



Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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MINUTES

Board Meeting

Thursday, April 12, 2012

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:09 a.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at the Board offices located at 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, Alabama. A quorum was present. Board members in attendance were Ms. Marsha Andrews (Chair), Mr. Abner Patton (Vice-Chair), Dr. David T. King (Secretary/Treasurer), Mr. James Heller, Dr. Richard Esposito, Dr. Bashir Memon and Mr. Roger Chapman. Also in attendance were Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Mr. Bill Garrett (Board Counsel), Hope Paulene (Executive Assistant), and Renee' Reames (assistant to Mr. Warren, Executive Secretary).

The 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.state.al.us), in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 19, 2012, meeting. Dr. King made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chapman and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported on the Board's financial activities, along with the Executive Secretary's report (these reports are available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes):

A)	Number of Licensees (as of April 10, 2012):	
	1. Professional Geologists (PGs):	568
	a. Alabama (228)	
	b. Out of State (340)	
	2. Licenses not renewed (Jan.-Mar.)	6
	3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs):	3
	4. Temporary Licensees (current)	2
B)	FY 2011-2012 Financial Information	
	1. Revenue	\$22,600.00
	2. Expenditure Vouchers:	\$23,241.11
	3. Cash Balance (as of 12/31/11):	\$79,816.53

Mr. Chapman made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heller and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren commented on the legislative bill proposed to combine state board funds.

Mr. Patton made a motion to accept the Executive Secretary's Report regarding licensing, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heller and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Andrews complimented Dr. Esposito and the other Board members on their involvement in the Board-sponsored CE program. The Board agreed to try to sponsor, annually, a CE event. The Board reviewed the current agenda and Dr. Esposito reported that there were a sufficient number of presenters. The Board agreed to survey the participants by email following the event.

Mr. Patton reported on the legislative bill proposed to limit liability in legal suits, which protected some other professionals, e.g., engineers, etc. Mr. Patton made a motion to solicit inclusion of professional geologists in this proposed legislative bill. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chapman and the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Andrews reported that annual election of officers was due. Dr. Bashir made a motion to continue with the current officers: Marsha Andrews, Chair; Abner Patton, Vice-Chair; Dr. David King, Secretary/Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chapman. There were no other motions. The motion to continue with current officers was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported on Board terms and indicated that there had been no appointments from the Governor.

The Board discussed removing the "exemption" for some categories cited in the statute. Dr. King made a motion to pursue with legislators the feasibility of change to the exemption language in the statute. The motion was seconded by Dr. Esposito and unanimously approved by the Board. Ms. Andrews asked the Board members to report back at the next Board meeting about their success in speaking with legislatures about this change.

Mr. Chapman left the Board meeting at 11:00 a.m. due to a conflict in his schedule.

Dr. King reported that changes had been made to the on-line renewal process. The Board discussed on-line CEU documentation process. Mr. Patton made a motion to approve the on-line renewal process, to include changes discussed for CEU documentation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Esposito and unanimously approved by the Board. The Board agreed to include in the newsletter and on the Board website, information about the on-line renewal process.

The Board discussed proposed changes to the Rules creating a new category to obtain continuing education credits through mentoring programs. Ms. Andrews reported that she would distribute Board comments for the Board's further consideration.

Mr. Heller proposed a new category for CE credits which include service on professional organizations and affiliated service roles. Ms. Andrews indicated that the Board would continue to consider this matter, which would require a Rule change and public notice.

Mr. Heller left the meeting at 11:35 a.m., due to a conflict in his schedule.

The Board continued to discuss providing presentations at universities as an orientation about obtaining professional licensure through the Board.

The Board reviewed six (6) geologist applications for licensure. It was noted that a quorum was present.

Dr. Esposito left the meeting at 11:58 a.m. due to a conflict in this schedule.

Mr. Patton made a motion to approve the applications for licensure as submitted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Memon 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 regularly scheduled Board meeting is July 19, 2012.

There being no further business of the Board, the meeting was adjourn 12:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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

Board Approved Applications for License on April 12, 2012

Approved Geologist Licenses:

Lee Jarrett Baggett—Reciprocity from Georgia

Andrew J. Grimmke—Reciprocity from Georgia

Jason Heberling—ASBOG Exam

Michael A. Klidzejs—Reciprocity from Georgia

Martin A. Smith—ASBOG Exam

Approved Geologist-in-Training License:

Robert A. Tootle—ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology Exam