

# Board of Registration for Professional Geologists

## Mission and philosophy

The mission of the Wyoming Board of Professional Geologists is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public by promoting the practice of geology by professional geologists and by providing fair and balanced regulation of the geologic profession. This mission is accomplished by licensing only those persons who meet or exceed the minimum statutory requirements of education, experience, and competency necessary to be called professional geologists. This licensing process currently involves examinations to establish an applicant's competency to practice as a professional geologist. The board's regulatory responsibility includes the discipline of professional geologists licensed in Wyoming as well as seeking the prosecution of unlicensed persons who violate the Geologists Practice Act.

The board balances its regulatory responsibilities with service and support to the public, as well as to its licensed professional geologists. The board is objective and ethical, as well as responsive to and considerate of the needs of its various constituents. Quality, cost-effective services are provided, whether for information, testing, professional support, the administrative process of licensing, or other services. Fees charged are those reasonably necessary to support the board's activities in a responsible and accountable fashion.

## Results of outcomes

By the end of FY02, the Board had licensed 3,466 professional geologists (some are now deceased and others have not renewed their licenses). At the end of FY 02, there were 2,950 active professional geologists and 66 active geologists-in-training. Since its inception in 1991, 4,150 applications have been received by the board, with 56 applications rejected for not meeting minimum statutory requirements and one for submitting a fraudulent application.

In FY 02, the board staff mailed 22 application packets (the number of applications downloaded from the board's web site is unknown); received 46 applications for licensure; proctored 42 national examinations; processed 30 requests for verification of licensure; granted licensure to 27 geologists, 13 by examination, and 14 by comity; and granted certifications to 10 geologists-in-training. The board distributed rosters, bulletins and consumer pamphlets to licensees, state agencies, county libraries and other parties.

On the national level, the board continued its active role within the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG). The board had members

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### **Other locations**

None

### **Year established**

1991

### **Statutory references**

W.S. 33-41-101 through W.S. 33-41-121

### **Authorized personnel**

One full-time; one part-time

### **Organization structure**

Does not apply

### **Clients served**

General public, licensees, Wyoming state and local governments, business and industry, and the geologic profession as a whole.

### **Budget information**

Earmarked Funds

\$133,094

### **Agency to which group reports**

Department of Administration and Information

### **Meeting frequency**

Minimum of four meetings required per year

serving on the By-Laws Committee, the Examination Committee and the Task Analysis Committee. The board also appointed a designee to serve on the ASBOG Council of Examiners. In FY 02, the number of states using the ASBOG examinations rose to 26. Continued contacts made on the national level have expanded the number of working alliances beneficial to the board.

One major accomplishment for FY 02 was the relocation of the board office to provide adequate and more efficient organization of work space.

## Strategic plan changes

As a licensing board the Board of Professional Geologists is not subject to the strategic plan requirements.

The board focus for FY 2003, will be to further expand public awareness and access through continued development of its web site and e-government options, through publishing bulletins and through broader disbursement of its revised consumer pamphlet. The board will pursue contacts on the state, national and international levels to expand the number of alliances beneficial to the board, its licensees, and the general public. The board will act on any complaints received referencing violations of the Wyoming Geologists Practice Act as well as for violations based on professional disciplinary actions taken in other jurisdictions.