

Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists



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MINUTES Board Meeting Thursday, October 13, 2011

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:09 a.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2011, at the Board office in Montgomery, Alabama. A quorum was present. Board members in attendance were Ms. Marsha Andrews (Chair), Mr. Abner Patton (Vice-Chair), Mr. James Heller, Dr. Richard Esposito, Dr. Bashir Memon and Mr. Roger Chapman. Board member absent was Dr. David T. King, Jr. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Mr. Bill Garrett (Board Counsel), and Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren).

The meeting was advertised to the public on the Board's website, (www.algeobd.alabama.gov), as well as the Secretary of State's website, (www.sos.state.al.us), in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the July 14, 2011 meeting. Mr. Patton made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chapman and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented a report on the Board's financial activities, along with the Executive Secretary's report (these reports are available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes):

- A) Number of Licensees (as of July 11, 2011):
 - 1. Professional Geologists (PGs): 536
 - a. Alabama (217)
 - b. Out of State (319)
 - 2. Licenses not renewed (July-September) 22
 - 3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs): 1
 - 4. Temporary Licensees (current) 1

- B) 2010 FY Financial Information
 - 1. Revenue \$65,050.00
 - 2. Expenditure Vouchers: \$45,330.47
 - 3. Cash Balance (as of 9/30/11): \$84,640.74

Dr. Memon made a motion to accept the financial report, along with the Executive Secretary's Report presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chapman and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board discussed concern about the decrease number of renewals and whether licensees were experiencing hardship in acquiring continuing education (CE) hours. The Board agreed to give further consideration to sponsoring a CE program in the first quarter of 2012, posting information about upcoming CE opportunities on the Board's website and sending out mass emails to licensees about these events.

Due to a conflict in scheduling, Mr. Garrett left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Warren reported that the Administrative Services Contract was due for renewal. Mr. Chapman made the motion to renew the Administrative Services Contract with Warren and Company for another year. The motion was seconded by Dr. Memon and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that Warren and Company will be moving by year-end to their new office and the next Board meeting would be held at the new location on Zelda Road in Montgomery.

Ms. Andrews reported that the ASBOG meeting, scheduled November 1-6, 2011, would be held in San Antonio, Texas. A copy of the agenda was distributed and reviewed by the Board. Mr. Patton made a motion to approve Mr. Warren to attend the ASBOG meeting as a delegate of the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chapman and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Andrew reported that Dr. King had distributed to Board members copies of a PowerPoint presentation concerning orientation program for university students. The Board agreed to submit comments and recommendations to Dr. King and that this matter would be addressed at the next board meeting.

The Board discussed proposed changes to the Rules creating a new category for continuing education credits through mentoring programs. Ms. Andrew indicated that she would edit the proposal to include Board's recommendations and submitted these modifications to Dr. King, as well as to the Board, for review and discussion at the next board meeting.

The Board considered the proposed 2012 meeting schedule and unanimously agreed to the dates presented. The 2012 Board meeting dates will be posted on the Board's website and the Secretary of State website, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

The Board agreed that information about continuing education programs and rule changes concerning on-line CEU guidelines should be included in the newsletter.

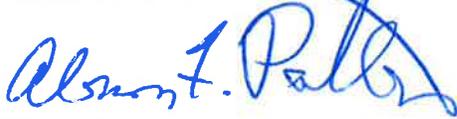
The Board discussed Exemptions from licensing and proposed changes in the statute. Ms. Andrew indicated that this matter would be discussed further at the next meeting of the Board.

The Board reviewed seven (7) applications for licensure. It was noted that a quorum was present. Mr. Chapman made a motion to approve the applications for licensure as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patton and unanimously approved by the Board (a list of the approved applications is available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes).

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is January 19, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business of the Board, Dr. Esposito made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Memon and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



Abner Patton
Vice-Chair