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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: Coquille River Light, Bandon

In 1880, Congress funded a jetty on the south side of the entrance to the Coquille River, aiming to increase to ten feet the depth of water over the bar. About five hundred yards of the jetty had been built by 1889, increasing the bar depth to a little over five feet. These modest improvements in the river channel led to more regular ship traffic into the Coquille—166 ships between 1883 and 1885. Larger ships could navigate the river for about forty miles.

Originally named Bandon Light, Coquille River Light was commissioned in 1895. First lit on February 29, 1896, the light guided mariners past the dangerous shifting sandbars into the Coquille River and harbor at Bandon. It was the last government light built in Oregon.

The U.S. Coast Guard took over the lighthouse in 1939 and determined it was no longer necessary. They placed an automated beacon on the end of South Jetty, removed the keepers' dwelling, and abandoned the lighthouse. The lighthouse was abandoned for 24 years until the Oregon Parks Division purchased the light station as part of the 1,289-acre Bullards Beach State Park (park land was acquired in sections between 1962 and 1985). The damage done to the lighthouse by coastal storms and vandals was too extensive for the Parks Division to undertake the restoration itself, but the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the State of Oregon collaborated on the three-year project beginning in 1976. The lighthouse opened to the public in 1979.

## Upcoming at OSBEELS:

**May 14: Board Meeting**

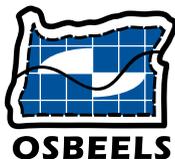
**June 13-14: Committee Meetings**

**June 30: Renewal deadline for last names beginning with S-Z**

**July 9: Board Meeting**

**August 1: Registration opens for the Symposium**

**[Download the full 2024 OSBEELS Calendar here.](#)**



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# Director's Corner

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

I'm sure you are all aware that OSBEELS exists to protect the public. We do this by ensuring that only those people who meet the required qualifications become licensed Engineers, Land Surveyors, Photogrammetric Mappers and Certified Water Right Examiners. Over the last couple of years, we've made a concerted effort to reach out to our industry stakeholders to partner with them in promoting licensure and reminding licensees why the work OSBEELS does is so important.

Over the next few years, OSBEELS will be focusing on reaching out to the younger generations. We want to expose today's youth to the wonderful professions we license and regulate, what the path to licensure looks like, and what the benefits of licensure are. We'll be visiting various middle schools and high schools, with a focus on Career Technical Education Centers and STEM programs. We want to engage with them by sharing visuals and provide activities to showcase the possibilities

of these professions. We will also be visiting colleges and universities with related educational programs to make sure those students understand the benefits of licensure as well as what the requirements of licensure are.

If you know of a specific Oregon school or program that would be interested in having OSBEELS present to their students, let me know! You can reach out to me directly at [Jason.Barbee@osbeels.oregon.gov](mailto:Jason.Barbee@osbeels.oregon.gov).

## 2024 Certified Water Right Examiners Workshops

Offered to Current and Future Water Rights Examiners 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the following locations:

La Grande  
Bend  
Roseburg  
Salem #1  
Salem #2

Tuesday, October 8  
Wednesday, October 9  
Friday, October 11  
Thursday, October 17  
Friday, October 18

La Grande Armory  
McMenamins Old St. Francis School  
Holiday Inn Express  
Chemeketa Center for Business & Industry  
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You do not need to be a Certified Water Right Examiner (CWRE) to attend. Consultants and those studying for the CWRE examination are welcome.

### Why You Should Attend This Workshop

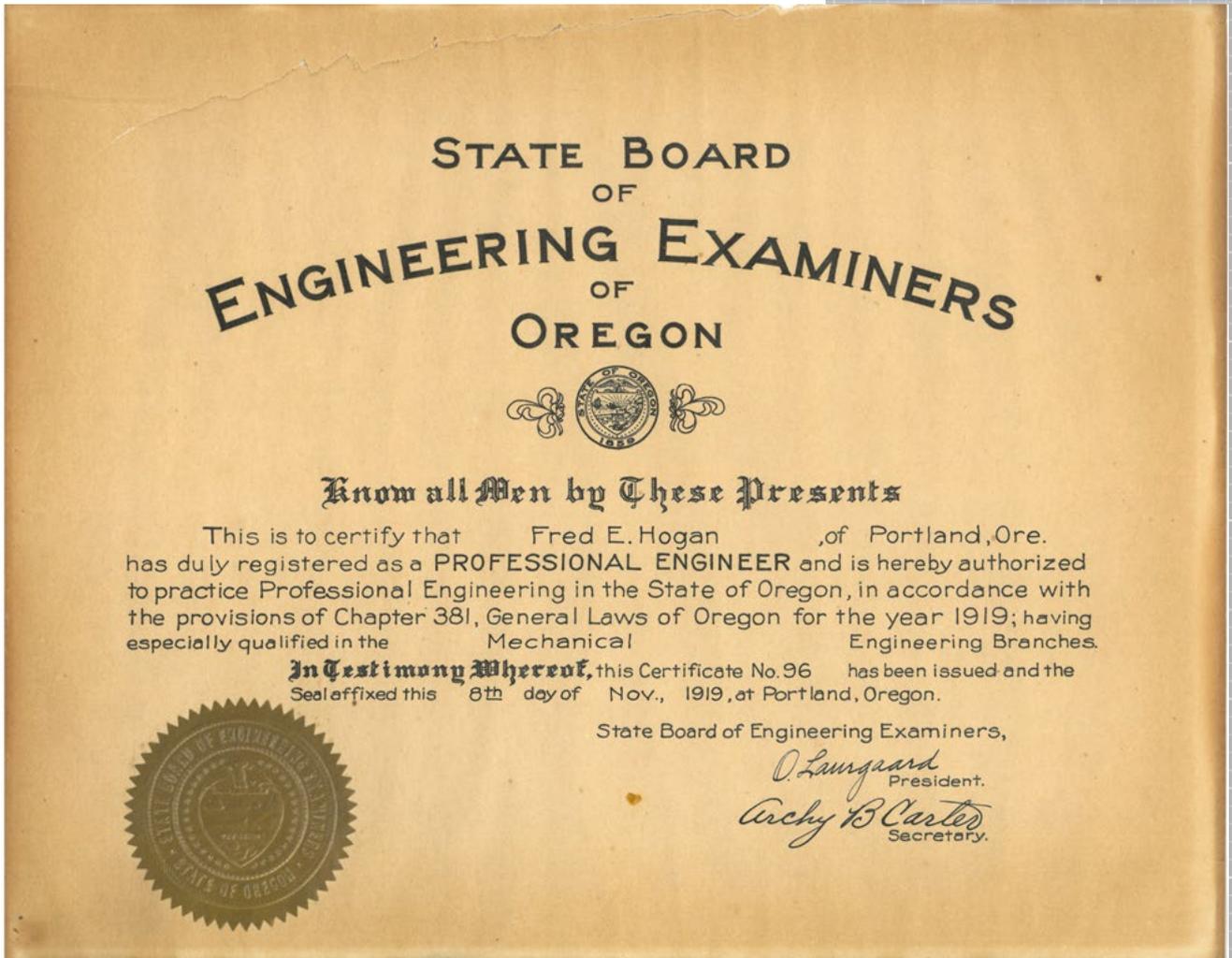
Water Resources Department staff will provide information to help CWRE's complete Claims of Beneficial Use, Applications for Permits and Transfer Applications. In addition, staff will provide updates on legislation, rules and budget.

Registration packets will be mailed in July to all current CWRE's.

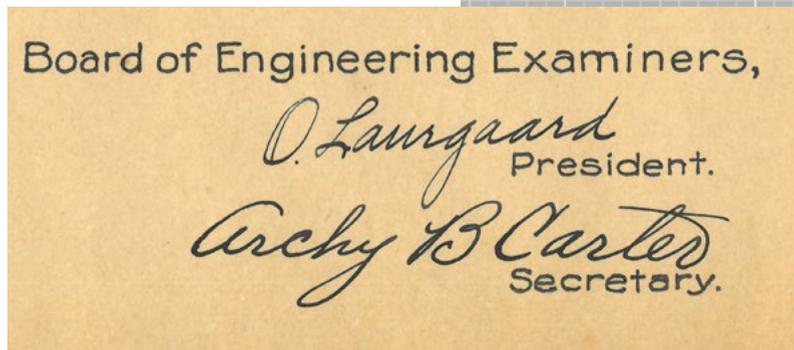
**Deadline for registration will be August 30, 2024.**

If you have questions, please contact Gerry Clark (503) 979-9103 or by email: [Gerald.E.Clark@water.oregon.gov](mailto:Gerald.E.Clark@water.oregon.gov)

# OSBEELS History



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To All OSBEELS Registrants

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Here at OSBEELS, email is our primary form of communication, and we want to make sure you're staying informed! We periodically issue emails from our MyOSBEELS system to notify you of things like:

- Registration renewal reminders
- New issues of The Examiner newsletter
- Our annual OSBEELS Symposium
- Other continuing education opportunities

You will also receive an email any time an action is completed through your MyOSBEELS portal, such as:

- Submitting a renewal or licensure/exam application
- The approval of your renewal or licensure/exam application
- Payment receipts

**To ensure you don't miss any of these important notifications:**

1. **Add [noreply@myosbeels.org](mailto:noreply@myosbeels.org) to your Safe Senders list.**
2. **Make sure we have your current email address by logging into your MyOSBEELS portal.**

Note: If you receive duplicate emails from the MyOSBEELS system, we are aware of the issue and are working diligently to resolve it with our developer.

If you have any questions about an email you receive from OSBEELS, you can reach us at [OSBEELS.Info@osbeels.oregon.gov](mailto:OSBEELS.Info@osbeels.oregon.gov) or 503-362-2666.

Thank you!



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# Meet OSBEELS

## **Tina** **Registration Specialist**

### **How long have you worked for OSBEELS?**

16 years

### **What do you enjoy about your job?**

My coworkers and everyone I have met through OSBEELS. Providing good customer service is always satisfying.

### **What is your favorite place in Oregon?**

I am still exploring our beautiful state and honestly cannot pick a favorite. Oregon is such a diverse state in geography, environment, weather, culture and communities I am amazed at every place I've explored. The Willamette Mountains is my next adventure in 2024.

### **What are some of your hobbies?**

Quality time with my family, friends and dogs. Hiking, watching wildlife, camping, building wood projects and having the privilege of watching our daughter play college volleyball.



### **From the viewpoint of your role, can you share some reminders or tips for our registrants?**

Remember to check your email for notifications about your application and attend committee meetings you are invited to.



Left: Ashley Setzer, Registration Specialist, and Ashlee Graybeal, Communications Coordinator, presenting on the licensure process to the Oregon Land Survey Law Workshop at Oregon State University on February 22, 2024.

Right: Oregon State University's Geomatics students are hard at work learning the fundamentals of surveying. Photo taken by Brett Murphy, PLS.



Below: Danee Koonce, Support Manager, welcoming attendees at the Oregon Department of Transportation's Surveyors Conference on April 16, 2024 at the Knife River Training Center in Albany, Oregon.

Above: Renee Clough, PE, PLS, Board Vice President, Kari Carr, Crossler Middle School Teacher and Ashlee Graybeal, Communications Coordinator, presenting on Engineering and Surveying to middle school CTE students on April 29, 2024.





# Help us help you!!

## Speaking Engagements:

Do you have a meeting or event in Oregon involving engineers, land surveyors, water rights examiners, or photogrammetrists? We are available to give presentations on who we are and what we do, including how the licensure process works. We're also happy to set up an informational booth and be available during your event to answer any OSBEELS related questions.

## Continuing Education Opportunities:

How are you earning your PDHs toward your biennial renewal? Send us opportunities that we can share on our webpage and in our Examiner newsletter of learning opportunities for our professionals. We want to help everyone keep up on those continuing education requirements.

## Photos of Your Work:

We invite you to share your work experiences with the OSBEELS community! We're looking for photos of noteworthy projects, monuments, or work site locations that you think others will appreciate. They may be featured in future issues of the Examiner as well as our social media pages.

Send your event info, learning opportunities, and work photos (.jpg or .png format preferred) to our Communications Coordinator, Ashlee Graybeal at [ashlee.d.graybeal@osbeels.oregon.gov](mailto:ashlee.d.graybeal@osbeels.oregon.gov)

## Continuing Education Opportunities

### UESI Surveying & Geomatics 2024 Conference

June 2-4, 2024  
CH2M Hill Conference Center  
Corvallis, OR

<https://www.surveyingconference.org>

### 2024 OSBEELS Symposium

September 26-27, 2024

<https://www.oregon.gov/osbeels/aboutus/Pages/2024-Symposium.aspx>



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**A**n issue we hear about from time to time is “Rubber Stamping”. “Rubber Stamping,” also known as “plan stamping”, is when a licensee uses their stamp on plans that they did not have supervision and control over. OSBEELS requires that all final documents be sealed by a licensee and that the licensee only seal documents prepared under the licensee’s supervision and control. Stamping plans that were not under your supervision and control is prohibited under Oregon law. This is one of those requirements that seems straight forward but can become blurred in real life. This article aims to help licensees apply the sealing and signing requirements to real life scenarios.

First, let’s unpack what “supervision and control” means. As used in ORS 672.0002(10) and OAR 820-025-0015, licensee “supervision and control” means the licensee reviewed the work as it was being prepared, and the licensee is aware of and authorized all professional judgement made in preparation of the material. It does not mean that the licensee wrote each word in a report or drew all the lines in a drawing.

Next, let’s talk about which licensee should stamp which material when more than one professional is involved. You should only stamp the portions of the material for which you meet the “supervision and control” criteria under

ORS 672.0002(10) and OAR 820-025-0015. A licensee’s stamp is applicable to all the material on the plan or in the report unless the dual stamping requirements of OAR 820-025-0025 are met. Under the dual stamping rules, all the material on the plan or report is still subject to a professional seal but a statement is included assigning specific portions to each licensee. The two licensees should work in conjunction to ensure their respective portions do not have inadvertent consequences to the other’s portion.

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Now, let us look at a potential scenario of **sealing a plan or report prepared by another but reflecting your work:**

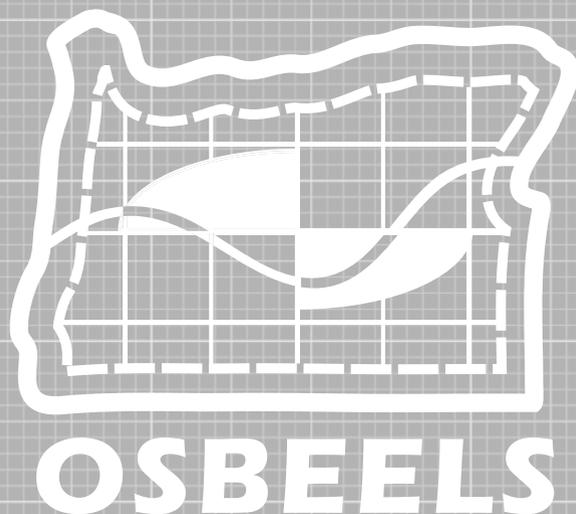
When a project has a design team that is made up of people with different licenses (engineers, land surveyors, architects, geologists, etc.), it is common for one team member's work to appear in another's work. In these types of circumstances, reports and/or plans need to clearly identify who has done what work. For example, if a structural engineer's calculation set is predicated on the soil friction factor that was provided in the engineering geologist's report, each one would need to stamp their respective areas. Another example is if a surveyor provides an Existing Conditions Plan as a unique plan sheet and provides that to the civil engineer, the civil engineer would need to show the surveyor's boundary and site features differently than their own work. One method of doing this would be to use faded or dashed lines in the same overall plan set with a note stating that was provided by the surveyor.

Another potential scenario could involve a **licensee completing a project started by another licensee:**

A couple of common reasons a project could change from one licensee to another would be the original licensee moves out of the area, or maybe they have determined that there's a personality conflict with the client, or maybe they decided to retire. Regardless, this type of change can become quite complicated if the change in licensee is accompanied by the project going to another design firm all together. In these types of situations, the client may believe that this is an easy transition as a portion of the work has already been completed and paid for, and the new licensee/firm will just pick up where the former licensee left off.

It is important to remember that OAR 820-025-0025 requires that no more than one registrant is allowed to seal documents unless it is clearly explained and denoted on the document by each registrant as to which portion each one is responsible for.

There may be times when a client's or a jurisdiction's requests go beyond what is allowable for a licensee. For example, if the jurisdiction requires the civil engineer to seal the stormwater vegetation plan but the client wants the landscape architect to select the plans, that civil engineer would need to accept the plans that the landscape architect selected if they were to seal the plan. Another example would be if the jurisdiction requires an engineer or architect to seal the site layout plan but the client wants the land use planner to layout the site. If an OSBEELS licensed engineer sealed either of these plans, it would be contrary to OAR 820-025-0015 due to the work not being under the supervision and control of the engineer. Additionally, it is very important that licensees stay within the boundaries of what their license allows as there are a number of other regulatory boards that have their own authorities and requirements. With these examples, an OSBEELS licensed engineer could be found to be practicing landscape architecture or architecture without a license if they do not have enough competence in that work to meet the standards of OAR 820-020-0020.



# Symposium 2024

COMING SOON

September 26 & 27  
Registration opens August 1