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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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As an agency of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists is solely funded by applicants and credential holders, and receives no tax dollars.

Division of Occupations and Professions

Nancy L. Black, Executive Director

The Kentucky Division of Occupations and Professions provides administrative and fiscal management, technical support, and advice to twenty (20) regulatory boards in the complex system of occupational licensing. By statute these boards are state agencies. Licensing boards currently being served by the Division are:

Kentucky Board of Certification for Alcohol and Drug Counselors
Kentucky Board of Certification for Professional Art Therapy
Kentucky Directory of Registered Athlete Agents
Kentucky Board of Licensure and Certification of Dietitians and Nutritionists
Kentucky Board of Certification for Fee-Based Pastoral Counselors
Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists
Kentucky Licensing Board for Specialists in Hearing Instruments
Kentucky Board of Licensure for Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Kentucky Board of Interpreters Policy Committee
Kentucky Board of Licensure for Marriage and Family Therapists
Kentucky Board of Licensure for Nursing Home Administrators
Kentucky Board of Occupational Therapy
Kentucky Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers
Kentucky Board of Licensure for Private Investigators
Kentucky Board of Certification of Professional Counselors
Kentucky State Board for Proprietary Education
Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology
Kentucky Board of Examiners of Social Work
Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners

The Division, in cooperation with the Governor's Office for Technology, recently upgraded its Web capabilities and the hardware "behind the scenes." The Web site (<http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/finance/occupations/>) has dramatically boosted its outreach capabilities for professionals and consumers. Its ability to be revised quickly and to provide information and services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, is a tremendous advantage. The site is under continuous development as traditional products are adapted to the electronic environment and create new opportunities for self-service.

Online License Renewal, the newest technological advance, offers interested licensees the convenience of electronic renewal submission and fee payment by credit card. The Division is the first state agency to offer this service.

License Verification Online, permits consumers, professionals, and employers to obtain vital information on the records of more than 40,000

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Registration Activity

Registrations

1705 as of 10/13/03

Renewals

Renewal notices were mailed on July 31, 2003. As of October 10th, 1468 renewals were received by the Board. The deadline for renewal was October 1st. A 90-day grace period is in effect until December 31st during which time registrations can be renewed at the standard fee of \$50. After December 31st, the renewal fee increases to \$75.

Board Actions

Board Legal Actions

No actions were finalized since the last announcements.

Licensee Disciplinary Actions

No actions were finalized since the last announcements.

The Web site evolves continuously, and the Division, on behalf of the 20 occupational licensing boards it supports, is working towards an array of interactive online services. The possibilities for providing useful, accessible information to practitioners and the public are limitless.

Of course, technology does not eliminate the need for face-to-face interactions. The Division's outreach strategy includes efforts that forge connections with customers. The focus is on distributing information in a variety of formats to a variety of customers, with an emphasis on accessibility – making important information easy to find and easy to understand.

Future consumer outreach plans include publication of brochures on the 20 professions affiliated with the Division. Each brochure will provide plain-language information on a profession or set of related professions, including who must be licensed to perform professional services, what services are offered by the profession, and how to verify a license and report professional misconduct and unlicensed practice. The brochures will be distributed to professional associations, public housing authorities, consumer and community groups, consumer protection agencies, and public libraries, and also included on the Division's Web site.

Calendar

2003-04 Board Meetings

Next Meeting: December 8, 2003

Usual Meeting Dates: First Mondays of even-numbered months

Time: 1:00 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.

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Division of Occupations & Professions

licensees in the 20 professions affiliated with the Division. The most important function of professional regulation is to protect the public; this information will help inform people about licensed professionals who offer services in Kentucky. Online license verification, initiated in 2000, has already established itself as the most popular feature of the Web site.

The site also features printable application and renewal forms, links to professional associations (as a convenience to licensed professionals), links to the Kentucky statutes and regulations governing the practice of 20 professions, and printable instructions and forms for filing a complaint against a licensed professional. The site features information on the state boards for the professions, including meeting information, current members and board administrators.

Kentucky ASBOG Exams

Application Deadline: January 15, 2004

Exam Date: March 5, 2004

Council on Examiners Workshop

November 3 – 4, 2004
Idaho

ASBOG 2003 Annual Meeting

November 1 – 7, 2004
St. Augustine, Florida

Professional Seals and Stamps

Questions have been brought to the Board about obtaining and using professional seals and stamps for use in certifying geologic maps and reports. Although your signature is sufficient, the Board supports and encourages the professionalism of using stamps and seals for these purposes.

According to KRS 322A.070, each registrant may, upon registration, obtain and use a seal or stamp of registration containing the registrant's name and number and the legend "Registered Professional Geologist." If you are interested in obtaining a stamp or seal, we suggest you contact an office supply company in your local area.

Remember, 201 KAR 31:060 Section 2 (6) further states "A registered geologist shall sign and seal only professional work, including, but not limited to, maps and reports for which the geologist has direct professional knowledge, and for which the geologist intends to be responsible for its accuracy and adequacy."

New Board Administrator Named

Donna Solheim has been named Board Administrator, replacing Billie McCall. Ms. McCall remains with the Division of Occupations and Professions and will be available to assist during this period of transition. Ms. Solheim can be reached at 502-564-3296 ext. 240 tel; 502-564-4818 fax; or donna.solheim@ky.gov.



Meet the Board

Michael P. Sanders, P.G.

Michael Sanders, P.G., was appointed to the Board in the fall of 2002 by Governor Paul Patton. Mr. Sanders is a consulting geologist specializing in oil and gas exploration and development. Since 1977, he has provided Lexington-based consulting services that include geologic consulting, expert witness testimony, prospect generation, and field exploration. Before moving to Kentucky, Mr. Sanders worked as a Development Geologist with Texaco, Inc. in New Orleans. With Texaco, he was involved in subsurface oil and gas mapping, geochemical studies, and seismic projects.

In addition to his private practice of geology, he has served the oil and gas industry as past president of the Kentucky Oil and Gas Association and past Vice President and Executive Committee member representing Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, and South Carolina for the Independent Petroleum Association of America.

Mr. Sanders earned his B.S. in geology at the University of Notre Dame, and is a certified professional geologist with the American Institute for Professional Geologists (AIPG) and a registered professional geologist in three states: Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee. He is president elect 2003 for the Kentucky Section of AIPG.

News to Use

An Introduction to Geographic Information Systems



Do you want to learn how to use GIS software? The Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) will offer a 2-day class for the public, entitled "An Introduction to ArcView GIS 3.x," based on software from ESRI, Inc. (Environmental Systems Research Institute) the most widely used GIS software in the world.

ArcView provides the tools needed to query and analyze data and create presentation-quality maps. ArcView GIS 3.x is a desktop GIS with an easy-to-use, point-and-click graphical user interface that lets the user easily load spatial and tabular data for the display of maps, tables, and charts. The class will be taught by Dan Carey, an ESRI-authorized instructor from the KGS. Questions about the class should be directed to Dan Carey (859-257-5500 ext. 157, carey@uky.edu). Course topics include the following:

- ArcView Basics
- Getting Data into ArcView: Creating Views and Themes
- Getting Data into ArcView: Referencing Views to the Real World
- Displaying Themes: The Legend Editor
- Displaying Themes: Theme Display Properties
- Working with Tables: Adding and Editing Tables
- Working with Tables: Selecting and Summarizing Records
- Working with Tables: Joining and Linking Tables
- Working with Tables: Creating Charts
- Creating and Editing Shapefiles
- Querying and Analyzing Themes: Analyzing Spatial Relationships
- Querying and Analyzing Themes: Joining and Merging Spatial Data
- Displaying Image Themes
- Creating a Map Layout
- Creating Themes from Route Measures
- Extensions and Scripts.

GIS Class

Sponsored by the KGS

Dates: Nov. 20 – 21, 2003; and
Feb. 19 – 20, 2004

Times: Thurs. 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.,
Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: B108A, Young Library
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Preregistration Required

Maximum class size 16

Cost: \$80.
Includes the book *Introduction to ArcView GIS* and a CD
with exercises and sample data.

Send Payment to: Kentucky Geological Survey
228 MMRB Building
University of Kentucky
Lexington KY 40506-0107
ATTN: Dan Carey

Certificates: Awarded upon successful completion.
The Kentucky Board of Registration for Engineers and Surveyors will also award 12 PDHs for the class (#03-02-003). Contact Tamra Chesser (800-573-2680, fax 502-573-6687).

Review of Practical Geology Workshop

The Kentucky Society of Professional Geologists (<http://www.kspg.org>) sponsors a semiannual workshop entitled Review of Practical Geology. The workshop provides (1) a brief technical review of selected topics that are frequently emphasized on professional geology examinations, and (2) an opportunity for self-assessment. The intended audience includes both professionals and students in the field of geology. For additional information about the workshop, contact William "Drew" Andrews at the Kentucky Geological Survey, (859-257-5500 ext. 138 or wandrews@uky.edu).

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Review of Practical Geology Workshop

Sponsored by the
Kentucky Society of Professional
Geologists

Date: Mid-February, 2004

Sign-In: 8:00 a.m.

Class: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Kentucky Geological Survey
Well Sample and Core Library
Research Park Dr., off Iron Works Road
Lexington, Kentucky

Pre-registration Required

Cost: \$125 for professionals
\$45 for students

Send Payment to:

KSPG Review of Practical Geology
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relevant to the ethical practice of geology in the Commonwealth. Suggestions for the newsletter should be directed to Judith Hower, Communications Specialist, Kentucky Geological Survey, 228 Mining & Mineral Resources Building, University of Kentucky, Lexington KY 40506-0107, (859) 277-0777; FAX (859) 257-1147; jhowe2@pop.uky.edu.



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