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BOARD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Governor John Kitzhaber, M.D. has appointed Stuart H. Albright and Ronald E. Stuntzner to the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying (OSBEELS).

Stuart H. Albright, P.E. has been named to complete the remaining term of Suzanne T. Crane, P.E. Crane resigned from OSBEELS prior to moving to the state of Washington.

Albright is a civil engineer with Hart Crowser, Inc. in Lake Oswego. He was first licensed in 1989 in civil engineering, his area of practice is geotechnical engineering. He graduated from Portland State University in 1983 with a Bachelors degree in civil engineering and graduated from Oregon State University in 1985 with a Masters degree. He will be expected to serve on the board until June 30, 2001.


Stuntzner is a logging engineer with Stuntzner Engineering and Forestry, LLC in Coos Bay. He was first licensed in 1968 in logging engineering, a land surveyor in 1977 and a water rights examiner in 1987. He graduated from Oregon State University in 1964 with a Bachelors degree in forest engineering. He will be expected to serve a four-year term ending June 30, 2004.

These two individuals bring to OSBEELS a great deal of expertise in their chosen fields and will be immediate assets to the agency.

Welcome aboard!

STRUCTURAL BY PRIOR PRACTICE

The deadline is upon us for applications to add the Structural branch by prior practice. October 23, 2000 is the last day that the Board will accept applications.

The applications are not being reviewed in the office. A committee made up of Board members and members of SEAO are reviewing the applications. Unfortunately, application updates are not available. If you have received a letter from the office requesting additional information, please send that information in as soon as possible. Applications that are lacking information will not be approved.

Response has been mild, as of 10-2-00 we have only received 70 applications, 10 of which the committee and Board has approved.

Applications are available from the office or the web site at: www.osbeels.org in the “What’s New” category.
Volunteer

The examinations would be an overwhelming task without the able assistance of the professionals that will work for food! The examinations on Friday and Saturday could not be administered without you. If you or others you know are interested in volunteering to serve as a proctor for a future examination, contact claudia@osbeels.org at the Board office. Those who volunteer will receive breakfast, lunch, a gift and our thanks.

Have You Moved?

It is the Registrant’s responsibility to keep the board informed of any change of address in writing.

Osbeels@osbeels.org

Company Checks

If your company sends a check for your license renewal please make sure they include your license number and certification of CPD requirements. If these items are not included it will delay the renewal process.

EXAMINATION RESULTS FOR APRIL 2000

In April 2000, OSBEELS, along with about 50 volunteers from the professional community, administered examinations to 1017 candidates in Atoll, Egypt, India, Japan, Korea, Saudi Arabia and at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem, Oregon. The results from these examinations are shown.

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WATER RIGHT EXAMINER TEST 2001

The Water Right Examiner test next spring will be given at the campus of Central Oregon Community College, Pioneer Building, room 232 in Bend. The test will be given on April 21, 2001 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The test site will alternate yearly between Salem and Bend to help accommodate registrants. The deadline to apply for the Water Right Exam is March 1, 2001. Applications are on OSBEELS website. If you have questions contact Don Knauer, Water Resources Department at 503-378-8455 ext. 255 or by e-mail at donald.e.knauer@wrld.state.or.us.
ARE YOU CURRENT? HAVE YOU MOVED?

If your license has expired and you have not renewed use this form to reactivate your license. Enclose your correct fee PLUS a $5.00 late fee for each 6-month period per license. Your registration status is your responsibility.


FEES: □ PE $80  □ WRE $20  □ PLS $80  □ $5 Late fee per license

Method of Payment: (check one)
□ Visa  □ MasterCard  □ Discover  □ American Express  □ JBC
□ Cashier’s Check or Money order (enclosed)
□ Personal Check (enclosed)

Credit Card Number ____________________________ Exp. Date ____________________________

Cardholder Signature ____________________________

Make check or money order payable to OSBEELS and mail to:  
728 Hawthorne Ave NE, Salem OR 97301  
(DO NOT SEND CASH)

ADDRESS
Does the Board have your current address? Use this form to notify the Board of any address or phone number change.

Name ________________________________________ License# ____________________________
Home Phone ____________________________ Business Phone ____________________________
Home Address ____________________________ Business Name ____________________________
_________________________________________ Business Address ____________________________

Email Address ____________________________ Email Address Work ____________________________

CPD CERTIFICATION
CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

I certify that I have completed the required Professional Development Hours (PDH) for renewal Thirty (30) hours per renewal period.

Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________
EXAMINATION DATES

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<td>January 5, 2001 (with 8 years experience)</td>
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CHANGES IN PE EXAM FORMAT

The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying (NCEES) is in the process of converting the Principles and Practice of engineering examinations to all multiple choice. Effective with the October 2000 administration the Civil exam will convert to the Breadth and Depth format. Electrical and Mechanical exams are tentatively scheduled to make the conversion in October 2001. The specifications for the Civil exam are posted on the NCEES website at www.ncees.org.

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PUBLICATION OF COMPLIANCE ACTIONS

The Board is developing a format that will allow publication of final compliance actions in the Oregon Examiner. Until that format is finalized a listing of recent compliance actions taken by the Board is being published. Details of compliance actions have not been published in the past due to uncertainty regarding the legal ramifications. It’s now clear that the information is a matter of public record and will be published in this bulletin and on the OSBEELS web page in future editions. In cases where minor infractions occur, names will not be printed. In cases were the action effects the respondents’ practice such as suspension or revocation, names will be included in summary. If the final decision is still subject to appeal by the respondent, it will be noted in the summary. Details of pending actions will not be published but will only be listed as they are at the end of this article.

The Board expects the information that will appear in the future to serve as a resource for practicing professionals in the form of “lessons learned” or “activities to be avoided”. The Board is interested in your reaction to this policy.

During the September 25, 2000 meeting, the Board acted on 16 cases. The Board closed 9 cases as follows: 2 with compliance met; 4 with allegations unfounded; 2 with letters of concern or advice; and 1 unable to reach the respondent. There were 4 cases where Notices of Intent were initiated: 1 to revoke a PLS license; 2 to assess a civil penalty for practicing engineering without a license; and 1 to assess a civil penalty for right of entry violations. There were 3 cases returned to Case Manager for additional investigation or review.
INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT

By: Charles L. Crump

The Board can often glean trends in our profession by the types of complaints received by the Board. It also gives us an opportunity to pass this information back to the registrants for their own education. Most of us are aware that our profession often lacks communication skills and business training. Looking at many of the complaints we’ve received this past year we find that only a small portion have any relevance to minimal competency of technical abilities. The majority of complaints involved poor verbal or written communication problems and indifference towards clients. It appears that many registrants accept jobs without contracts or at least some semblance of a written agreement outlining exactly what they expect to do for the client. Of special interest to clients it appears is the time required for the projects and an accurate estimate for the work. It doesn’t do a lot for the relationship between the client and the professional when the client receives a final statement with a much larger price than originally estimated, without explanation. A recent case under review was submitted by a contractor complaining of over pricing, extra amount of time taken by the engineering firm, poor relations with the project engineer and other issues. Upon evaluation it was found that this was a follow on to a previous project for which a contract had been in force. The current project was done by verbal understanding. There was no complaint with the first project as the complainant told a board member the engineer “stuck with the contract as prepared”. Failure with the second project led to a lawsuit that is still under litigation. We’ve also been brought into many instances where the client wants us to discipline a registrant with a dispute over business practices involving some of the above concerns. We are then left with the duty to inform the complainant that it is not our responsibility nor do we have jurisdiction over such disputes.

According to a report from a Board in another state the following areas of concern with licensure enforcement were found:

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<th>% of Complaints</th>
<th>Areas of Concern</th>
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<td>40%</td>
<td>Lack of communication between registrant and client.</td>
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<td>30%</td>
<td>Lack of concern on part of registrant to resolve disputes with the client.</td>
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<td>25%</td>
<td>Lack of verbal or written understandings between registrant and the client.</td>
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<td>5%</td>
<td>Lack of competency to perform assignments.</td>
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Address all comments regarding this article to Charles Crump C/O OSBEELS.

COMPUTER MAILING LIST

A mailing list of all Engineers, Land Surveyors, and examinees is available for purchase from the Board. Send $50 along with your e-mail address (if available) to Michelle Sherman. She will send you a password and internet address so that you can download the list at your convenience. The password is valid for 30 days or until the first of the month. If you want to check on an Engineer or Land Surveyor to confirm that they are in good standing with the Board, you do not need to obtain this list. Simply e-mail us at osbeels@osbeels.org or call 503-362-2666. In the near future, you will be able to check a registrant’s information from our website. We expect this to be a helpful tool.

Retirement Status

ORS 672.180 states if you are 65 years of age or older and no longer practicing, you may place your PE or PLS license into retirement status. Please e-mail, or mail your request to the Board office requesting retirement status. Include your date of birth and your license number. A professional license cannot be placed into “Retired” status while it is delinquent, so be sure to keep up on your renewal. To reinstate your retired license for one year, pay the current annual fee of $40.00 and certify that you have acquired 15 PDH.

OSBEELS’ Board meetings are open to the public and are held on the second Tuesday of each odd numbered month.

History

The Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying is taking donations or loans of unusual or historical items of interest related to the Engineering and Land Surveying field. These items will be placed in secured display cabinets in the office. If you or others you know are interested in donating or loaning, please
OSBEELS’ MISSION

The mission of the Oregon State Board of Examiners is to regulate the practice of engineering and land surveying in the State as they relate to the welfare of the public in safeguarding life, health and property.

Most Frequently Asked Questions

Are you being audited? Following are some frequently asked questions along with some helpful hints on getting through the CPD auditing process.

Does it matter what form I use and what do I need to send if I am being audited?

Just send any form or log that list courses, workshops, seminars, conventions, published papers, articles or books showing the date(s) of activity, sponsoring organization, title/description of activity and the number of hours earned.

Why was I audited?

The computer randomly generates 10% of registrants.

How do I calculate the hours?

PDH units for each renewal period may be obtained as follows:

1 College Semester hour = 45 PDH.
1 College Quarter hour = 30 PDH.
1 Continuing Education unit = 10 PDH.
1 hour of Professional Education in course work, seminars, professional conventions and workshops = 1 PDH. For teaching, apply multiple of 2 (teaching credit is valid for teaching a course or seminar one time only and does not apply to full time faculty teaching college courses). For authoring or co-authoring a paper, article or book, appearing in a recognized professional or technical publication, up to a maximum of 10 PDH. Active participation in a professional or technical society = 2 PDH (each organization up to a maximum of 6). Self study of relevant materials in the registrant's subject area up to a maximum of 6 PDH.

How many hours do I need?

Registrants will need 30 hours per renewal.

What happens if the Board does not approve my hours?

Registrants are given a chance for rebuttal and given extra time to make up hours.