



Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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MINUTES

Board Meeting
Friday, May 20, 2016

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:01 a.m. on Friday, May 20, 2016, at the Geological Survey of Alabama in Room 139, located at 420 Hackberry Lane, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Board members in attendance were Ms. Marsha Andrews (Chair), Mr. James Heller (Secretary/Treasurer), Mr. Steve Castleman, Mr. Billy Cooch and Mr. John Milledge. Board members not in attendance were Dr. David Allison and Mr. Roger Chapman. Also in attendance were Keith Warren (Executive Secretary) and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren and recording secretary).

The rescheduled 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.

Ms. Andrews welcomed the members and guest present at the meeting. She introduced the current Board members and the charter members attending the meeting to honor Thornton L (Tony) Neathery.

Ms. Andrews announced the creation of the Thornton L Neathery Outstanding Student Award by the Board, in which nominations will be solicited from University Geology Departments in the State.

Mr. Warren read aloud the commendation from Governor Bentley concerning Thornton Lee (Tony) Neathery and Ms. Andrews presented the commendation to the family of Mr. Neathery. Ms. Andrews announced that the Board was retiring the license #1, held by Mr. Neathery. The Board expressed their gratitude for Mr. Neathery's service on the Board and contributions to the field of geology.

Ms. Andrews called a break in the meeting at 10:10 a.m. for approximately 25 minutes for the family to meet with the attendees at this ceremony.

Ms. Andrews reconvened the business meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Mr. Warren presented the Final Rules for the Board's approval, which had been published for public comment. Mr. Warren explained that the Rule change exempted licensees from reporting continuing education requirements who were 65 years of age or older at time of renewing their license. He reported that no comments had been received from the public concerning the published Rule change. Ms. Andrews called for comments from those

persons present at the meeting and there were no comments. Mr. Milledge made a motion to approval the Final Rule. The motion was seconded by Mr. Castleman and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented a letter from a licensee requesting exemption from continuing education requirements due to health reason, and upon further review, the licensee met the continuing education exemption rule, which would be effective in 45 days. Ms. Andrew stated that no motion was necessary in this case.

The Board reviewed the minutes from January 22, 2016 meeting. A copy of the minutes was provided to the Board members prior to the meeting for their review. Mr. Castleman recommended that page 2, paragraph 5, be modified to read "*May 26th due to a conflict.*" Mr. Castleman made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Milledge and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the financial report. A detailed list of deposits and expenditures was provided to the Board members for their review. Mr. Warren reported that he did not transport the financial documentation to the meeting for safeguard reasons. Mr. Heller indicated that he would review the information prior to the next meeting. Mr. Warren presented the Executive Secretary's report (copies available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes):

A)	Number of Licensees (through April 30, 2016):	
	1. Professional Geologists (PGs):	543
	(comprised of 217 Alabama licensees and 326 out-of-state licensees)	
	2. Licenses not renewed (Oct. – April)	24
	3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs)	11
	4. Retired	4
	5. Temporary License (current)	1
B)	FY 2016 Financial Information (as of May 13, 2016)	
	1. Revenue	\$24,300.00
	2. Expenditure Vouchers	\$37,515.46
	3. Cash Balance	\$43,659.74

Ms. Andrews postponed the approval of the financial information until the next Board meeting to allow time for Mr. Heller to review the information.

Mr. Warren presented the Administrator's report regarding applicants and examination results. The Board suggested the examination results be shared with the Geological Society so that they be aware in working toward improving the examination scores. Mr. Warren also presented the results of the Fundamentals and Practice exams held in March. The Board discussed options, to include working with the Geological Society in offering education sessions, to help prospective exam students.

Mr. Castleman reviewed the agenda for the Board-sponsored CE Program scheduled May 26th. The Board discussed topics associated with Board Moments listed on the agenda and various

Board members agreed to assist with these presentations. Mr. Warren reported that he was getting further clarification regarding sponsorship of non-eligible Board expenditures associated with a conference, e.g., refreshments during meeting breaks, etc. He also indicated that he would follow-up on the purchase of the banner authorized by the Board.

Ms. Andrews indicated that Mr. Heller had prepared a draft of the Board's Position concerning the EPA Final Rule concerning Coal Ash Disposal. Mr. Heller reported that ASBOG and one State had published or was considering to publish Position Statements concerning this matter. Ms. Andrews asked the Board members to review the draft and she indicated that further discussion regarding this Position Statement would be conducted at the next Board meeting.

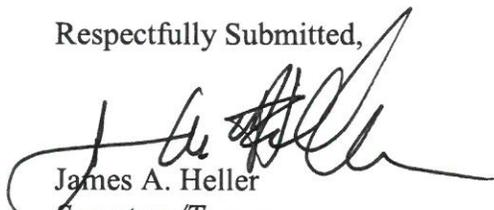
Ms. Andrews discussed appointing an Outstanding Student Award committee. The Board discussed the process to include a nomination timeframe, limiting nominations to the three (3) programs in the State, nominations presented from the department chair or similar position, and review of other state programs for procedural information. Ms. Andrews appointed Dr. Allison and Messrs. Milledge and Cooch to serve on the Board's committee, along with Scott Brandy, as an exofficio member.

The Board members reviewed 10 PG applications for licensing by reciprocity and one application for a GIT licensure. Upon further review the Board agreed to obtain clarification on the Tennessee grandfather-licensing and examination concerning Mr. Hurst, Mr. Leffew and Ms. Wilbarger. Mr. Cooch made a motion to approve the 7 PG applications as presented and approval of three other applications pending receipt of sufficient information as discussed by the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Milledge 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 July 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business of the Board and Mr. Castleman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cooch and Ms. Andrews adjourned the meeting at 12:33 p.m. following unanimous approval by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



James A. Heller
Secretary/Treasurer



Marsha Andrews
Chair

Board Approved Applications for License on May 20, 2016

Approved Geologist License:

Brian D. Gibson—Reciprocal from Florida
Patrick Wayne Hook—Reciprocal from Illinois
L. Webb Jackson—Reciprocal from Louisiana
Richard V. Martin—Reciprocal from Mississippi
Michael K. Meares—Reciprocal from Georgia
Thad Alan Slaughter—Reciprocal from Mississippi
Cassidy E. Sutherland—Reciprocal from Georgia

Approved Geologist-in-Training License:

Blake Ellis —By ASBOG Examination