

# Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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## MINUTES Board Meeting Friday, June 29, 2007

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 29, 2007, at the Board office in Montgomery, Alabama. A quorum was present. Board members in attendance were Mr. J. Mark Tanner (Chair), Mr. Robert B. Carr, III (Vice-Chair), Mr. Thomas (Tom) E. Bruner, Ms. Dorothy Malaier, and Dr. David T. King, Jr., and Dr. Berry (Nick) Hearn Tew. Mr. Markel Wyatt was not present. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Ms. Hope Paulene (Executive Assistant) and Ms. Mary Windom (Board Counsel).

The meeting was advertised to the public in the *Montgomery Advertiser* and posted on the Board's website ([www.algeobd.alabama.gov](http://www.algeobd.alabama.gov)) as well as the Secretary of State's website ([www.sos.state.al.us](http://www.sos.state.al.us)).

The Board reviewed the minutes from the April 19, 2007 meeting. Mr. Bruner made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Dr. King, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Secretary's report, which included the following statistical information:

- A) Number of Licensees (As of June 27, 2007)
  - 1. Professional Geologists (PGs): 532
    - a. Alabama (215)
    - b. Out of State (317)
  - 2. Geologist-In-Training (GITs): 6
  - 3. Temporary Licensees: 0  
(Current)
  
- B) FY 2006 Budget Info
  - 1. Budget Authorized \$65,000.00
  - 2. Expenditure Vouchers (10/1/06—06/20/07): \$31,588.20
  - 3. Deposits (10/05/06—06/28/07): \$49,369.37
  - 4. Current Cash Balance (As of 5/31/07): \$30,447.85

(These reports are available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes.)

Mr. Carr made a motion to note the Finance Committee's review of the Board's financial report, and accept the report as given. The motion was seconded by Ms. Malaier, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Carr made a motion that licensees, who have not renewed his/her license within the ninety (90) day grace period, are to be mailed by the Board Staff a reminder letter. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tew, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board discussed upcoming Board Member Term Expirations. The Board had planned on going into Executive Session; however, it was not necessary. Dr. Tew volunteered to draft a general/generic board member nomination letter, which will be mailed to all active licensees who can anonymously nominate licensees for all seven Board positions. The Board will keep a running file of these nominations.

Dr. King presented the Board with his suggestions to the current consumer complaint form. After discussion, the Board asked Mr. Warren and Ms. Windom to draft a final complaint form for presentation at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Mr. Tanner apprised the Board that the next newsletter needs to be drafted and wishes for it to be mailed out by the end of October. The following articles are tentatively scheduled for publishing in the newsletter:

- a) Number of Licensee Graph since 1997
- b) Licensing in Alabama
- c) Article on the Board Member Nominations Process
- d) ASBOG Conference Report

Dr. King addressed the Board regarding the new Code of Conduct written for and adopted by the Geological Society of America. He wishes for each Board Member to review this Code of Conduct on the Society web page and perhaps consider endorsing it and/or linking it to the Board web page.

Mr. Bruner presented the letters that he will be mailing out to licensees in his field, basically introducing himself as their board representative and letting the licensee know that he is available to answer their questions and for discussions pertaining to the mining industry and the licensing statute.

The Chair called for a special meeting on Thursday, August 23, 2007 @ 10:00 a.m. to address the following issues:

- a) Board Member Nominations
- b) Final of Adoption of Rule 364-X-4 Fees
- c) Approval of ASBOG Expenses for Mr. Warren
- d) Review of New Licensure Applications

The Board reviewed four (4) applications for licensure. Dr. Tew made a motion to approve applications for licensure as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carr, and unanimously approved by the Board. (A list of the approved application(s) is attached to the Minutes.)

The Board reviewed twelve (12) renewal applications and reported Continuing Education (CE) hours, along with supporting documentation provided by the licensees. The Board requested Ms. Paulene to draft a letter to be mailed to each licensee, who, based on the Board's review of supporting documentation, were determined by the Board to have unacceptable and/or insufficient CE credits.

Dr. Tew made a motion to accept the renewal applications and continuing education audit documentation as acceptable, pending the receipt of support documentation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carr, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is October 18, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

The time being 12:35 p.m., and there being no further business, Mr. Carr made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tew, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dorothy Malaier". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Dorothy Malaier  
Secretary/Treasurer

# Board Approved Applications for Licensure On June 29, 2007

## *Approved Geologist Licenses:*

Samantha D. Andrews-Reciprocity from Florida

Griffin L. Gatschet-Examination

Michael J. Gunderson-Reciprocity from South Carolina

## *Approved Geologist-in-Training License:*

Thomas West White-Fundamentals of Geology Examination