Each year the Governor makes an appointment to the State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please visit http://gov.idaho.gov/boards/boards.cfm or contact Ann Beebe in the office of Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter at 208-334-2100.

The following code sections deal with board appointments:

54-2803. A state board of registration for professional geologists is hereby created in the department of self-governing agencies whose duty it shall be to administer the provisions of this chapter. The board shall consist of five (5) members, who shall be appointed by the governor and shall have the qualifications required by section 54-2804, Idaho Code.

The board shall be comprised of members representing at least three (3) of the following categories: academic geologists, government geologists, salaried company geologists, and independent or consultant geologists.

On the expiration of the term of any member his successor shall be appointed in like manner by the governor for a term of five (5) years.

54-2804 QUALIFICATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBERSHIP.

Members of the board shall be citizens of the United States and residents of this state, and they shall have been engaged in the practice of geology for at least seven (7) years and shall never have been the subject of a disciplinary action under the provisions of this chapter.

The Board would like to welcome Thomas Mullen to the Board. Mr. Mullen is a senior hydrogeologist and project manager with almost 30 years of experience in the environmental consulting field, including 18 years of project management and business development related to environmental consulting. A primary focus of Mr. Mullen’s work has been in the mining, agriculture, and chemical market sectors. He has extensive experience in development of groundwater resources, groundwater monitoring programs, and mine-site remediation projects, including site investigations, remedial design, construction oversight, and construction dewatering. Mr. Mullen’s expertise also includes emphasis on regulatory liaison and litigation support services.

The Board would like to thank John Monks for his service to the board and Idaho Professional Geologists. John served on the Board from 2005 - 2015. He was Chairman of the Board for several years, attended the ASBOG conference and saw a lot of changes over the years including the move to the Bureau of Occupational licenses. His calm demeanor and sense of humor along with his knowledge made him a great asset to the Board. The Board appreciates his dedication and commitment to the profession.

Mission Statement

To help safeguard life, health, and property, and to promote the public welfare through the registration and regulation of geologists in Idaho.
IDAHO BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS

Board Updates by Dale Osterman

The Idaho State Board of Registration for Professional Geologist has been moving forward with an initiative that would enable graduating college seniors to take the ASBOG Fundamentals Exam prior to graduation. This required a two year process. Last year the Board was able to present legislation which the Idaho Legislators passed, that made the required changes to the Idaho Statutes. This year the Board will present legislation that will make rules changes so that we can move forward and offer the exam to graduating college seniors. Board will also move to make housekeeping changes to the rules. Look to the Board web page for updates and information.

This year the Board elected Mr. Rich Reed chairman. I have enjoyed being board chairman for the last 3 years, however, I also felt it was time for a change. During my tenure the Board has move to make changes to our rules to provide refined definitions and clarity. These changes were necessary to provide better understanding and protect the public.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Rich is the newly elected chairman of the Idaho State Board of Registration of Professional Geologists. Rich received a BS in Geology from Boise State University (1973) and a MS in Geological Engineering from University of Idaho (1976). He is also a registered professional engineer in Idaho.

Rich is a highly dedicated professional with over 40 years' of practical experience in geology and geotechnical/geological engineering in the Construction, Environmental, and Resources Development fields that includes implementation of geotechnical investigation, general site construction, highway slope cut design and mitigation, natural resource development of geothermal, surface water, groundwater, soil and aggregate construction material, mineral resource exploration and development for base and precious metals, industrial minerals, uranium, thorium and rare earth elements, and environmental evaluation and cleanup of soil & groundwater and hazardous and radioactive waste management projects.

He has worked for a number of companies that include Idaho Power Company, CH2M Hill, Morrison Knudsen Corporation, and MK Rail Corporation and founded Idaho Engineering & Geology, Inc (IEG) in 1993. Rich is semi-retired but continues to provide geology and geotechnical/geological engineering consulting services.


Rich and his wife Ann have a son, daughter, and three grandchildren. Rich’s hobbies include hunting, fishing, outdoor recreation activities, and rock hounding. He considers himself as a “Jack of All Trades and a Master of None”. His favorite geologic quote is “ROCK ON”.

IDAHO GEOLOGISTS
My Registration expired. What do I do?

Your registration to practice Geology in the State of Idaho must be renewed annually, by midnight, on your birthday. Renewal forms are mailed to you six weeks prior to your registration expiring. You may also renew online at www.ibol.idaho.gov.

If your registration expires, there will be a $35.00 reinstatement fee added to your $60.00 annual fee. You may still use the paper or online method to reinstate.

Expired registrations can be reinstated at any time up to five years. If your registration has been expired for more than five years, you will need to reapply to the Board and meet the current standards for licensure.

Code of Ethics reminder

When applying to become a Registered Geologist, the Board requires that a “Code of Ethics” document is signed. We would like to take an opportunity to remind everyone of the important items that they have agreed to adhere to:

Brings credit, honor and dignity to the geologic profession in his dealings with clients, other geologists, and the public.

Acts for his clients as a faithful agent or trustee and accepts remuneration only in accordance with his stated charges for services rendered.

Exchanges non-confidential geologic information with other geologists, students, and the public; encourages the public understanding of geology, and ensures proper credit for geologic work.

Does not reveal nor seek the revelation of geologic work performed for a paying client.

Does not advertise or solicit geologic work assignments in a fraudulent, misleading or deceptive manner.

Promptly reports to the Board unethical conduct on the part of any geologist.

Undertakes professional service or renders expert opinion only when qualified in the specific technical areas involved.

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Announcing the 2015 New Idaho PG’s & GIT’s

The Board wishes to congratulate the following new Professional Geologists and Geologists in Training:

- MISHAL AL-JOHAR - PGL-1519
- ELSON BARNETT - PGL-1525
- SETH BRUNDIGE - PGL-1513
- BENJAMIN CASHMAN - PGL-1530
- ALEXANDRA CLARK - PGL-1533
- KELLY DONAHUE - PGL-1510
- PETER DOUMIT - PGL-1520
- NATHAN ERICKSON - PGL-1514
- DAVID FREISTAEDTER - PGL-1521
- VIRGINIA GILLERMAN - PGL-1524
- CHRISTOPHER JONES - PGL-1509
- THOMAS KALDENBACH - PGL-1518
- JON KAMINSKY - PGL-1403
- JOSHUA KANNENBERT - PGL-1515
- REBECCA LANGE - PGL-1512
- WILLIAM LAWRENCE - PGL-1516
- GREGORY MOORE - PGL-1497
- CHARLES MORTENSEN - PGL-1508
- JOSHUA MUNN - PGL-1493
- LAUREN PERREAULT - PGL-1499
- MICHAEL RATCHFORD - PGL-1517
- CHRISTOPHER SHEPHERD - PGL-1511
- MELODY STUDER - PGL-1523
- DENNIS FEENEY - PGIT-1529

From the Chairman

Steve Derricott and I are reviewing and evaluating for the Idaho State Board of Registration of Professional Geologists the need and support for annual continuing education or professional development requirements for geology registrants.

Steve will be reviewing other Idaho professional licensing requirements. I attended the ASBOG conference in November and discussed with other ASBOG member states registrants; a number of which do and do not require annual professional continuing education and will present that to the Board.

Steve and I are also holding discussions regarding renewal of the Idaho Association of Professional Geologists (IAPG) dba as Idaho Association of Geoscientists (IAG). One consideration that Steve discussed at the November meeting of Boise SME is possibly IAG teaming up with SME-Boise for future IAG association endeavors; such as monthly and annual meetings. I am also a member of the advisory board to the Idaho Geological Survey (IGS) and attended its annual meeting in Boise November 9, 2015. Both Steve and I will report applicable findings of information and reviews to the Board.

By Rich Reed