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The mission of the Board of Registration for Professional Geologists is to regulate the public practice of geology in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to protect the citizens of the Commonwealth from negligent, incompetent, or fraudulent practices.

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News to Use

Registration by Comity

In professional licensure of geologists in the United States, the word **comity** refers to the mutual recognition of licensure between states. Kentucky law provides in 322A.040 (5) that upon application, registration may be provided to those licensed as geologists in states that have standards at least equal to those provided in Kentucky law.

The Board, led by Michael Sanders, PG, studied the laws of all states currently licensing geologists. At this time the Board recognizes the credentials of geologists licensed in the following 17 states as sufficient to qualify for registration in Kentucky without taking the ASBOG examination.

Alabama	Nebraska
Arkansas	New Hampshire
California	Oregon
Delaware	Pennsylvania
Florida	South Carolina
Georgia	Utah
Idaho	Washington
Indiana	Wisconsin
Maine	

Automatic extension of licenses for military personnel deployed overseas



Under a law enacted June 20, 2005, state occupational licenses or certificates that are scheduled to expire while a licensee is

deployed overseas as a member of the United States Armed Forces will be extended ninety days after the end of the deployment. This extension applies only to private citizens (e.g., the Kentucky Guard or Reserve) and not to full-time military personnel stationed or assigned overseas. In order to avoid confusion about the status of a license or certificate, it is suggested that affected service members provide the Division of Occupations and Professions with a copy of their overseas deployment orders. For more information about the new law, please see <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/krs/036-00/450.pdf>. If you have questions, do not hesitate to call our Board Administrator Dana Hockensmith at 502-564-3296 (ext.240).

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Registration Activity

Registrations

Larry Lueck (IL)
03/24/2005

Chris L. Callegari (FL)
03/24/2005

Charles Anderson (SC)
04/15/2005

Christain J. Wallover (KY)
04/27/2005

Mark Paul Bare (TN)
04/27/05

Tim J. Agnello (OH)
04/27/05

Stephen R. Maxwell (SC)
05/02/05

Registrants

As of October 11, 2005, 1676 professional geologists were registered in Kentucky. Renewal notices were mailed on July 31, 2005.

Results from the March 4, 2005 Exams

Fundamentals of Geology

# Took Exam	# Passed
10	2

Practice of Geology

# Took Exam	# Passed
8	5

Introduction to ArcGIS 9.1 Class

An Introduction to ArcGIS 9.1 class is tentatively scheduled for January 2006. For more information, please contact Matt Crawford, Kentucky Geolocial Survey at 859-257-5500 ext 209.

Calendar

Tentative Schedule – 2005 - 2006 Board Meetings

December 7, 2005
February 6, 2006
April 10, 2006
June 12, 2006
August 7, 2006
October 2, 2006
December 4, 2006

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location:

Division of Occupations and Professions
911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort KY 40602

*Note: Dates are subject to change.
Please call the Board Office if you plan to attend.*

Kentucky 2006 ASBOG Exams

Exam Dates: Application Deadlines

March 3, 2006 January 6, 2006
October 6, 2006 August 10, 2006

ASBOG 2005 Annual Meeting and Council on Examiners Workshop

November 1 – 5, 2005
Portland, Maine

Board Actions

Complaint Review Report

The Complaint Review Committee, formed February 7, 2005, reviewed eight new initiating complaints and various responses to those complaints. The Committee reviewed the complaint materials, conferred via conference call, and met immediately before the April 18th meeting of the Board. Based on the recommendations of the Committee, the Board dismissed all eight initiating complaints on the basis of insufficient evidence of a violation of law to warrant further investigation or action at its April 18th meeting.

The Complaint Review Committee met again on October 3, 2005, to consider a new initiating complaint and response. This complaint is currently pending before the Board.

Board Legal Actions

No actions were finalized since the last announcements.

Licensee Disciplinary Actions

No actions were finalized since the last announcements.

New Administrative Regulations

The Board has filed the following new or revised administrative regulations:
201 KAR 31:070 Complaint management process.

This new regulation provides procedures governing Complaint Review Committee review of initiating complaints received by the Board.

201 KAR 31:080 Geologist-in-Training.

201 KAR 31:010. Fees.

201 KAR 31:040. Examinations.

201 KAR 31:050. Renewals.

201 KAR 31:060. Code of professional conduct.

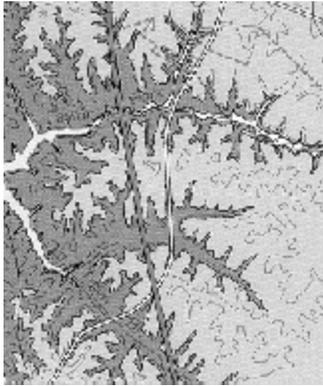
Proposed modifications to these existing regulations provide procedures governing the new Geologist-in-Training Certificate.

ASBOG Annual Meeting

Board Chair Michael Sanders and Board Member Tom Ryavec will attend the Annual ASBOG Meeting in Portland, Maine from November 1 – 5, 2005. Mr. Sanders will attend the business portion of the meeting as the Board's voting representative. Mr. Ryavec will attend the test-taking portion of the meeting.

Michael Sanders Newly Elected Board Chair

Michael Sanders was unanimously elected Chair at the October 3, 2005 meeting of the Board. Mike succeeds Larry Rhodes in this position. Mr. Rhodes stepped down from the Board with the expiration of his term. Also elected on October 3rd was Doug Reynolds to the position of Vice Chair.



New Board Administrator

Ms. Dana Hockensmith succeeds Donna Solheim as Board Administrator.



*Dana Hockensmith,
Board Administrator*

Meet the Board: Thomas Ryavec, PG

Thomas Ryavec, P.G., was appointed to the board for a three-year term in July by Governor Ernie Fletcher. Mr. Ryavec is Vice President of Administration of Lexington Coal Company where he is involved in the management of major coal reclamation projects in five states, and negotiates asset sales agreements and equipment purchase and leasing agreements for a multimillion-dollar heavy equipment fleet. Until recently, Mr. Ryavec operated his own independent geologic and environmental consulting firm concentrating on coal mining-related projects and environmental projects related to contamination of a major refinery complex. Over the years his work has included the identification of coal reserves as acquisition targets, coalbed methane evaluations, and the evaluation of water and soils contamination. He is experienced in conducting project feasibility studies, coal reserve estimates, mine cost analyses, and coal company valuations. In addition, he has developed and supervised investigative phases of pesticide- and petroleum-related environmental site assessments. His mining-related work has included projects in the Illinois Coal Basin, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Columbia, South America.

Mr. Ryavec formerly served as Director of Financial Planning and Manager of Fuels for Enviropower LLC; Director of Technical Services, Marshall Miller & Associates; Senior Staff Financial Associate, Island Creek Corporation; Senior Geologist, British Petroleum Coal North America; and Manager Coal Mine Services and Senior Project Geologist, Picklands Mather & Company.



Thomas P. Ryavec, PG, MBA

Mr. Ryavec earned a B.S. in Geology from Cleveland State University. In 1988, he completed an M.B.A. in finance from the University of Kentucky. He is a registered geologist with the Commonwealth of Kentucky and American Institute of Professional Geologists. He is a past president of the Kentucky Section of the American Institute of Professional Geologists, and member of the American Institute of Professional Geologists. He is also a member of the Society of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers, Inc.

Mr. Ryavec resides with his family in Nicholasville.

Review of Practical Geology Workshop

The Review of Practical Geology Workshop that has been taught in recent years is no longer offered on a regular basis due to declining interest. Should you have questions about the workshop, instructor William "Drew" Andrews can be contacted at the Kentucky Geological Survey at wandrews@uky.edu, 859-257-5500 ext 138 or by fax 859-257-1147.

Kentucky Geospatial Board

The Geographic Information Advisory Board recently has been renamed the Kentucky Geospatial Board which serves as an unfunded statutory advisory board, governed by KRS 11.515. Membership comprises all cabinets of state government. More information can be obtained about the Board by calling 502-573-1450.



Newly elected Board Chair Michael Sanders (left)
and Vice Chair Doug Reynolds.

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