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**OREGON REAL ESTATE AGENCY
COMMISSIONER'S BULLETIN
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What's new at the Oregon Real Estate Agency?

BOARD MEETING INFORMATION

The Real Estate Board will meet at 10 a.m. August 4 at the Port of Morrow in Boardman. The Columbia Basin Board of Realtors will host. Area brokers are welcome to attend. Watch the Agency's website, www.rea.state.or.us, for the meeting agenda.

RULE REVIEW STATUS

The escrow rule review work group held its final meeting July 2 on the Division 50 rules. The property management rule review work group met via teleconference on July 9 to discuss the latest draft of the Division 25 rules. These two sets of rules will now be sent to the respective advisory committees for comment. The brokerage/licensing rule review work group met on July 16 to review the draft of the brokerage Division 15 rules incorporating minor changes based on survey monkey suggestions from the advisory committee. All of these rules are to be presented to the Real Estate Board at a special meeting September 8 to approve for public hearing.

OREGON'S 150TH BIRTHDAY

Our state will celebrate its 150th birthday on February 14, 2009. The agency plans to run a series of articles on the history of real estate in Oregon in the *OREN-J*, beginning with the December 2008 issue. We invite you to share any real estate-related stories. Do you have a story about how your family acquired their land in Oregon? What changes have you seen in our industry over the years? E-mail your stories with contact information to orea.info@state.or.us.

"CONTACT" PRINCIPAL BROKERS

Does your office have more than one principal broker? If so, we encourage you to notify the Agency which principal broker should be contacted for licensing or regulatory issues. Call (503) 378-4170 or e-mail us at orea.info@state.or.us with the name of the contact person and specify if for licensing or regulation.

REA HOSTS WORK GROUP

A Legislative work group met July 21, 2008, to receive the Commissioner's report on the Agency as a follow-up to the Joint Interim Task Force on Real Estate Agency Oversight. Work group members were Sen. Betsy Johnson and Rep. Sal Esquivel, Task Force Co-chairs; Rep. Larry Galizio, Task Force Member; Art Kegler, Task Force Member and Real Estate Board Member; Mike Graeper, Board Chair; Lee Dunn, Oregon Association of Realtors (OAR) President and Board Member; Byron Hendricks and Kim Medford, Board Members; and Andrea Bushnell, OAR Executive Officer. The work group was impressed with the Agency's progress over the last two years and unanimously accepted the Commissioner's report, moving it to Ways and Means with a recommendation that it appear on their consent calendar.

RECRUITMENT STATUS

The recruitment announcements for the Licensing Division Manager and two Financial Investigator 1 positions have closed, and the Agency is in the process of interviewing and selecting candidates.

JOB OPENING AT THE AGENCY

The Agency is currently recruiting for an Information Systems Specialist to join the Administrative Services Section. The position will work with other information technology (IT) staff to support the agency's IT needs. You may access the job announcement from the agency's website, www.rea.state.or.us, and clicking on "Job Openings."

Gene Bentley,
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Oregon Real Estate Agency