



Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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MINUTES

Board Meeting
Thursday, April 27, 2017

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was held on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama. Board members in attendance were Mr. James Heller (Secretary/Treasurer), Mr. John Milledge (member), Mr. Billy Cooch (member), Mr. Steve Castleman (member) and Mr. Roger Chapman (member). Board member not in attendance was Ms. Marsha Andrews, and Dr. David Allison. Also in attendance were Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Ms. Hope Childers, Board Administrator, and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren and recording secretary). The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m. by Mr. Heller.

The regularly scheduled 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.alabama.gov), in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

The Board reviewed the minutes from January 19, 2017 Board 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 to the minutes: on page 2, paragraph 7, to add age demographics to line 1, along with "*It was noted that two categories, petroleum and academia, in terms of eligible Board members, were low in number of licensees. This could adversely affect future Board appointments in these categories.*", and on page 2, paragraph 8, to read "*In reviewing old business of the Board pertaining to a request for approval of CE hours in connection with a Mineral and Gem Society, it remained the consensus of the Board that the participation was germane to a hobbyist, with some organizational and coordination duties to prepare for the show, and it was not Professional Continuing Education hours.*" Mr. Cooch made a motion to approve the January minutes as revised. The motion was seconded by Mr. Milledge and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Secretary Report to the Board. He reported on the financial activities to include a line item report of expenditures for the Board's review. Mr. Heller indicated that his review of the financial information looked good and one voucher would be reviewed further.

FY 2017 Financial Information (as of 3/31/2017):

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| 1. Revenue | \$27,360.00 |
| 2. Expenditure Vouchers | \$30,668.40 |
| 3. Cash Balance | \$46,008.46 |

Mr. Warren reported on the number of licensees (copy of the Executive Secretary's report available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes):

Number of Licensees (3/31/2017):

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| 1. Professional Geologists (PGs): | 563 |
| (comprised of 221 Alabama licensees and 342 out-of-state licensees) | |
| 2. Licenses not renewed (Oct 2016 thru Mar 2017) | 16 |
| 3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs) | 12 |
| 4. Retired | 16 |
| 5. Temporary License (current) | 1 |

Mr. Warren reminded the Board about upcoming renewal activity for licensing. Mr. Warren also presented a list of day-to-day activities performed by staff. Mr. Chapman made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Castleman and unanimously approved.

Mr. Castleman presented a copy of the agenda for the Board-sponsored CE Program to be held on May 23, 2017, at the Pelham Civic Complex. The Board discussed Board member participation and updates were made to the agenda. Mr. Chapman made a motion to modify and approve the budget of \$2500 for the Board-sponsored CE Program for the acquisition of additional meeting space for attendees. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cooch and unanimously approved by the Board. Ms. Childers indicated that a new quote would be obtained from the venue facility regarding this additional space. Mr. Warren stated that he would follow up on the two Board banners approved by the Board at an earlier meeting. Ms. Childers reported that she would post the agenda on the Board's website.

The Board reviewed the nomination materials regarding 4 candidates for the 1st Annual Thornton L. Neathery Award for outstanding student. Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Milledge made a motion to accept the nomination of Ms. Bethany Cobb from USA as the recipient of this award. The motion was seconded by Mr. Castleman and unanimously approved by the Board. The Board agreed to invite Ms. Cobb to the CE Program to be held in May and Mr. Warren indicated that he would check with Mr. Allison about Ms. Cobb's travel expenses.

Mr. Heller presented a change in the Board's Position Statement, on page 2, paragraph 1, correcting citing the number of states as 32. Mr. Castleman made a motion to accept the change to the Board's Position Statement as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Milledge and unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Warren indicated that the revised Statement would be posted on the Board's website.

Mr. Heller commented on the Board's discussion at the last meeting concerning the use of electronic seals on geological documents. The Board discussed modifying Rule 364-X-11-.03(1), which currently prohibited the use of an electronic seal. In consideration of the dimensions of the seal and Board oversight, it was the consensus of the Board to create a digital seal which a licensee could acquire through the Board. The proposed change to the Rules were discussed: "When appropriate, the use of an electronic or digital reproduction of the seal or stamp is allowed, provided the reproduction is in accordance with 364-X-11-01, - .02 and 364-X-14-.03(3); however, may be subject to review and verification by the Board."

Mr. Warren reported that he would review this matter further with the Board's Legal Counsel and present a recommended Rule change to the Board at their next meeting.


The Board reviewed an email inquiry submitted by a PG concerning Coastal Regulations. The Board discussed a conflict in ADEM rules and the Board's rules concerning the work being certified by a PG, and Mr. Warren stated that he would prepare a letter in response to the inquiry and submit for the Board's approval, and in the meantime, he would notify the PG about the pending matter.

The Board members reviewed 6 PG applications for licensing comprised of 3 applications by Reciprocity and 3 applications by ASBOG examination and 1 GIT application. Mr. Milledge made a motion to approve the 7 applications as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chapman 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 regular business meeting of the Board is scheduled July 20, 2017.

There being no further business of the Board, Mr. Heller adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



James A. Heller
Secretary/Treasurer



Keith E. Warren
Executive Secretary

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Board Approved Applications for License on April 27, 2017

Approved Geologist License:

Matt Alexander—Passed ASBOG Examination

Jesse Rogers Edmondson—Passed ASBOG Examination

James Frere—Reciprocal from Georgia

Jestina Hansen—Passed ASBOG Examination

Michelle M. Lee—Reciprocal from Texas

R. Dwight Wingo—Reciprocal from Georgia

Approved Geologist in Training License:

John Scott Baxter—Passed Fundamentals of ASBOG Examination