



Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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MINUTES

Board Meeting

Friday, February 23, 2018

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was held on Friday, February 23, 2018, at the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama. Board members in attendance were Ms. Marsha Andrews (Board Chair), Dr. David Allison (Vice Chair), Mr. James Heller (Secretary/Treasurer), Mr. Steve Castleman (member), Mr. Billy Cooch (member) and Mr. John Milledge (member). Board member not in attendance was Mr. Roger Chapman. Also in attendance were Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Mr. Matt Bledsoe (Board Legal Counsel), Ms. Hope Childers (Board Administrator) and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren and recording secretary). The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Ms. Andrews and a quorum was present to conduct business.

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 October 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 changes to the minutes: on page 2, paragraph 3, add "with typographical corrections"; on page 2, paragraph 5, correct "attending" to read "attendees"; and on page 3, paragraph 1, 2nd sentence, add "whose term had expired and were eligible to serve another term, to forward to him...". Mr. Cooch made a motion to approve the October minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Mr. Milledge and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren welcomed guest, Ms. Deana Sneyd, Executive Director of ASBOG, and presented the Executive Secretary Report to the Board. Mr. Warren reported on the financial activities as of December 31, 2017, to include a line item report of expenditures for the Board's review.

FY 2018 Financial Information (as of 12/31/2017):

1. Revenue	\$10,475.00
2. Expenditure Vouchers	\$15,972.35
3. Cash Balance	\$41,076.46

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 (12/31/2017):

1. Professional Geologists (PGs):	559
(comprised of 222 Alabama licensees and 337 out-of-state licensees)	
2. Licenses not renewed (July through December 2017)	27
3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs)	12

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| 4. Retired | 16 |
| 5. Temporary License (current) | 0 |

The Board discussed with Ms. Sneyd the ASBOG examination pass/fail results and asked her assistance in establishing a process to share the examination information with the three universities and the Board. The Board considered inviting the university department heads to meet with the Board on the afternoon following the July Board meeting and invited Ms. Sneyd, or her ASBOG designee, to speak at the meeting.

Mr. Warren presented the Administrator's Report consisting of activities performed by the staff since the last Board meeting. Mr. Heller made the motion to approve the Executive Director report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allison and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Heller commented on the article concerning the Illinois Professional Geologist Act and the successful efforts by several state associations to prevent the repeal of the law that would have eliminated the Illinois licensure board. Mr. Warren commented that deregulation was not currently an issue in Alabama.

Mr. Warren presented published Rule 364-X-11-.03 Seal on Documents, which allowed for electronic seals. He explained that the proposed Rule had been published for public comment and no comments had been received. Mr. Castleman made the motion to approve Final Rule 364-X-11-.03. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heller and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Andrews reported that the Board had previously discussed the Coastal Permit Regulation inquiry, along with tasks and services related to geological work involving a PG. She stated that the Board's Legal Counsel would review the matter further, with Mr. Heller being available to assist, and Mr. Warren would formulate a response for the Board's approval. She tabled discussion of the matter until the next Board meeting to allow Mr. Heller and Mr. Bledsoe to confer on the matter and a letter be prepared.

Dr. Allison reported that letters had been sent to the universities soliciting nominations for the Second Annual Thornton L. Neathery Award, and he would present the information at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Castleman reported on the 2018 Board-sponsored CE program scheduled May 24, 2018 at the same venue of the 2017 program. He reviewed a draft agenda containing topics, presenters and tentative sponsors. He thanked the Board members and staff for their work on the program.

The Board discussed the expired Board terms representing government and mining categories. Mr. Warren reported that several candidates had indicated interest in serving on the Board and he reviewed the list of candidates for the government and mining positions.

Mr. Heller reported that he had been working with the GSA's Environmental & Engineering Division chairperson on developing an affordable ASBOG examination prep class. The Board discussed several approaches for encouraging student awareness of professional licensure, to include offering the class on a regional basis (inviting surrounding states). Ms. Sneyd commented on ASBOG's long-range plans and she encouraged the members to attend the ASBOG annual meetings.

The Board discussed proposed HB 217 for the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) and the proposed change in qualifications for one of the 7 EMC members, indicating that the member may be licensed by the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists. The Board members discussed whether the Professional Geology Board could serve as the source for making nominations to the EMC through the Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Heller inquired about the lapse in the liability time period following an official seal of a document by a PG. Mr. Bledsoe indicated that should a complaint be received concerning the matter, the Board would address the matter on a case-by-case basis, based on the contractual obligations involved in the case and the statute of limitations.

The Board members reviewed 12 PG applications for licensing. Mr. Heller made a motion to approve 11 PG applications as presented and deny one application due to it being incomplete. 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 regular business meeting of the Board is scheduled April 19, 2018.

There being no further business of the Board, Mr. Heller made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cooch and unanimously approved by the Board. Ms. Andrews adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marsha Andrews

Marsha Andrews
Board Chair


Keith E. Warren
Executive Secretary

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Board Approved Applications for License on February 23, 2018

Approved Licenses:

Clayton Anderson--Licensure via ASBOG Examination

William Cash Carpenter—Licensure via Tennessee

James D. Cole—Licensure via Mississippi

Daniel Folan—Licensure via Maine

William Flinchum—Licensure via North Carolina

H. Dan Harman, Jr.—Licensure via Tennessee

Christopher J. Hogland—Licensure via Kansas

Christin M. Marks—Licensure via ASBOG Examination

Daniel Press—Licensure via Florida

David B. Smelser—Licensure via Texas

Megan Orsulak Tolbert—Licensure via Examination