

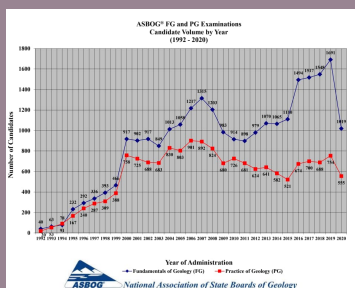
Spring NEWSLETTER

National Associations of State Boards of Geology

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Examinations

- Spring 2021 ASBOG® exams were administered on March 18, 2021 in 32 jurisdictions.
- Two additional exam forms were developed to allow for an expanded testing window.
- 830 candidates sat for the Fundamentals of Geology and 459 candidates sat for the Practice of Geology Exams.
- 134 deferrals granted
- 26 subject matter experts from 14 Member States supported the Council of Examiners Workshop in Madison, WI on April 9-10, 2021
- Pass rate for the FG was 65% and for the PG was 73%. Examination Summary Reports can be found on the Members Only page: <https://asbog.org/membersonly/examin.html>
- 39,141 licensed/registered geologists reported for 2020



Business Admin

- Renewed 2021 Insurance Policies: Business Owners; Directors & Officers; Professional Liability; and Cyber Security
- Developed Item writing and submittal portal
- CD renewal rates are currently unfavorable; exploring new financial instruments for future savings
- ASBOG® will subcontract development of an exam prep course for the FG examination for use in 2021
- Executive Committee participated in DEI training; Committee Chairs to complete training this summer
- Washington State SME Jeff Randall has been appointed as the new Coordinator for the Item Writing Group

Outreach

- All Section Meetings for the Geological Society of America were conducted virtually; consequently, ASBOG did not have an exhibition booth at these meetings
- ASBOG® Committee Chair Craig Smith presented a paper on licensure at the GSA Cordilleran Section Meeting
- ASBOG participated in an AEG webinar related to licensure on February 22, 2021
- Executive Director Sneyd and Randy Kath supported Kansas Board with University alignment

Committee Work

- The Examinations Committee conducted a survey of Member Boards to collect information related to the upcoming conversion to computer-based testing (CBT)
- CBT subcommittee conducted first teleconference for Member Boards related to CBT Conversion on April 30, 2021. Second teleconference is planned for August 2021.
- Beginning with the Spring 2023 Examination administration, all ASBOG® exams will be computer based, to be administered by a testing agency.
- Negotiations underway to select computer-based testing vendor.
- 2023 Task Analysis Survey (TAS) will be conducted during three separate workshops in January, April, and October 2022.