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of the Oregon Section Association of Engineering Geologists

Serving Professionals in Engineering, Environmental, and Groundwater Geology

SEPTEMBER 2002 SECTION MEETING

DAVE MICHAEL, OR DEPT. OF FORESTRY, AND GARY PETERSON, SQUIER ASSOCIATES, INC.

Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners Update: What's Going On ?

Gary Peterson and Dave Michael will conduct an informative and interactive discussion of the status of registration and "Board" issues in Oregon. The Board has been active over the past year on some issues that are of great interest to Oregon geologists and engineering geologists. Come and take part in this discussion and learn the "latest" in Board News.

Topics:

- Washington / Oregon combined CEG exam
- Cooperative Registration "Reciprocity" with Washington – California
- Professional Practices White Paper – "policy and explanation"
- Recent compliance case action – revocation of RG license
- MOU Committee with OS-BEELS — Engineering / Geology "gray area" joint subcom-

mittee meeting, including both environmental and engineering geology practice areas

- 2002 Legislative Issues – Concepts for Statute change
- Public testimony issue
- Hydro in engineering design (e.g.: drainage behind walls) RG or CEG
- Possible New Location for OSBGE "first word" in an ongoing process
- Construction Contractor's Board Statute issue
- Responsible Charge for Registration and Certification
- Other issues of interest to AEG Oregon Section as raised in discussion

**PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW MEETING DAY
THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY**

This Month's Meeting is on Tuesday Sept. 17

Busters Barbeque

11419 SW Pacific Hwy

Tigard, Oregon

Cafeteria Style (pay for what you select from the menu)

6:00 pm Social

7:00 pm Dinner

8:00 pm Presentation

Call URS at 503-222-

7200 by 4 pm Fri. Sept.

13 to make your

reservation.

MESSAGE FROM THE IN-COMING CHAIR

As the summer slips away into fall and the school buses again crowd the neighborhood streets every morning and afternoon, kids everywhere are back on schedule, getting used to the familiar routine of the school day where things happen similarly each day, because the teachers know the students can learn better when parts of the day are routine. As kids all around us are signing up for band, soccer, drama, etc, eager to learn new things, let's all add AEG to our schedules this year. Attending the monthly meetings is a great way to learn more about the speaker's topic, of course, but it is also about learning who your colleagues are and what projects are going on that you may learn from. The Oregon Section has always been a warm and welcome group and we encourage all of its members to

regularly attend the monthly meetings as a way of supporting the Association. When possible, each member should also volunteer time on a Committee, on the Board, or for a seminar, short-course, or field-trip. Give it a try! Make time for AEG.

I do not actually take over as Chair of the Oregon Section until the Annual AEG Meeting, this year in Reno, Nevada, on September 25th through the 29th. I know of several other Oregon members that will be attending; hope to see you there. I'll provide a summary of the happenings from the meeting in next month's newsletter.

To quickly summarize last year, we had well-attended monthly meetings, with attendance varying from 28 to 61. Our budget increased by roughly \$700, raising the balance

to roughly \$4660. Officer elections were held in the spring, existing officers will advance up the ladder of positions, and we welcome Brent Black as Treasurer.

Lastly, the Oregon Section is trying to organize one or more short-courses and/or field trips for this year- stay tuned for more details. Continuing education makes work more interesting and field trips have always been a necessary and fun part of being a geologist; these opportunities should not be passed by. Remember to schedule AEG in at least once a month. Make time for AEG this year.

See you at the September meeting.

*Ruth Wilmoth
AEG Oregon Section Chair*



Having fun at the Oregon Section AEG Special July 2002 Meeting (a Portland Beavers baseball game). In this photograph are family and friends with Members Tim Richter, Brent Black, Warren Krager, and Ruth Wilmoth. Not in the photograph but also at the game were John Sager, Drew Harvey, Anne MacDonald and Charlie Hammond. (Photo by C.Hammond)

SHORT NEWS ITEMS

Oregon Association of Environmental Professionals (OAEPAE): will be meeting September 12, 2002, 6 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel in Lloyd Center.

The forum will be a panel discussion of "Abandoned Mine Issues in Oregon and the Northwest".

The panel will consist of: Ben Mundi from Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, Jeff Christensen from Oregon DEQ, and Herb Clough from Hart Crowser.

The speakers will discuss the abandoned mine inventory in Oregon, associated hazards and risks, cleanup programs from Montana and other western states, and Oregon's approach. Additionally, a case study will be presented of the reclamation efforts at the Formosa Mine, a former copper and zinc mine in Douglas County.

Green Briefcases: We still have a few green canvas briefcases left over from the Seattle annual meeting. You can have one for \$5.00. Contact our Chair and we will bring one to the next meeting!

Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners: Public Notice Meeting of the State Board of Geologist Examiners. The regular meeting of the Oregon State Board of Geologist Examiners is set for Wednesday, September 11, 2002. The meeting

will be held in Salem, Oregon at The Association Center, COSA Conference Room, 707 13th Street SE beginning at 1:00 p.m. A work session beginning at 9:00 a.m. will precede the meeting. During the meeting, the Board may consider examination appeals, law enforcement matters, financial reports, legislative activities, administration of examinations, and Administrative Rule review. Executive Session may be convened to consider documents exempt from public disclosure.

Meetings of the board are open to the public. Parties interested in the regulation of registered professionals or the practices of geology and engineering geology are invited to attend.

For additional information, please direct your questions regarding the meeting to the Board office as follows: Susanna Knight, Administrator, 707 13th Street SE, Suite 275 Salem, OR, 97301, Phone 503-566-2837, Fax 503-362-6393, e-mail: osbge@osbge.org, website: www.osbge.org

Oregon Section Book: The 1998 publication "Environmental, Groundwater And Engineering Geology Applications from Oregon" Edited by Scott Burns, with articles by many Oregon Section members, is available from Nature of the Northwest (DOGAMI Book Store at

800 NE Oregon St.), Powell's Book Store, Portland State Book Store (corner 5th and Mill), and Amazon.com.

"Seeking Old AEG Annual Directories": If anybody has any pre-1997 AEG annual directories, please email George Freitag, History Chair at gfreitag@gri.com. George is compiling our sections history. His mailing address is: GRI Inc., 9725 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, Beaverton, OR 97005

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CALENDAR

October: Jon Major of USGS CVO Basin and the hydrogeology will speak on post volcanic eruption-sedimentation research in streams and rivers

November: Ken Lite of Oregon Water Resources will talk about the water-rights issues in the Upper Deschutes

December: Jon Hofmeister of DOGAMI will speak on his debris flow mapping projects

January: Jon Allan of DOGAMI-Newport Office will speak on his

coastal geomorphology research.

February: to be announced

March: to be announced

April: to be announced

May: to be announced

MEMBERSHIP

Application forms for Membership in AEG can be obtained from Tim Blackwood, Membership Chair. He will also have copies at the monthly meetings. Membership is on a calendar year basis. If you are an AEG member, headquarters will also collect our Oregon Section dues of \$15, which supports our newsletter costs, and, in part, the dinner costs for student members.

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