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## *Oregon Independent Aggregate Association Newsletter*

**February 2022**

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DOGAMI announced that Ruarri Day-Stirrat has been appointed the new State Geologist of Oregon. Dr. Day-Stirrat has a Ph.D. in geology and experience both from the Texas state survey and through extensive work for Shell Oil. Aside from oil and gas development, he has been involved in mining, tailings remediation, soil science, and civil engineering projects.

<https://www.oregon.gov/newsroom/Pages/NewsDetail.aspx?newsid=64817#:~:text=%E2%80%93%20he%20Governing%20Board%20of%20the,search%20and%20public%20selection%20process>

I was able to watch his video-interview in December. He spoke about Oregon having diverse mineral resources that should be better understood and presented to the public to facilitate development opportunities. In particular, he mentioned a desire to position Oregon in the “new energy economy” with its potential for lithium reserves. DOGAMI should play a lead role in this effort. One Australian company is already exploring for lithium in Oregon:

<https://www.opb.org/article/2021/12/02/lithium-mine-oregon-jindalee/>

Dr. Day-Stirrat clearly appreciates the beneficial role of mineral resources in society. I would suggest that many different mineral resources should be inventoried for the state, including construction aggregates in key areas. Depletion of aggregate resources near expanding urban centers is a long-standing problem that will only be resolved by identifying and preserving new aggregate reserves, strategically located where they can be economically developed.

Our annual MSHA Part 46 training is coming up soon. Kellie has more information in this newsletter.

Take care and be safe,

**Erick Staley**  
**Chairman**

## **We are not out of the woods just yet.**

We have had a few members answer our call for help with the future of OIAA, but nothing definite as of yet. Please if you are still on the fence about helping to keep our association alive past 2022 please give one of our officers or directors a call. **We definitely need your help to continue.**

## **2022 Annual Part 46 refresher training.**

Our annual Part 46 training will be held in very soon. If you missed the previous information that has been sent out and you still want to attend please give me a call before March 3<sup>rd</sup> and I will see if I can still get you in. Albany is scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup> and Roseburg is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup>.



**Our 2022 Scholarship Application is now available.**  
*(A copy is attached to the end of this newsletter)*

Oregon Independent Aggregate Association (OIAA) is proud to offer a \$2,500.00 scholarship to any deserving student pursuing a career related to the construction, aggregate and forestry industry. Areas of study are to include construction, construction management, engineering, geology, architecture, land use planning, forestry, heavy equipment repair and welding.

### **Who May Apply?**

The OIAA Scholarship is open to all current members, employees of current members and their families studying in the required fields as indicated above.

The academic institution may be a university, community college, private college or a trade school with recognized related courses of study. Scholarships will be applied toward full or part-time tuition and or educational material costs within one calendar year.

Your Personal Statement is the most important part of your application! When you prepare your Personal Statement, it's very helpful to tell the OIAA scholarship selection committee about your career goals in the required industries, personal goals, reasons for applying for this particular scholarship, and personal financial circumstances that pertain to your financial need. Your statement should be a minimum of one page and not more than two pages.

## **The OIAA Selection and Award Process**

Applications will be directed to the scholarship selection committee. Scholarship recipient will be notified in writing by the OIAA and the recipient's name will be listed on the OIAA website. Those who do not receive scholarships will also be notified by mail.

Unless otherwise noted, the scholarship shall be in the amount of \$ 2,500.00 as a onetime award.

All recipients will be required to write a short letter of thanks to the OIAA and present it in person at a designated Board Meeting. By attending such meeting you indicate your acceptance of the award and the terms of the scholarship.

Scholarships shall be awarded in compliance with applicable Oregon laws and OIAA policies related to non-discrimination on the basis of sex, race, age, color, national or ethnic origin, marital status, disability, religion, sexual orientation or veteran status.

## **Safepro 2022 June Law Institute:**

Understanding the laws and regulations that govern the mining industry are vital to managing your compliance and safety programs. Safepro covers the 1977 Act as amended by 2006 mine act in detail along with 30 CFR and program policies which give guidance to how the laws and regulations are to be enforced. The upcoming institute in Savannah June 14-17 will give you the knowledge coupled with your mining experience that allows you to improve on your current safety program and prepare for the imminent MSHA inspection. The Institute information will help you avoid bad citations and the knowledge to comply with the law and protect your people. The Safepro Institute information will add value to attendees and to their company. [safeproinc.com](http://safeproinc.com)

Best Regards,  
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Our next meeting will be March 30<sup>th</sup> This will be a in person meeting, location to be determined.

**Board member applications are available and ready to be sent out. Please email [memberreply@oraggregate.com](mailto:memberreply@oraggregate.com).**

**Stay Safe, Stay Healthy**



(Office Use Only) Application Number \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL INFORMATION: (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate phone number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**I. ACADEMIC INFORMATION: (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)**

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of High School Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Current University, College or Trade School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

When do you expect to graduate? \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Extracurricular and or Community Information:**

List honors, awards, prizes or recognition you have received: \_\_\_\_\_

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List school and or group activities (sports, clubs, committees, offices) that you have participated in: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List and describe your hobbies and interests: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### III. WORK EXPERIENCE (INCLUDE ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER IF NEEDED)

What work experience have you had? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in work with a construction, aggregate projects or forestry company? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ PART-TIME \_\_\_\_\_ SUMMER \_\_\_\_\_

### IV. Remember to attach the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ A transcript of grades through the last grading period prior to the date of application.

\_\_\_\_\_ A letter of recommendation from a teacher, employer or other relevant acquaintance.

\_\_\_\_\_ Your Personal Statement as required in the Scholarship Guidelines.

*I certify that the information on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return you application to the attention of the application committee

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***Application Deadline: September 15, 2022***