## Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists



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## MINUTES Board Meeting Thursday, April 23, 2009

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:04 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at the Board office in Montgomery, Alabama. A quorum was present. Board members in attendance were Ms. Dorothy Malaier, (Chair), Ms. Marsha Andrews, (Vice-Chair), Dr. David T. King, Jr., (Secretary/Treasurer), Dr. Berry (Nick) Hearn Tew, Jr., Member, Dr. Bashier Memon, Member, Mr. Richard Esposito, Member and Mr. Abner Patton, Member. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Mr. Bill Garrett (Board Counsel) and Ms. Hope Paulene (Executive Assistant).

The meeting was advertised to the public on the Board's website (<a href="www.algeobd.alabama.gov">www.algeobd.alabama.gov</a>) as well as the Secretary of State's website (<a href="www.sos.state.al.us">www.sos.state.al.us</a>) as required by the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

Mr. Warren administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Richard Esposito and Mr. Abner Patton.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 15, 2009 meeting. Ms. Andrews made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Memon and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Tew made a motion to note the Finance Committee's review of the Board's financial report, and accept the report as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Andrews, and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

- A) Number of Licensees (As of April 20, 2009)
  - 1. Professional Geologists (PGs): 545
    - a. Alabama (218)
    - b. Out of State (326)
  - 2. Geologist-In-Training (GITs): 5

3. Temporary Licensees: 0 (Current)

B) FY 2008-2009 Budget Info

Budget Authorized \$60,000.00
Expenditure Vouchers (10/8/08—03/24/09): \$25,986.69

3. Deposits (10/2/08—04/15/09): \$30,925.00

4. Current Cash Balance (As of 03/31/2009): \$54,469.95 (These reports are available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes.)

Ms. Dana Rowzee from Alabama Interactive delivered a presentation to the Board regarding online renewals.

Dr. Tew made a motion to empower Mr. Warren to pursue the interagency agreement with Alabama Interactive, along with the development of an online application for licensee renewals. In the event that Alabama Interactive and Mr. Warren come to an agreement, then Mr. Warren has the authority of the Board to enter into the agreement with Alabama Interactive.

Mr. Warren updated the Board on the upcoming ASBOG Conference and Annual ASBOG Field Trip. The conference will be held in Birmingham during the first week of November. ASBOG wishes for the Board to plan and coordinate the Annual Field Trip. Dr. Tew and Mr. Esposito volunteered to contact Mr. James Lamb of the McWane Science Center in Birmingham to schedule a tour of the center.

Ms. Malaier and Ms. Andrews volunteered to continue their efforts on website revisions. They will compile examples from other states' sites, which they would like to see on our Board's site. Mr. Warren also suggested changing the Board's website from <a href="https://www.algeobd.alabama.gov">www.algeobd.alabama.gov</a> to <a href="https://www.geology.alabama.gov">www.geology.alabama.gov</a> during the update.

Mr. Warren informed the Board that Ms. Malaier and Dr. Tew's board appointments will expire on September 30, 2009 and the Board needs to compile a list of potential candidates for the Government and Petroleum positions. After discussion, the Board chose the following for the Government position: Marlon Cook, Ed Osborne, Ben Ferrell, Cary Spiegel, and Jim Heller and for the Petroleum Position the Board chose: Roger Chapman, Ronald Tisdale, Jack Pashin, and Douglas Hall. Mr. Warren will contact each licensee to verify that he/she is willing to serve and to request a current resume'.

Ms. Malaier apprised the Board of proposed articles for the next newsletter. The following articles are tentatively scheduled for publishing in the newsletter:

a) ASBOG Conference in Alabama

- b) Article on New Board Members
- c) Thank you article to Mr. Bob Carr, Mr. Mark Tanner and Ms. Mary Windom
- d) Redesigning Website and Online Renewals
- e) CE Opportunities
- f) PDH Approval Article
- g) New Licensees

The deadline for submission of articles is in three weeks.

The Board reviewed six (6) applications for licensure. Ms. Andrews made a motion to approve applications for licensure as submitted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Memon, and unanimously approved by the Board. (A list of the approved application(s) is attached to the Minutes.)

The Board reviewed ten (10) renewal applications and reported Professional Development Hours (PDH), 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 PDHs.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is July 16, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Warren clarified with the Board that reciprocal agreements only exempt the applicant from taking the ASBOG exam and the applicant still has to complete our application process, same has any other applicant.

Dr. Tew made a motion to deny Donna Miller's request for an extension on her obtaining her PDHs for her license renewal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patton, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The time being 12:40 p.m., and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted.

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Dr. David T. King, Jr.

Secretary/Treasurer

## Board Approved Applications for Licensure On April 23, 2009

Approved Geologist Licenses:

Richard B. Britten--Texas by Reciprocity

Michael R. Mason—Tennessee by Reciprocity

Deana Sneyd—Georgia by Reciprocity

Jeremiah Clayton Hilliard—ASBOG EXAM

Bernd T. Rindermann—Florida by Reciprocity