



*News from the
Washington State
Geologist Licensing Board*

Board News

Discussion topics from the March board meeting

The spring board meeting included the election of board officers as well as discussions about outreach (see below) and adding a new inactive/retired license status. Although the current statute does not allow licenses to be placed on inactive or retired status, this is something the board will consider during the rule writing process.

Can't attend the meetings in person? Visit the board's [website](#) for more information about meeting dates and locations as well as past meeting minutes and audio recordings.

2015 Board Meeting Schedule	
Meeting agendas and minutes are published on our website as they become available.	
June 30, 8:00 AM	LOTT Clean Water Alliance, Olympia
September 22, 8:00 AM	ESD 113/Capital Event Center, Tumwater
December 15, 8:00 AM	ESD 113/Capital Event Center, Tumwater
2016 meeting dates will be set at the December meeting.	
Your Board Members	
Robert Mitchell, LG, LHG, Chair – Bellingham	
Dave Norman, LG, LEG, LHG, Vice Chair – Olympia	
William D. Ernst, LG, Secretary – Lakewood	
Brian Beaman, LG, LEG, LHG, Member – Carnation	
Gene St. Godard, LG, LHG, Member – Spokane	
William Laprade, LG, LEG, Member – Seattle	
Sandy Letzing, Public Member – Wenatchee	

The board says good-bye to Bill Laprade



Chair Brian Beaman thanks Bill Laprade for his service to the board.

Mr. Laprade was appointed to the Geologist Licensing Board in 2007 by Department of Licensing Director, Liz Luce. Bill served two terms with the board (8 years) and has been instrumental in the board's outreach program and working with the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) Council of Examiner workshops. He chaired the board June 2010 through March 2011, and under his direction the board provided feedback to the national Association of Engineering Geologists' Joint Task Force on Areas of Practice and implemented these news bulletins instead of an annual journal. Bill was also critical in the ongoing development of the engineering geology exam with the Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners. His second term will end on May 1, 2015 and recruitment for a new board member is ongoing.

Outreach Efforts

At the March board meeting, the board discussed outreach and how to effectively communicate board policies and the importance of hiring a licensed professional to local jurisdictions. In the coming months, the board will look at several options, including attending planner forums, submitting articles to newsletters, and partnering with organizations such as the American Public Works Association (APWA), the Association of Washington Cities (AWC), the Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC), and the Interagency Coordinating Council (IACC).

Additionally, board members discussed how to best share licensing information with geologist students. The board currently meets on college campuses around the state 1-2 times per year and these meetings include a session with students. The current rotation of college visits results in visiting each school approximately once every four years. The board will consider options that may be more effective – working with a professor and attending a class, reaching out to geologist clubs, developing better outreach materials that can be posted at schools, etc.

Potential outreach events for 2015 include:

- April 14-16, 2015 – [Washington Hydrogeology Symposium](#); Seattle, WA
- October 4-7, 2015 – [American Public Works Association](#); Yakima, WA

Complaints and Disciplinary Activity

Current Cases:	
Unlicensed practice	0
Unprofessional conduct	1
Total open cases:	1

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 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.

Upcoming Events	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
April 14-16, 2015	Washington Hydrogeology Symposium ; Seattle, WA
April 14-16, 2015	Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists 2015 Annual Meeting ; Pittsburgh, PA

For more information on disciplinary orders, visit our [website](#).

Licensee News

Congratulations!

The Geologist Licensing Board and staff welcomed 7 new geologists between December 16, 2014 and March 15, 2015:

Geologist Licenses	
<u>First License</u> Sean Michael Coan Kendra Justine Williams	<u>Reciprocal License</u> Joseph Abbott Clint Carney Joshua Kannenberg Alexander Pappas Rachel Pirot – Engineering Geologist

Delinquent Licensees

In February 2014, the Geologist Licensing Board began publishing the names of licensees who have failed to renew their license. The current list includes people whose licenses lapsed between December 16, 2014 and March 15, 2015. 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](#).

Delinquent Licensees December 16, 2014 through March 15, 2015	
BATTEY, TODD CARDEN, JOHN DOUGHTY, PAUL DYER, RANDAL EVANS, JAMES EVANS, WILLIAM GARCIA, GEOFFREY GAVIN, BRIAN GILMORE, TYLER HACHEY, MARC HAMILTON, JONATHAN HANSON, KIRT HARPER, GERALD HELLER, ERIC INDREBO, MARK	JURISTA, BRANISLAV JUSTUS, HEATHER LATHAM, JOANNA LOTTSFELDT, ERIK MACK, GREGORY MCKINNEY, JOSEPH ORLEAN, HOWARD RECCA, STEVEN RIGGSBEE, WADE SAGER, JOHN SAVOCA, MARK CHUMP, KENNETH THACKABERRY, WILLIAM WALTERS, DWIGHT WILKINSON, JOHN

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 or 360-664-1497.

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.

<p style="text-align: center;">Exam Calendar</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG)</u> Fundamentals of Geology Practice of Geology Exam date October 2, 2015 <i>Application deadline July 10, 2015</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Engineering Geologist Specialty Exam</u> Exam date October 2, 2015 <i>Application deadline July 10, 2015</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Hydrogeologist Specialty Exam</u> Exam date July 10, 2015 <i>Application deadline May 8, 2015</i></p>

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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

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