Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists



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MINUTES Board Meeting Thursday November 17, 2005

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2005 at the Board office in Montgomery, Alabama. A quorum was present. Board members in attendance were Mr. J. Mark Tanner (Chair), Mr. Robert B. Carr, III (Vice-Chair), Mr. Thomas (Tom) E. Bruner, Dr. David T. King, Jr., and Mr. Markel R. Wyatt. Board members not attending were Ms. Dorothy Malaier and Dr. Berry (Nick) Hearn Tew. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Ms. Hope Paulene (Executive Assistant), Ms. Mary Windom (Board Counsel) and Mr. Bennett Bearden (Board Investigator).

Mr. Bearden delivered his Investigative Report to the Board.

The meeting was advertised to the public in the Montgomery Advertiser and posted on the Board's website (www.algeobd.alabama.gov) as well as the Secretary of State's website (www.sos.state.al.us).

The Board reviewed the minutes from the September 15, 2005 meeting. Mr. Carr made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyatt, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Secretary's report, which included the following statistical information:

- Number of Licensees (As of November 16, 2005) A)
 - 1. Professional Geologists (PGs): 560
 - 2. Geologist-In-Training (GITs): 1
 - 3. Temporary: 2 (Current)
 - 4. Licenses Not Renewed (As of November 16, 2005)
 - a. January 2005: 3 b. February 2005: 3 c. March 2005: 10 (6) 5 d. April 2005: e. May 2005: (15)13June 2005: (37) 18g. July 2005: (8) 6 h. August 2005: (8) 7i. September 2005 1
 - October 2005

71 Total:

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5. Licenses Renewable (After November 16, 2005)

a. November 2005:

13

b. December 2005: Total:

2 15

B) Financial Report

1. Expenditure Vouchers (10/1/05-11/9/05): \$6,200.73

2. Deposits (10/1/05—11/9/05):

\$5,000.00 \$26,297.22

3. Current Cash Balance (As of 11/16/05):

4. FY 2005 Budget Info as of September 30, 2005

a. Budget

\$75,000.00

b. Revenue

\$75,480.00

c. Expenditures

\$66,094.23

d. Fund Balance

\$25,890,90

(These reports are available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes.)

Mr. Tanner requested that Mr. Warren draft an article for the upcoming Board Newsletter detailing the information that was presented during the 2005 Annual ASBOG Convention.

The Board wishes to pursue universities in Alabama, which have an accredited Geology Program to consider using the ASBOG examination as the program's exit examination. Mr. Tanner volunteered to write a letter to those educational institutions addressing this issue.

Mr. Carr made a motion to accept the 2006 Geology Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. King, and unanimously approved by the Board. The calendar is as follows:

2006 Geology Board Calendar

January 19, 2006	Board Meeting	(Thursday – 10:00 a.m.)
March 3, 2006	ASBOG Exam Deadline is January 6,	(Friday – 8:00 a.m.) 2006
March 16, 2006	Board Meeting	(Thursday – 10:00 a.m.)
May 18, 2006	Board Meeting	(Thursday – 10:00 a.m.)
July 20, 2006	Board Meeting	(Thursday – 10:00 a.m.)
September 21, 2006	Board Meeting	(Thursday – 10:00 a.m.)
October 6, 2006	ASBOG Exam Deadline is August 11,	(Friday – 8:00 a.m.) 2006
November 16, 2006	Board Meeting	(Thursday – 10:00 a.m.)

The Board discussed, reviewed, and made revisions to the proposed Continuing Education Guidelines.

Dr. King made a motion to make the changes to the Continuing Education Guidelines and 2005 Continuing Education Reporting Form as submitted and discussed and to approve the documents for implementation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyatt, and unanimously carried by the Board.

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Mr. Tanner apprised the Board that the Winter 2005 newsletter is still in the drafting stages and should be finalized for publication as soon as possible. Articles/items to be included in the newsletter are as follows:

(a) Continuing Education Guidelines Update Article, by Dr. King,

- (b) List of the Professional Geologists who have not renewed their licenses (In State and Out of State),
- (c) ASBOG Annual Convention Article, by Mr. Warren,
- (d) List of those individuals who passed the October 2005 ASBOG examination, and

(e) List of Continuing Education Opportunities for Licensees

The Board agreed to work towards completion and mailing of the newsletter on December 1, 2005.

Mr. Tanner requested that Ms. Windom and Mr. Warren review the expired letter for licensees.

Mr. Bruner informed the Board of his concerns with the issues of special statues for retirees, military, and etc. and that such situations should be allowed for in the statue and rules and regulations.

At the request of the Board, Mr. Warren will gather penalty and fine information from other licensure states and will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Bruner made a motion to reinstate the auditing process for Continuing Education and for Mr. Warren to randomly select six (6) renewal applications to be audited for CE at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting and that the selected LPGs (License Professional Geologists) to be notified of the audit being conducted of his/her records. The selected LPGs will have thirty (30) days to comply with Board's request for backup documentation supporting the CE hours that were reported on his/her renewal application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carr, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board reviewed one (1) application for licensure. Mr. Wyatt made a motion to approve the application for licensure as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carr, and unanimously approved by the Board. (A list of the approved application is attached to the Minutes.)

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is Thursday, January 19, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

The Board requested that Mr. Warren research and present updated language pertaining to CHAPTER 364-X-6-.01, Qualifying Experience during the next Board meeting.

The time being 12:32 p.m., and there being no further business, Mr. Bruner made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyatt and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Mark Tannèr

Chair

Board Approved Application for Licensure on November 17, 2005

Approved Geologist License:

John C. Palmer-Reciprocity from North Carolina