



## Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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### MINUTES

Board Meeting

Thursday, August 25, 2016

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:07 a.m. on Thursday, August 25, 2016 at the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama. Board members in attendance were Ms. Marsha Andrews (Chair), Dr. David Allison (Vice Chair), Mr. James Heller (Secretary/Treasurer), Mr. Steve Castleman, Mr. John Milledge and Mr. Billy Cooch. Board members not in attendance was Mr. Roger Chapman. Also in attendance were Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Mr. Matt Bledsoe (Legal Counsel), and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren and recording secretary).

The regularly scheduled meeting was advertised to the public 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)), in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

The Board reviewed the minutes from May 20, 2016 meeting. A copy of the minutes was provided to the Board members prior to the meeting for their review. Mr. Heller recommended the following revisions: page 1, paragraph 8, to read "Mr. Warren explained that the Rule change exempted licensees from reporting continuing education..."; page 3, paragraph 2, line 2 "the EPA Final Rule concerning Coal Ash Disposal." and 4 sentence, "Ms. Andrews asked the Board members to review the draft and indicated that further discussion regarding this Position Statement would be conducted at the next Board meeting."; and page 3, paragraph 4, be removed; and page 3, paragraph 5, sentence 6, "receipt of sufficient information as discussed by the Board.". Mr. Cooch made a motion to approve the May minutes as revised. The motion was seconded by Mr. Milledge and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the financial report and a detailed list of deposits and expenditures was provided to the Board members for their review. Mr. Heller reported that during the review he noticed one voucher for \$51.23 was missing and voucher dated 11/6/15 be listed correctly as \$45.15. He indicated that there were other corrections and recommended the financial report be approved. Mr. Warren presented a recap of the FY 16 financial information, along with the number of licensees (copy of the Executive Secretary's report is available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes):

A) FY 2016 Financial Information (as of 8/22/16)	
1. Revenue	\$37,575.00
2. Expenditure Vouchers	\$50,210.30
3. Cash Balance	\$52,173.40

B)	Number of Licensees (through 8/22/16):	
	1. Professional Geologists (PGs):	565
	(comprised of 224 Alabama licensees and 341 out-of-state licensees)	
	2. Licenses not renewed (Jan-July)	13
	3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs)	5
	4. Retired	10
	5. Temporary License (current)	4

Mr. Castleman made a motion to approve the financial report as discussed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heller and unanimously approved.

Mr. Warren reported on the Administrator’s activities and changes at Warren and Company, with the employment of a finance manager, due to the Staars program workload, and Ms. Paulene Childers continuing as the Board Administrator.

The Board members discussed the cost of the venue that hosted the Board-sponsored continuing education (CE) program in May. Mr. Warren reported that the purchase order had been amended due to the cost and payment remained outstanding. Mr. Warren asked the Board to consider other venues to host the next CE program and Ms. Andrews ask the CE Committee to explore other venues and cities.

Ms. Andrews thanked the CE Committee for their work in organizing the May CE program. A summary list of comments and recommendations from attendees were reviewed by the Board. She asked the Committee to submit recommendations at the next board meeting concerning possible venues for the next program.

The Board discussed the demographics of the Board both geographically and by categories. Mr. Heller reported that he had prepared a licensee count by states in the U.S. and was working on a summary for Alabama.

Dr. Allison reported on the work by the Outstanding Student Award Committee: (1) criteria, (2) application process: letters of recommendation, transcript, nomination by Department Head (3) time period, with consideration to solicit applications in January, with an April award. The Board discussed the Board’s approach to achieve diversity in the nominations. Dr. Allison reported that he would have additional information at the next Board meeting.

Ms. Andrews presented the Position Statement in response to EPA’s Coal Ash Disposal rule as of April 17, 2015. Mr. Heller reported that EPA comments indicates that hydrologists, geologists and other professionals may only perform analyses that underlie the certification, but it is the responsibility of a qualified professional engineer to make the actual certification. Mr. Heller asked for additional comments concerning the content of the Position Statement. Ms. Andrews tabled further discussion to allow time for Mr. Heller to seek further comments and

review. The Board members thanked Mr. Heller for preparing the Position Statement on behalf of the Board.

The Board reviewed the request for Professional Continuing Education hours submitted by a licensee. It was the consensus of the Board to deny the Professional hours due to lack of evidence in service that enriched the professional knowledge or skill of the licensee. The Board agreed that the services were more administrative that consisted of coordination activities.

The Board reviewed an inquiry concerning log boring activities and installation of monitoring wells by a non-geologist subordinate working under a P.G. It was the consensus of the Board, in reference to the Board statute (Responsible Charge of Work and Definition of Subordinate), that it was ultimately the responsibility of the P.G. for the geological work.

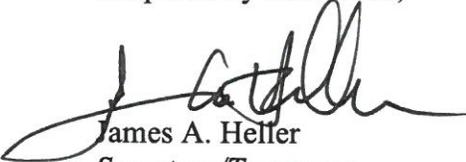
The Board discussed situations when a matter was under litigation and the Board's decision or opinion was requested. The Board's legal counsel recommended that an opinion of the Board be deferred until the matter or case was out of litigation.

The Board members reviewed 9 applications for licensing. Mr. Heller made a motion to approve the 9 applications as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Allison 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 meeting of the Board is scheduled October 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business of the Board, Mr. Heller made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Allison and unanimously approved. Ms. Andrews adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



James A. Heller  
*Secretary/Treasurer*



Marsha Andrews  
*Chair*

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Board Approved Applications for License on August 25, 2016

*Approved Geologist License:*

Andrew Alexander—Reciprocal from South Carolina

Jeff Aul—ASBOG Exams

Gregory L. Christians—Reciprocal from Florida

Brandy Hall—ASBOG Exams

Daniel J. Hurst—Reciprocal from Tennessee

John W. Leffew—Reciprocal from Tennessee

Daniel McCloy—Reciprocal from Wyoming

Andrew B. Parker—Reciprocal from Arizona

Daniel P. Osbourne—Reciprocal from South Carolina

Eric E. Wallis—Reciprocal from Indiana

Heidi Wilbarger—Reciprocal from Tennessee

*Approved Geologist-in-Training License:*

Cooper Lewis—By ASBOG Examination