Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists



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MINUTES Board Meeting Thursday, April 19, 2007

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 19, 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, Mr. Markel R. Wyatt, Ms. Dorothy Malaier, and Dr. David T. King, Jr. Dr. Berry (Nick) Hearn Tew 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 (<u>www.algeobd.alabama.gov</u>) as well as the Secretary of State's website (<u>www.sos.state.al.us</u>).

Mr. Keith Warren introduced Mr. Rick Huett, Deputy Director of the Alabama Board of Engineers and Land Surveyors to the Board. Mr. Huett was invited by the Board to explain how his board handles received complaints of licensed and unlicensed individuals practicing in the profession.

At approximately 11:05 a.m., the Board recessed.

At approximately 11:15 a.m., the Board reconvened.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 18, 2007 meeting. Mr. Carr made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bruner, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. King 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. Tanner apprised the Board that the next newsletter needs to be drafted and wishes for it to be mailed out by the end of May. Mr. Tanner volunteered to write an article pertaining to continuing education opportunities. Mr. Carr agreed to draft an article related to the ASBOG Fundamental of Geology Exam possibly being used as an exit exam for university geology programs. He will also address the ASBOG Practice of Geology exam fee increase. Mr. Warren agreed to contribute an article pertaining to violations. The article that Ms. Malaier contributed in an earlier addition of the newsletter will be reprinted in this edition. As the articles are received, Ms. Malaier agreed to email them to Ms. Paulene by May 1, 2007.

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

A) Number of Licensees (As of April 19, 2007)

1. Professional Geologists (PGs): 566

2. Geologist-In-Training (GITs): 3

3. Temporary Licensees: 0 (Current)

B) FY 2006 Budget Info as of September 30, 2006

1. Budget Authorized \$65,000.00

2. Expenditure Vouchers (10/1/06—03/15/07): \$14,094.15

3. Deposits (10/05/06—04/18/07): \$31,519.37

4. Current Cash Balance (As of 3/31/07): \$33,783.87

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

Mr. Warren presented a chart presentation to the Board that illustrated the number of active PGs on an annual basis since the Board began licensing and to include the projected number of 2007 renewals. The graph helped the Board clarify the status of membership, i.e. decline (or increase) in the number of licensees with time and the Board's source of income.

Mr. Warren also presented the Board the proposed rule change to CHAPTER 364-X-4 Fees for public notice advertisement. Mr. Carr made a motion to accept the rule change as submitted. The motion was seconded by Dr. King, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board reviewed eleven (11) applications for licensure. Ms. Malaier made a motion to approve applications for licensure as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bruner, and unanimously approved by the Board. (A list of the approved application(s) is attached to the Minutes.)

The Board reviewed seven (7) 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.

In the event a licensee does not respond to the audit notification, the Board will send a reminder letter via certified mail, along with a copy of the original request. The licensee will have ten (10) business days to respond to the second request and if the Board still does not receive any correspondence from the licensee, it (Board) will take further action.

Ms. Malaier 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.

Dr. King expressed his thoughts pertaining to the current Consumer Complaint Form. Dr. King indicated that he would work on drafting a new Consumer Complaint Form for presentation at the next Board meeting.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is June 28, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

The time being 1:56 p.m., and there being no further business, Mr. Bruner made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carr, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Malaie

Secretary/Treasurer

Board Approved Applications for Licensure On April 19, 2007

Approved Geologist Licenses:

David A. Brackett-Reciprocity from Georgia

Charles M. McNulty-Reciprocity from Tennessee

Mike W. Mills-Reciprocity from Florida

Michael A. Noone-Reciprocity from Mississippi

Merlin D. Russell, Jr.-Reciprocity from Florida

Greg Seifert-Examination

Jeffrey James Tarr-Reciprocity from Florida

Kevin Wheeler-Reciprocity from Pennsylvania

Samuel Vinson-Reciprocity from Kentucky

Robert York-Reciprocity from Georgia