

Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists



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MINUTES Board Meeting Thursday, November 30, 2006

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:10 a.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2006 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, Mr. Markel R. Wyatt, Ms. Dorothy Malaier and Dr. David T. King, Jr. Dr. Berry (Nick) Hearn Tew and Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Secretary) were not present. Also in attendance were Ms. Hope Paulene (Executive Assistant) and Ms. Mary Windom (Board Counsel).

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 21, 2006 meeting. Ms. Malaier made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carr, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Paulene presented the Executive Secretary's report, which included the following statistical information:

- A) Number of Licensees (As of November 28, 2006)
 - 1. Professional Geologists (PGs): 571
 - 2. Geologist-In-Training (GITs): 3
 - 3. Temporary Licensees: 1
(Current)
 - 4. Licenses Not Renewed 2005 (As of November 28, 2006)
 - a. January 2006: 7
 - b. February 2006: 1
 - c. March 2006: 2
 - d. April 2006: 3
 - e. May 2006: 2
 - f. June 2006: (9) 8
 - g. July 2006: 2
 - h. August 2006: (7) 4
 - Total:** 29
 - 5. Licenses to be Renewed 2006
 - a. September 2006: 3
 - b. October 2006: (13) 3
 - c. November 2006: (22) 13
 - d. December 2006: (13) 3
 - Total:** 22

6. Licenses to be Renewed in 2007: 418

B)	FY 2006 Budget Info as of September 30, 2006	
1.	Budget Authorized	\$75,000.00
2.	Expenditure Vouchers (10/1/05-9/13/06):	\$37,376.07
3.	Deposits (10/1/05-9/27/06):	\$36,700.00
4.	Current Cash Balance (As of 9/30/06):	\$29,586.49

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

The Board made a request that Mr. Warren develop a graph, to illustrate the number of active PGs on an annual basis since the Board began licensing and to include the projected number of 2007 renewals. The Board expressed a desire to keep this graph updated in order to track the trend in membership.

Following the Board's review of Mr. Warren's expense report including his itemized expenses, Mr. Carr made a motion to approve Mr. Warren's additional expense (expenses in excess of the previously approved limit of \$1,000.00), in the amount of \$301.09 which were related to the ASBOG Convention. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyatt, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Tanner addressed the expiring Board appointments for Ms. Dorothy Malaier and Dr. Berry (Nick) Hearn Tew, as well as his and Mr. Carr's expired appointment. Ms. Paulene informed the Board that the Appointments Division of the Governor's Office has a new contact and that he has spoken with her and provided her a list of nominees and resumes. Ms. Paulene reported that the Board had not received any new or updated information from the Governor's Office in regards to Board Appointments.

The Board reviewed the Examiners of Public Accounts Report (October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2006) as well as Mr. Warren's response to the Board.

The Board reviewed the 2006 ASBOG Annual Conference Report as prepared by Mr. Warren. The report provides notice that there will be an increase in the examination fee for the Practice of Geology portion of the exam from \$150.00 to \$200.00, effective October 2008.

Mr. Tanner apprised the Board that the next newsletter needs to be drafted and wishes for it to be mailed out by the end of December or no later than the beginning of January 2007. Ms. Malaier expressed her desire for the lead article to be related to PGs working in the environmental field. Previously, Dr. King volunteered to contribute an article on continuing education and the proper documentation. As the articles are received, Ms. Malaier agreed to email them to Ms. Paulene.

The Board requested that Mr. Warren prepare the following appendices to the Rules and Regulations for presentation at the next Board Meeting: Fee Schedule, Forms and Continuing Education Guidelines.

The Board also requested that Mr. Warren obtain written documentation from LexiCom Computer Systems, LLC that the Board's license information is secure from outside hacking.

The Board reviewed (3) applications for licensure. Mr. Carr made a motion to approve applications for licensure as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bruner, and

unanimously approved by the Board. (A list of the approved application(s) is attached to the Minutes.)

The Board reviewed nine (9) renewal applications and reported Continuing Education (CE) hours, along with supporting documentation provided by the licensees. The Board requested Ms. Paulene to draft a letter to be mailed to each licensee, who, based on the Board's review of supporting documentation, were determined by the Board to have unacceptable and/or insufficient CE credits.

Dr. King made a motion to accept the renewal applications and continuing education audit documentation found acceptable by the Board's review as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carr, and unanimously approved by the Board.

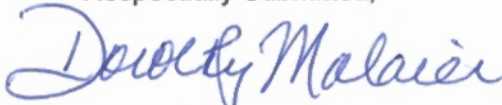
Ms. Malaier made a motion to note the Finance Committee's review of the Board's financial report, and accept the report as given. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carr, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board made a request for Mr. Warren to coordinate with Mr. Rick Erickson to clarify the passing/failing breakdown of the Fundamentals of Geology portion of the ASBOG exam, as the percentage seems to be different from that information Mr. Tanner received from ASBOG a few months ago and that reported in the ASBOG Convention Handbook.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is Thursday, January 18, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

The time being 11:36 a.m., and there being no further business, Mr. Carr made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyatt, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy Malaier
Secretary/Treasurer

Board Approved and Denied Applications for
Licensure
on November 30, 2006

Approved Geologist Licenses:

Tony L. Gordon-Reciprocity from Georgia

Richard H. Kingsbury-Reciprocity from Georgia

Mark Zeko-Reciprocity from California