



*News from the
Washington State
Geologist Licensing Board*

Board News

The board needs you!

The board is currently recruiting for a licensed geologist to fill a position available May 1, 2015. The licensee member must be licensed in Washington State and have been actively engaged in the practice of geologist for at least 10 years, at least five of which being immediately prior to appointment to the board. The ideal candidate will also hold an engineering geologist endorsement.

If you are interested in applying for this position or know someone who would be a good fit, please contact the Geologist Board [office](#), or visit the Board's [website](#). Staff is happy to answer any questions you may have.

The board welcomes a new board member!

Sandy Letzing was born and raised in Seattle WA and went to Franklin High School. She got her BS in Biology from University of Portland in 2006, and moved to Sun Valley, ID to work for an Environmental Consulting firm on the Snake River Sockeye Salmon restoration project. While there she completed fire academy and EMT training and volunteered with county search and rescue and the Sun Valley Fire Department for 5 years and also managed to squeeze in a considerable amount of ski days. She completed her MS in Resource Management from Oregon State University in 2013 and is currently in Wenatchee, WA working as a resource specialist on Upper Columbia River Salmon habitat restoration.

Outreach Efforts

The board is looking for additional outreach opportunities in the coming year. Potential outreach events for 2015 include:

- March 3, 2015 – Meeting with students at the University of Puget Sound; Tacoma.
- April 14-16, 2015 – [Washington Hydrogeology Symposium](#); Seattle, WA

Third Basin and Range Province Seismic Hazard Summit

The Utah Geological Survey and Western States Seismic Policy Council, in conjunction with the Utah Division of Emergency Management, the Utah Professional Geologists Licensing Board, the Utah Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Licensing Board, the U. S. Geological Survey, the Intermountain Section of the

2015 Board Meeting Schedule	
Meeting agendas and minutes are published on our website as they become available.	
March 3, 9:00 AM	University of Puget Sound, Tacoma
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	
Brian Beaman, LG, LEG, LHG, Chair – Carnation	
Robert Mitchell, LG, LHG, Vice Chair – Bellingham	
William Laprade, LG, LEG, Secretary – Seattle	
Dave Norman, LG, LEG, LHG, Member – Olympia	
William D. Ernst, LG, Member – Lakewood	
Gene St. Godard, LG, LHG, Member – Spokane	
Sandy Letzing, Public Member – Wenatchee	

Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists, and the University of Utah Seismograph Stations are convening a third Basin and Range Province Seismic Hazard Summit (BRPSHSIII) January 12-17, 2015, at the Utah Department of Natural Resources Building in Salt Lake City, Utah. The topics to be covered in the BRPSHSIII technical sessions, and the training provided by the accompanying short course and field trip are directly applicable to geologists performing seismic-hazard studies before the public in many areas of Washington. For more information, visit the Utah Geological Survey's [website](#).

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

Complaints and Disciplinary Activity

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

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

Licensee News

Congratulations!

The Geologist Licensing Board and staff welcomed 13 new geologists between October 16, 2014 and December 15, 2014:

Geologist Licenses		
<u>First License</u>		<u>Reciprocal License</u>
Ellen R. Engnerg	Brian Edric Metzenheim	Christopher Shaun Kochiss
Julia Eileen Fitts	Michael Jon Olson	
Joshua Andrews Hardesty	Anthony David Palmieri	Jedediah Drury Greenwood – Engineering Geologist specialty
Lyndsey Erin Kleepin	Kelsay M. Stanton	
Nicholas Thomas Legg	Amy Elizabeth Tice	
James Gerard McDermott		

Delinquent Licensees

In February 2014, the Geologist Licensing Board began publishing the names of licensees who have failed to renew their license. Staff is happy to report no licenses lapsed between October 16, 2014 and December 15, 2014. To check the status of your license, visit the Department of Licensing's [license look-up page](#).

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 March 6, 2015 <i>Application deadline December 12, 2014</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Engineering Geologist Specialty Exam</u> Exam date March 6, 2015 <i>Application deadline December 12, 2014</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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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

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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