## Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists



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## MINUTES Board Meeting Thursday, January 15, 2009

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:02 a.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2009, at the Board office in Montgomery, Alabama. Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Secretary) called the meeting to order and quorum was present. Board members in attendance were Ms. Dorothy Malaier, (Secretary/Treasurer), Ms. Marsha J. Andrews, Member, Dr. David T. King, Jr., Member and Dr. Bashier Memon, Member. Dr. Berry (Nick) Hearn Tew, Jr., Member, Mr. Abner Patton, Member, and Mr. Richard Esposito were not present. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Ms. Mary Windom (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 Dr. Bashir Memon.

Mr. Warren opened the floor for nominations for the position of Secretary/Treasurer, Vice-Chair, and Chair.

Ms. Andrews made a motion to elect Dr. King as Secretary/Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Ms. Malaier and passed by acclamation.

Ms. Malaier made a motion to elect Ms. Andrews as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Dr. King and passed by acclamation.

Ms. Andrews made a motion to elect Ms. Malaier as Chair. The motion was seconded by Dr. Memon and passed by acclamation.

Ms. Malaier presented Mr. Mark Tanner and Mr. Bob Carr with certificates for their service to the Board.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the October 27, 2008 meeting. Mr. Carr made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Malaier and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Memon 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 January 14, 2009)
  - 1. Professional Geologists (PGs): 547
    - a. Alabama (225)
    - b. Out of State (322)
  - 2. Geologist-In-Training (GITs): 3
  - 3. Temporary Licensees: 2 (Current)
- B) FY 2008-2009 Budget Info
  - 1. Budget Authorized \$60,000.00
  - 2. Expenditure Vouchers (10/8/08—12/15/08): \$11,875.22
  - 3. Deposits (10/2/08—1/7/09): \$14,050.00
  - 4. Current Cash Balance (As of 12/31/2008): \$52,309.93

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

In regards to updating the Board's website, Mr. Warren met with Ms. Faye Boyd, Chief of Information Services Division (Finance Department) to discuss the cost of this project. Ms. Boyd quoted an estimate of 40 hours to complete the job for a total cost to the Board of \$3880.00.

Ms. Malaier and Ms. Andrews volunteered to serve on the working committee for 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.

The Board reviewed four (4) applications for licensure. Dr. King made a motion to approve applications for licensure as submitted. The motion was seconded by Ms. Andrews, 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, in addition to two (2) prior reviews 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.

Mr. Warren also informed the Board that he is working on online license renewals with ISD. The only issue that is delaying this process is the requirement for Continuing Education Reporting Form to be either sealed or stamped by the licensee. He asked the Board Members to consider this issue and give him some guidance regarding this issue at the next meeting.

Ms. Malaier delivered an update on the situation with the Alabama Licensing Board for General Contractors that all projects over \$50,000 would required a licensed general contractor onsite. ADEM has met with the Alabama Licensing Board for General Contractors to discuss this issue further and developments are still forthcoming.

Dr. King discussed with the Board that he feels that the Board should discontinue the preapproval of continuing education classes and that a disclaimer should be placed on the Board's website. Licensees should use the Continuing Education Guidelines as a reference before registering for a class or course.

Ms. Andrews wishes for the Board to contact North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, and Virginia to discuss developing reciprocal agreements with each of them.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. David T. King, Jr. Secretary/Treasurer

## Board Approved Applications for Licensure On January 15, 2009

Approved Geologist Licenses:

Samantha C. Budd—Reciprocity from Florida

Keith W. Henn-Reciprocity from Pennsylvania

Lori K. Norton—ASBOG Exam

John R. Sewell—Reciprocity from Georgia

Matthew Moore—ASBOG Exam