someone you know is preparing to take the Fundamentals of Geology, Practice of Geology, Engineering Geologist, or Hydrogeologist exams, please visit our [Examinations](#) webpage for application deadlines and how to register.

## Exam Calendar

### National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG)

#### Fundamentals of Geology Practice of Geology

Exam date October 10, 2014  
*Application deadline July 18, 2014*

### Engineering Geologist Specialty Exam

Exam date October 10, 2014  
*Application deadline July 18, 2014*

### Hydrogeologist Specialty Exam

Exam date July 11, 2014  
*Application deadline May 9, 2014*

### Keep your license active – remember these 3 tips:

1. Renewal fees are due every year on your birthday and are your responsibility.
2. Renewal notices are a courtesy—you are accountable for renewing even if you don't receive a notice.
3. You should notify our office when you change your address: [geologist@dol.wa.gov](mailto:geologist@dol.wa.gov) or 360-664-1497.

### Do your fellow geologists get these announcements?

They should. Please tell them to sign up to the Geologists' ListServ electronic mailing list. They can join the Listserv by visiting our [website](#) and following these steps:

- Select the ListServ® link
- Select the “Join or leave the list (or change settings)” link
- Enter your email address and name, then select the join list button
- You will be sent a confirmation email, and then you will be added to the list

**Skip a trip – go online: [www.dol.wa.gov](http://www.dol.wa.gov)**

We are committed to providing equal access to our services.

If you need accommodation, please call 360-664-6597 or TTY 360-664-0116.

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