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## Mission

*The mission of the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering & Land Surveying (OSBEELS) is to regulate the practice of engineering, land surveying, photogrammetric mapping, and water right certification in the state as they relate to the welfare of the public in safeguarding life, health and property.*

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## On the cover: Cove Palisades State Park

The Cove Palisades includes a great expanse of central Oregon semi-arid plateau dissected by the deep cutting river channels of the Crooked, and Metolius rivers as they meet to form the larger Deschutes River. Revealed in the steep canyon walls is the geologic history of the region, starting some 10 to 12 million years ago. Basaltic lava flows occurred in the last 50,000 years, which filled canyons in the park.

The "Cove" refers to an outcropping half way down the Crooked River Canyon wall which was visible before the dam pool was formed. In the 1950s, visitors drove into the Crooked River and Deschutes River canyons to see the geologic formations.

2022 marks the 100-year anniversary of Oregon State Parks. [Find out more.](#)

*Licensed professional with last name beginning with S-Z?*  
Your renewal deadline is **June 30.**

## Upcoming at OSBEELS:

May 10, *Board Meeting*

June 9 & 10, *Committee Meetings*

August 1, *Symposium Registration Opens*

September 29 & 30, *OSBEELS Symposium*

*Register for your MyOSBEELS account today at*  
**<https://online.myosbeels.org>**



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# Director's Corner

*From the desk of Jason Barbee, Board Administrator & Agency Director*

**I**t's official, the OSBEELS office will be reopening to the public beginning May 1, 2022. As I stated in the last Examiner, we have adjusted our business operating structure and most staff are working a hybrid schedule, which includes both working from home and in the office. If you need to meet with a staff member in person, we are more than happy to accommodate your request. Please contact the person you'd like to meet with for scheduling. Our contact information is available on our website

within the staff directory section. If you aren't sure who your agency contact should be, feel free to call our front desk (503-362-2666) and we will put you in touch with the right person.

*Earlier this spring we received a kind email from Miss Martin and her girls' STEM club from New Jersey thanking our agency for the free student resources available on our website. Miss Martin explained the online resources allowed her group of students to stay engaged during the pandemic and helped them prepare to resume in-person club meetings and activities. One of the club members, Lizabeth, even submitted a resource recommendation that we were able to add to our resources page! We'd like to remind our readers of the free public and student (K-12) resources available on the OSBEELS website. [Click this link to access these resources today.](#)*



# Rule Reminder: Exams & License Application Process Decoupled



Recently, the Board and agency staff have received questions requesting clarification in regards to the OSBEELS's application for professional registration process and whether applicants must gain experience and pass exams in a specific order. The answer to these questions is "no". Because we've received so many inquiries, we are providing this reminder of the Board's 2015 changes that decoupled the exam process.

Legislation was prompted by two occurrences; the first was the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), which is the national organization that examines applicants in these disciplines, shifted from administering paper-based professional examinations (practice-based examinations) on a biannual basis to a year-round, computer-based test (CBT) process. The second was to bring the OSBEELS up to date with the national examination procedures and eliminate potential conflicts resulting from the NCEES's and other examination administration changes.

Prior to these changes, individuals seeking professional licensure faced a two-application process. First, individuals were required to obtain the necessary qualifications to sit for the fundamental's examination. Then, they were required to obtain additional qualifications to sit for the professional examination, and in this specific order.

With the passing of Senate Bill 297 during the 2015 Oregon State Legislative session, applicants are now able to obtain the necessary qualifications for registration, including sitting for the required examinations, in any order convenient to the applicant without receiving prior approval from the Board, and prior to applying for licensure.

Despite these changes, submitting an "application" is still required for candidates to sit for an Oregon Specific examination, although this two-page form is solely to assist OSBEELS in making the necessary arrangements to administer those examinations. Once an individual obtains all the required

qualifications for licensure, they may make a single application to the Board for professional registration.

Additionally, the rule change caused additional process changes within the agency including OSBEELS no longer requiring individuals become enrolled as an Intern prior to becoming professionally registered; however, an application for enrollment as an Engineering or Land Surveying Intern is still available to those who are interested.

We hope this article helps our registrants understand this significant agency procedural change that occurred in 2015. If you're interested in learning more about the OSBEELS's currently application process please visit the ['Obtaining a License' webpage on the Board website](#) to review related rules and resources.



*Interested  
in making  
a difference?*

***OSBEELS regularly  
has vacancies on  
the Board and  
needs you.***

**T**he OSBEELS is anticipating two (2) vacancies becoming available this summer on our state Board. The openings will be for public member positions. Public members play an important role on the Board, as they offer a unique and important perspective as non-professionally licensed individuals. Our Board encourages individuals who have had exposure to or are passionate about the engineering or land surveying industries to consider applying for this volunteer role! If you know someone who may be a great fit, please let us know!

As a Board member, individuals will have the opportunity to work alongside public and professional members, and agency staff, to license individuals,

address questions from the professional community, and uphold the Board's mission to regulate the professions as they relate to the welfare of the public in safeguarding life, health, and property. The Board welcomes individuals from all areas of the state to apply today!

Interested in learning more about the application process and prerequisites? [Visit the state boards and commissions' website.](#)

If you are interested in applying or learning more about becoming an OSBEELS board member, please contact Board Administrator, Jason Barbee, at [Jason.Barbee@osbeels.oregon.gov](mailto:Jason.Barbee@osbeels.oregon.gov).

# GROUND BREAKING

2022 OSBEELS Symposium  
September 29-30



*Registration opens  
August 1, stay tuned  
for updates and more  
information coming  
later this month on the  
OSBEELS website!*



[oregon.gov/osbeels/aboutus/Pages/2022-Symposium.aspx](https://oregon.gov/osbeels/aboutus/Pages/2022-Symposium.aspx)

# Law Enforcement Cases

The following list contains law enforcement cases that resulted in disciplinary actions and became finalized.

## X103 – John Kaiser

The Board issued a Final Order against John Kaiser assessing a \$6,000 civil penalty for three (3) violations of Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 672.020(1), engaging in the unlicensed practice of engineering, and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 820-020-0025(1), failing to perform duties in a truthful manner. Mr. Kaiser was formerly a licensed

professional engineer in Oregon until his license expired in June 2011 and his status became delinquent. From the period between July 2011 and June 2021, Mr. Kaiser created and stamped engineering drawings in Oregon on three (3) separate projects. Additionally, Mr. Kaiser's stamped plans during this period included a stamp with his seal bearing an invalid expiration date.

## 2021-3 – John Elliot

The Board issued a Final Order against John Elliot, PE, assessing a \$100 civil penalty for failing to notify the Board office within 45 days of license discipline received in another jurisdiction, violating OAR 820-020-0045(4). 236 days elapsed from the time the final order from the other jurisdiction was issued and when Mr. Elliot reported it to the Board office.

*As a friendly reminder, OAR 820-020-0045(4) requires registrants to give written notification to the Board with 45-days of receiving any disciplinary action by another licensing agency related to your professional practice.*

*The Board would like to remind professional registrants of the requirements for providing notice of right-of-entry. Per ORS 672.047(4), a registered professional land surveyor, or any employee or agent of the land surveyor, may not enter upon land for the purpose of surveying, performing other survey work or establishing a permanent survey monument without first providing notice to the landowner, or current occupant, by first class mail or by personal notice. A notice that is provided in-person must be hand-delivered to the landowner or occupant or be posted in a conspicuous place where the landowner or occupant may reasonably be expected to see the notice. Regardless of whether the notice is delivered via mail or in-person, it must provide all the following information:*

- *The professional land surveyor's name, address, and telephone number,*
- *Purpose for entering onto the individual's property,*
- *Details regarding the availability of the survey, and*
- *The presence of any temporary or permanent monuments or other markers to be left on the land.*

# Renewal Reminder

**If your last name begins with S-Z, your license expires on June 30, 2022, and it's time to renew your registration!** With the implementation of our agency's new online system, MyOSBEELS, some aspects of the registration renewal process have changed. To help you be prepared for your upcoming renewal, we want to share information about these changes with you.

All renewals are now required to be completed in our new online system. Registrants who are eligible for renewal will be able to renew their professional license(s) within MyOSBEELS beginning 90 days from the renewal deadline. For the upcoming June 30th cycle, that date was Friday, April 1. Once a registrant is eligible to renew, a link will show on your user dashboard to complete the process.

We encourage all registrants to make sure they have created a MyOSBEELS profile and update all their contact information. Users will receive reminders from MyOSBEELS to renew their license(s) 90, 60, and 30 days prior to the deadline via the email they have on file within the system. We will no longer be sending renewal reminder letters by regular mail.

To access and enroll in MyOSBEELS, click here: <https://online.myosbeels.org>

To learn more about our new system and review FAQs, [visit the OSBEELS website here.](#)

If you have any questions, please contact the Board office via email at [OSBEELS.Info@OSBEELS.oregon.gov](mailto:OSBEELS.Info@OSBEELS.oregon.gov) or via phone at (503) 362-2666.