## WINTER 2020

BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS, AND GEOLOGISTS

## **BREAKING NEWS:** THE SECOND PHASE OF THE BOARD'S NEW APPLICATION/ LICENSING PORTAL IS LIVE, AVAILABLE ONLINE THROUGH THE <u>BOARD'S WEBSITE</u>. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER MESSAGE AND FAQS ABOUT THE NEW LIVE PORTAL ARE FEATURED IN THIS **BULLETIN**.

#### Please visit **www.bpelsg.ca.gov** for any COVID-19-related communications.

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### Message from the Executive Officer

Richard B. Moore, PLS

Welcome to 2021. By the time this edition is published, the second release of **BPELSG Connect**, the Board's new application/licensing portal, will be available online through the Board's website.

In addition to refinements to the current overall Engineer-in-Training (EIT) and Land-Surveyor-in-Training (LSIT) application processes,

this release adds the ability for license holders to renew eligible licenses online through a unique user profile created by the license holder.

As previously mentioned in a notice posted on the Board's website December 1 pertaining to license renewal news, license holders will need to register a profile in **BPELSG Connect** to ensure they are properly served in an effective manner moving forward.

Additionally, in this *Bulletin*, there are Frequently Asked Questions related to **BPELSG Connect**, how to register, and how to renew a license.

The Board looks forward to continuing the progress made so far with this new applicant/ license management system throughout 2021 and appreciate any feedback received from users of the system.

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# President's Message

Alireza Asgari, Ph.D., P.E., S.E.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the 2020-21 president of the Board for Professional Engineers Land Surveyors, and Geologists. My goal is to maintain the high bar that the past presidents have set

and provide value to our great state. I want to thank our wonderful staff members for their hard work, including Executive Officer Ric Moore, Assistant Executive Officer Nancy Eissler, Enforcement Manager Tiffany Criswell, and our board liaison Celina Calderone. Their great service, professionalism, and communication make my job easy and enjoyable.

For the past 16 years I have been working as a structural engineer in the private and public sectors to improve the safety of the health care buildings in California. Currently, I work in the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development. Our vision in the office is to provide access to safe, quality health care environments that meet California's dynamic and diverse needs. The vision is similar to the Board's vision of protecting the public's safety and property. My goal as the new president is to bring the lessons I have

learned from my work experience to the Board and expand it from hospitals to all consumers in the state. I have also been a committee member for the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) structural exam development and grading. Several of our meetings and a paper and pencil exam scheduled for April 2020 were canceled due to the pandemic. Through great effort, NCEES staff were able to adjust to the situation to accommodate the larger examinee population and facilitate virtual workshops so that examinees can receive results from the fall 2020 exams in a timely and efficient manner. The pandemic has taught all of us that the need to reassess the transition schedule to convert all NCEES exams to computer-based testing (CBT) in lieu of the paper and pencil exam. We, as a Board, encouraged the same transition for the national geology exams provided by the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) by providing a letter encouraging that transition within the earliest feasible timeframe.

Last year was anything but normal for the Board, the staff, all our applicants, and our license holders. Our Board and staff continue to make an extra effort to ensure our operational responsibilities are being met and maintained with constant communication with applicants and exam organizers, and I'm very grateful for all their efforts. Our Board, our staff and I, the president, will try our best to ensure our goal of safeguarding the life, health, property, and public welfare is fulfilled.

## Board News: Fee Changes

Due to a regulatory action approved by the Office of Administrative Law on November 18, 2020, the fees that applicants and licensees pay to the Board will change, effective January 1, 2021 (Title 16, California Code of Regulations sections 407 and 3005). The regulatory action also addresses situations in which replacement certificates will be issued (Title 16, California Code of Regulations sections 410 and 3010). The fee and language changes are outlined on the Order of Adoption. All other regulatory documents are available on the Board's Rulemaking Page. Please review the following information based on the situation in which you are submitting a payment to the Board:

• Applicants Submitting Certificate/Licensure Applications and Re-ExaminationForms: Licensure applications and re-examination forms postmarked on or after January 1, 2021, are subject to the new fee schedule. Engineer-In-Training and Land-Surveyor-In-Training applications submitted via the new online portal on or after January 1, 2021, are subject to the new fee schedule.

- Licensees Submitting Retired License Applications and Replacement Certificate Forms: Retired License Applications and Replacement Certificate forms postmarked on or after January 1, 2021, are subject to the new fee schedule.
- Licensees Submitting Renewal Fees: The two-year biennial renewal fee for a license that expires on or after January 1, 2021, is subject to the new fee schedule.

The Board's online applicant and licensee fee schedules, applications, and applicable forms have been updated to reflect these changes.



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## FAQs About the BPELSG Connect System

#### Q: How do I access BPELSG Connect?

A: Applicants and licensees seeking access to BPELSG Connect can visit https://connect.bpelsg.ca.gov/.

#### Q: What can I do in BPELSG Connect?

A: Initially released to the public in mid-September 2020, applicants can register in the Connect system and submit either an application for an Engineer-In-Training (EIT) certificate or a Land Surveyor-In-Training (LSIT) certificate for processing. Additionally, complaints can be submitted to the Board's Enforcement Unit.

# Q: When will I be able to renew my license(s) through BPELSG Connect?

- A: The Board anticipates that the new release of BPELSG Connect will occur mid-January, which will add new functionality to allow current licensees to register in Connect and manage their license needs.
- Q: How will I know if my license(s) is eligible for renewal?
- A: Generally, your first indication will be the notification that is mailed to your address of record on file with the Board. Additionally, once you've created a profile, logged into BPELSG Connect, and linked your profile to all current licenses, an expiration date for each eligible license will be shown on your dashboard along with a button to renew each eligible license.
- Q: Prior communication from the Board stated that renewal notifications by mail will discontinue in 2021. How will I receive my renewal notice every two years?
- A: On December 1, 2020, the Board posted a message on its website alerting current licensees that the state agency that prints and mails the Board's current renewal notifications will cease to perform those services sometime in 2021. The Board (along with many other boards and bureaus) is working closely with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) to assume the production and distribution of printing services, which is anticipated to occur later in 2021. In the meantime, current renewal notifications will continue to be sent out in the same manner through June 2021.

# Q: What information will I need to have ready to renew my license(s) through BPELSG Connect?

**A:** You will need to know which license type, license number, and how you wish to submit payment.

#### Q: How will I renew my license(s) in BPELSG Connect?

- A: If it's your first time accessing BPELSG Connect:
  - You'll begin by registering a user profile in the system using a preferred email address as your user name. Once you've registered, you'll receive an email with a temporary password to confirm your registration and to establish a personalized password. (If during the registration process you did not opt out of receiving SMS (text) messages, you'll also receive an SMS message alerting you that you've received a new email from the Connect system.)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Your personal information, like the last four digits of your social security number and birth date, is only required when first registering within the system and is not accessible through BPELSG Connect. Once registered, it is anticipated that you will not be asked to provide that information again.

2) Upon confirming the registration with a personalized password, you'll be asked if you have a current license(s) with the Board. If you answer "yes," you'll be presented with the opportunity to link each license that is in good standing in your name. (You'll need to know the license type and license number to successfully link a license.) Also, don't worry if you miss this opportunity or do not link all your active licenses during this step; once you're logged into your profile, there will be the ability to link a license on your dashboard.

Once you've successfully created your profile and logged into the BPELSG Connect system:

- 3) If you have not already done so, you should first confirm all your contact information, especially your address of record. If necessary, you will need to either enter your preferred address of record or confirm that what is currently shown is accurate.
- 4) Your dashboard will display any current licenses with a button choice to renew your license(s).

#### Q: What if I have more than one license?

A: BPELSG Connect will allow you to link to all your current licenses in good standing and allow you to renew each license as they become eligible for renewal.



- Q: What if I have a license that is dependent upon another license to practice (Structural Engineer requires a Civil Engineer license; Certified Engineering Geologist requires a Professional Geologist license, etc.)?
- A: If you have a license that requires a "base license" (i.e., Civil Engineer or Professional Geologist), you will need to ensure that you link all licenses before submitting a renewal. BPELSG Connect will not allow you to renew a dependent license (i.e., Geotechnical Engineer or Certified Hydrogeologist) without first (or simultaneously) renewing the base license.

# Q: What options do I have to pay for my license renewal(s)?

- A: Once you've confirmed your contact information and chosen which license(s) you wish to renew, you will certify to that information and be presented with an option to process a payment by credit card, debit card, personal check, or money order.
  - If you choose credit card or debit card, you will enter the required card information and the payment will process online by electronic means.
  - If you choose any other method for payment, the system will provide you with a confirmation document for you to print and mail to the Board with payment.

# Q: How will I know that my payment was received and processed?

A: Upon payment choice and submittal, you will be returned to your dashboard, where you can see the current status of your license(s) that was renewed. You will also have the opportunity to view/download/print any notifications related to your renewal submittal such as a confirmation approval and, if paid by electronic means, a payment processed confirmation receipt.

#### Q: How long will it take for my license to renew?

A: For licenses that are submitted using online electronic payment, the renewal will reflect in your BPELSG Connect profile dashboard immediately upon confirmation that your electronic payment was processed (this may take as long as 24 hours to appear after submittal). If you submitted payment by any other means, the processing timeline is dependent upon when your payment is received by the Postal Service and your payment is received by the Board.

#### Q: Will I be able to print or download my confirmation notice so I can provide it to my employer prior to making a payment?

A: Yes. If you wish to have your employer pay for your license renewal directly, you can choose any payment method other than electronic payment, and print/ download your confirmation notice to give to your employer. Then your employer can submit payment by mail to the Board office.

# Q: Can my employer renew my license directly online using an electronic method of payment?

A: That depends on how secure you wish to maintain your licensee profile in BPELSG Connect. In some cases, the licensee may feel comfortable in sharing their profile login information with their employer for renewal purposes. In other cases, that may not be advantageous to the licensee in terms of protecting their online profile information or disclosing any other license status (i.e., delinquency periods/fees, fines associated with administrative citations or disciplinary decisions, etc.) to their employer. Access to your profile in BPELSG Connect allows all your licensing information to be accessible to anyone you share your login information with.

#### Q: What happens if I process my license renewal through BPELSG Connect, choose to mail in payment by check, and forget to mail the check?

- A: A license is not considered as renewed until payment is received and confirmed by the Board. For licensees who choose not to pay by electronic payment means, you will not be able to practice, offer to practice, or use any of the restricted titles until payment for each license is received and confirmed by the Board. It is your responsibility as the license holder to ensure that your renewal payment is submitted to the Board prior to the expiration date.
- Q: What happens if I process my license renewal through BPELSG Connect, choose to provide my employer with the confirmation notice, and my employer fails to properly submit payment for my renewal?
- **A:** You cannot legally practice under your license until proper payment is received and processed at the Board office.

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- Q: Will I still receive a new renewal certificate by mail like I always did?
- A: Yes.
- Q: Will I have the option to receive notifications solely by electronic means?
- A: While licensees are required to provide the Board with a physical address of record, and keep the Board informed of any changes to it, there may be an option in future releases of BPELSG Connect for licensees to choose to opt out of receiving future renewal notifications by any method other than electronically.

#### Q: Will the Board still allow renewal payments to be made by visiting the Board office and paying in cash or by check?

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A: The Board has plans to set up a computer kiosk in the office lobby specifically to allow licensees to process license renewal payments and provide a payment to staff at the front desk if not paying by electronic means. The Board will also accept drop-off payments if the licensee processes the license renewal online prior to arrival and bring in a copy of the confirmation notice and payment to the Board office.

### Get to Know Our Licensees Kevin Akin, PLS, Senior Land Surveyor, Cal Fire



# Why did you become a land surveyor?

I was seeking a career that provided physical exercise and mental challenges. Survey projects are never the same and the variety keeps me learning every day.

#### What attracted you to your field, and what positions have you held as you advanced your career?

Travel, variety of work, physical and mental challenges, increasing opportunity to promote, and the continued advancement of measurement technology have all contributed to making surveying an interesting and changing career. I have worked as a chain man, instrument man, party chief, aerial flight planner, investigated new technology for CalTrans, and am now supervising field crews with Cal Fire. I have worked on urban boundary, GNSS, PLSS, photogrammetry control, highway construction, laser scanning, and control surveys.

# Do you have any family members or relatives in your field?

My oldest brother, Charles Akin, graduated from OIT [Oregon Institute of Technology] with a bachelor's in surveying and is a PLS in Alaska.

# Where did you attend school (post high school), and what degrees do you hold?

I attended OIT in Klamath Falls, Oregon, and graduated with a bachelor's in surveying in 1980. I passed the California LS in 1985 and the Alaska LS in 1986.

# What value does your professional license represent to you, and how has it helped your career?

*My* license represents to me a goal that I attained through persistence. It also represents greater employment opportunities than my parents had.

# What are your responsibilities and duties in your current position?

I supervise three Cal Fire survey crews on projects throughout California. We support Cal Fire with PLSS, topography, boundary, construction staking, right of way, record research, drone mapping, and fire origin surveys.

#### Briefly discuss the biggest challenges you face as a land surveyor, specifically noting changes in your field that you have seen since graduating from college (i.e., wildfires/power outages/climate, etc.).

The biggest challenge I faced after college was to find steady employment during economic downturns. I started surveying in the 1970s and technological change has been constant. I have been challenged to understand how to use the latest measurement technology to achieve the desired accuracy.

## OUTREACH EVENTS: July-September 2020

#### KEY

ASCE American Society of Civil Engineers APWA American Public Works Association CalGeo California Geotechnical Engineering Association SWE Society of Women Engineers YMF Young Members Forum

#### ALL VIRTUAL EVENTS HELD BY BOARD REGISTRARS

**August 26:** Geology webinar: Frequently Asked Questions: How to apply for a GIT, P.G., PGp, CHG or CEG license or certificate. Hosted by Laurie Racca, P.G.

**August 26:** Geology webinar: For References: Completing the Independent Evaluation form for P.G., PGp, CHG or CEG applications. Hosted by Laurie Racca, P.G.

**September 9:** Chico State (senior civil/mechanical engineering class), 75 students. Hosted by Natalie King P.E., and Mike Donelson, P.E.

**September 21:** Long Beach State, CE481 (senior class) Professional Practice, and CE101 students attending as well. Hosted by Natalie King, P.E., and Mike Donelson, P.E.

**September 23:** Society of Women Engineers, Orange County (all disciplines). Hosted by Natalie King, P.E., and Mike Donelson, P.E.

## In Memoriam

In celebration of the lives and contributions of the following professionals, the Board would like to recognize professionals licensed as engineers, land surveyors, or geologists who recently passed away. Below is a list of individuals who have departed July through September 2020. This list may not include all those who have recently passed away as we rely on information from the public, other licensees, and family members. Please contact the Board regarding individuals who have recently passed.

Name	License Number	Years of Service			
Engineers					
Kerby Scott Aslesen	P 1385	38			
M. James Barber	C 18154	52			
Jeffrey Brent Bradley	C 30245	41			
Arturo Ocampo Cabrera	M 18974	42			
David Grayson Carter	E 20017	43			
John Warren Edmisten	C 31632	44			
Robert David Gordon	C 52306	45			
Fred W. Hammar	C 13765	46			
Douglas C. Menzmer	C 63498	47			
John Birsen Roach III	E 20343	48			
Mark Gerard Wittgraf	C 48716	49			
Michael Woolley	CS 3227	50			
Geologists					
Edmund Walter Kiessling	GEO 433	50			
Charles W. Welby	GEO 1485	50			
Land Surveyors					
David Alvarez	L 4050	47			
Richard Merrill Bishop	L 4858	39			
Wayne Alexander Deifel	L 5275	37			
James Francis Lantry	L 7898	17			
Multiple Licenses					
Gerald Francis Hovell	C 33118, L 3875	39, 49			
Warren A. Minner	C 9566, S 863	65, 63			
Mark Alan Walters	GEO 3344, EG 991	44, 43			



## **Enforcement Actions**

#### Citations Issued to Unlicensed Individuals: Fiscal Year 2020-21 (July-September)

Citations are an alternative to criminal prosecutions that the Board can use to enforce the laws prohibiting the unlicensed practice of engineering, land surveying, geology, and geophysics, or other activities for which a license is required. When a fine is levied with a citation, payment of the fine does not constitute admission of any violations charged but represents a satisfactory resolution of the matter pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 125.9(d). Code sections numbered in the 6700s, 7800s, and 8700s refer to the Business and Professions Code; those numbered in the 400s and 3000s refer to Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations. You can look up the code sections and read the laws on the Board's website, **www.bpelsg.ca.gov/laws/index.shtml**. All final citations are matters of public record. For a copy of the final citation order or if you have any questions, you may contact the Board's Enforcement Unit at **BPELSG.Enforcement.Information@dca.ca.gov** or (916) 263-2284. Please include the name of the cited person and the citation number in your request.

Cited Person	Citation No.	Violation Code Sections	Date Final	Fine Amount	Status of Fine
CASTILLO, HECTOR	10658-U	6787(a),(g)	7/10/2020	\$10,000	
CHAN, ANDREW	10829-U	6787(a),(d)	8/31/2020	\$5,000	
HART, MICHAEL	10843-U	6787(a); 8792(a),(i)	7/24/2020	\$2,000	Paid
JACKSON, TODD	10853-U	8792(a)	9/21/2020	\$500	
KIM, JAMIE	10839-U	6787(d)	7/9/2020	\$1,500	Paid
KNERR, CHRIS	10837-U	7872(a)	7/9/2020	\$1,000	Paid
MOAVENIAN, NADER	10782-U	6787(a),(g)	7/27/2020	\$0	
NARAYANAN, RAJESH	10824-U	6787(a),(g)	9/8/2020	\$5,000	
REZVANI, MICHAEL	10831-U	6732; 6787(h); 7872(a)	7/19/2020	\$0	
ROACH, MICHAEL	10838-U	8792(a),(i)	7/9/2020	\$1,000	Paid
ROSS, JOSEPH	10850-U	6787(a),(i)	8/28/2020	\$5,000	
SHOFNER, WILLIAM	10708-U	7872(a)	9/24/2020	\$1,000	



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#### Citations Issued to Licensees: Fiscal Year 2020-21 (July-September)

Citations are issued to licensed engineers, land surveyors, geologists, and geophysicists when the severity of a violation may not warrant suspension or revocation of the licensee's right to practice. When a fine is levied with a citation, payment of the fine does not constitute admission of any violations charged but represents a satisfactory resolution of the matter, pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 125.9(d). Code sections numbered in the 6700s, 7800s, and 8700s refer to the Business and Professions Code; those numbered in the 400s and 3000s refer to Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations. You can read the laws on the Board's website, **www.bpelsg.ca.gov/laws/index.shtml**. All final citations are matters of public record. For a copy of the final citation order or if you have any questions, you may contact the Board's Enforcement Unit at **BPELSG.Enforcement.Information@dca.ca.gov** or (916) 263-2284. Please include the name of the cited person and the citation number in your request.

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BARNEA, JEFFREY	10745-L	8762(c)	7/30/2020	\$750	Paid
CHEN, JIMMY	10842-L	6775.2	7/13/2020	\$500	Paid
CULLEY, PETER	10849-L	6749(a)(3),(4),(5); 6775(h); 6738(i)	8/10/2020	\$500	Paid
KHALIFEH, ARASH	10821-L	6787(a),(g)	7/24/2020	\$750	Paid
LANTRY, JAMES	10844-L	8759(a); 8759(a)(3),(4),(5); 8761(c); 8780(b),(d); 404.2	7/29/2020	\$1,000	Paid
MORLAN, JEFFREY	10823-L	8792(a)	9/8/2020	\$500	Paid
REMINGTON, ETHAN	10847-L	8771(a); 8772; 8780(d); 464(d)	8/10/2020	\$1,000	Paid
STOCKINGER, BRIAN	10841-L	8759(a)(5); 8761(c); 8780(b),(h); 476(c)(9)	7/13/2020	\$2,500	Paid



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#### Formal Administrative Disciplinary Decisions: Fiscal Year 2020-21 (July-September)

A formal disciplinary decision is considered formal administrative disciplinary action against a licensee. It results from the Board's adoption of a proposed decision prepared by an administrative law judge following a hearing, a stipulated settlement agreement, or a default decision following a full investigation and the filing of an accusation. An accusation is a formal legal document that notifies a licensee of the Board's charges and allegations of violations against the licensee and that requests a disciplinary order be issued. The licensee is entitled to contest the charges at a formal hearing before an administrative law judge or to agree to a stipulated settlement. A final disciplinary decision contains findings and determinations or statements of advisements, waivers, and culpability and a disciplinary order. If there are findings of violations, the order may include revocation or suspension of the license, a stayed revocation or suspension of the license with a probationary period and terms and conditions of probation, or a public reproval. In the alternative, the decision may find that no violations or violations of a de minimus nature occurred and order the dismissal of the accusation. All final disciplinary decision or any questions, contact the Board's Enforcement Unit at **BPELSG.Enforcement.Information@dca.ca.gov** or (916) 263-2284. Please include the name of the respondent and the case number in your request.

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Respondent	Case Number	Effective Date	Disciplinary Order
CAMPBELL, JOHN ERNEST	1214-A	9/24/2020	Revocation, Stayed; Probation
CHANG, FU-LIEN	1198-A	7/30/2020	Public Reproval
DELANEY, WILLIAM	1144-A	7/30/2020	Voluntary Surrender of License
DEVINE, MICHAEL	1228-A	9/24/2020	Revocation of License
HANDY, SOLOMON	1226-A	7/30/2020	Revocation of License
MELGOZA, MICHAEL	1232-A	9/24/2020	Revocation of License
PLOUFF, KACIE	1220-A	9/24/2020	Revocation, Stayed; Probation
RODRIGUEZ-FERNANDEZ, VICTOR	1192-A	7/10/2020	Revocation, Stayed; Probation

## Board Speakers Available

The Board continues its efforts to reach out to groups interested in any of the broad array of the Board functions. As part of this outreach effort, we have speakers available to present at meetings and events. Speakers include Executive Officer Ric Moore, PLS; Assistant Executive Officer Nancy Eissler; Enforcement Manager Tiffany Criswell; Senior Engineering Registrars Natalie King, P.E., and Mike Donelson, P.E.; Senior Land Surveyor Registrar Dallas Sweeney, PLS; and Senior Geology Registrar Laurie Racca, P.G.

Our Enforcement, Licensing, Examination, and Outreach units all have speakers authorized to represent the Board. To request a speaker, we will need the following information: size of group, location, time, length and type of presentation, and proposed subject matter. Appropriate advance notice is always appreciated. Current and former Board members may also appear on the Board's behalf, depending on availability.

For more information, contact the Board outreach coordinator Brooke Phayer at **Brooke.Phayer@dca.ca.gov**.

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## **Board Calendar**

January	February	March
<ol> <li>1/1: New Year's Day– Board Office Closed</li> <li>1/18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day– Board Office Closed</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>2/4: Board Meeting</li> <li>2/15: Presidents Day– Board Office Closed</li> </ul>	3/31: Cesar Chavez Day– Board Office Closed

#### **Continuous Testing Exams:**

California Civil: Seismic Principles Exam and Engineering Surveying Exam; NCEES P.S., Chemical, and F.E./F.S.



## Social Media: BPELSG Facebook and Twitter Pages

BPELSG is asking for your help in getting the word out regarding the launch of its Facebook and Twitter pages. BPELSG is now posting information of interest to postsecondary institutions and students on a regular basis. This information includes regulatory changes, updates to our website, interesting articles, useful resources, and a host of other BPELSG-related data.

For those institutions that communicate with students through email or some other means, we invite you to share this information with them. BPELSG is anxious to use these social media outlets as an ongoing way to reach our stakeholders. Thank you for your assistance in spreading the word.

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