



Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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MINUTES

Board Meeting

Thursday, August 8, 2013

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:09 a.m. on Thursday, August 8, 2013, 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. Richard Esposito, Dr. Bashir Memon and Mr. James Heller. Members not in attendance were Dr. David T. King and Mr. Roger Chapman. Also in attendance were Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Bill Garrett (Legal Counsel arrived 10:29 a.m.) and Renee' Reames (assistant to Mr. Warren, Executive Secretary).

The rescheduled 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 April 18, 2013, meeting. Dr. Esposito made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Memon 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 July 31, 2013):	
	1. Professional Geologists (PGs):	470
	a. Alabama (178)	
	b. Out-of-State (292)	
	2. Licenses not renewed (Apr. – June.)	100
	3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs)	3
	4. Temporary Licensees (current)	2
	5. Retired Permanently	2
B)	FY 2011-2012 Financial Information	
	1. Revenue	\$51,000.00
	2. Expenditure Vouchers:	\$45,541.37
	3. Cash Balance (as of 7/31/2013):	\$76,418.85

Mr. Warren commented that the number of licensees had declined, although the Board had sponsored continuing education program over the last two years with no charge to the attendees.

The Board discussed the importance of making students graduating from college with geology majors aware of the licensure process in Alabama, along with sending letters to university department chairpersons. The Board discussed the Mississippi guideline of students taking the ASBOG exam as an exit college exam. The Board unanimously agreed that Ms. Andrews would draft letters to the three universities in Alabama that have Geology programs (University of South Alabama, University of

Alabama, and Auburn University) and present the drafts at the next Board meeting and the Board would continue the discussions about the Board making presentations at the universities to students. The Board also agreed that licensing would be the focal point of the Board's next newsletter. Mr. Esposito reported that he would contact the Geological Society about this matter also. Ms. Andrews commented on conducting lunch-learning sessions to promote interest in the licensing of this profession.

The Board discussed financial ramifications for the Board regarding the loss of licensees, and Mr. Warren reported that a minimum of 500 licensees would be needed to financially operate the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that renewal notices and second reminder notices had been sent to licensee and another reminder would be mailed to those due to renew in April 2013 to present month.

Mr. Warren also stated that he would talk with the Mississippi licensing board about the guideline of students graduating from college taking the ASBOG exam as an exit exam (Mississippi assessment exit and Fundamentals of Geology exam). He explained that Mississippi required registration to practice and, as part of the initial requirement to become licensed or registered, their licensing board asked universities to consider the exit exam to measure students as well as a measurement for the university program. The Board unanimously agreed that similar language should be included in the letter to department heads and deans of university departments.

The Board also discussed the upcoming ASBOG meeting in Knoxville, TN, to be held in October. Mr. Warren encouraged Board members to attend and participate in the examination presentation at the annual meeting.

Dr. Memon made a motion to postpone the adoption of the Executive Secretary report pending Dr. King's review of financial information. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patton and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board discussed the new design of the Board's website and having geological photographs from licensees included on the website. Dr. Esposito indicated that he had photos that could be used on the Board's website and additional photos could be solicited from licensees.

Mr. Warren reported that the Board meeting agenda for future meetings would contain hyperlinks to allow Board members to electronically access meeting documents and they were encouraged to bring their electronic equipment to the meetings. A sample agenda was provided to Board members.

Mr. Warren distributed the specifications for the Administrative Management Services Contract. He reported that the current contract would expire in October. He stated that the State Purchasing Department would release the invitation to bid and, after the award of the new contract, the contract could be renewed four times. Mr. Warren stated that the bids received would be available for the Board's review at the next meeting. Mr. Patton made a motion to accept the specifications for the Invitation to Bid for Administrative Management Services Contract. The motion was seconded by Dr. Memon and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented proposed rules changes for the licensee's cost for seal and stamps and the fee to take the Practice of Geology Exam in Rule 364-X-4-.02 Fees. The Board discussed removing reference to credit card and cash statement in Rule 364-X-4-.01 Method of Payment. Discussion of this matter was deferred until later in the meeting.

The Board reviewed the proposed publications for Student Guide (brochure) and Geologist In Training (flyer). The Board suggested that geological photos be added to these publications. It was the consensus of the Board that an email be sent to licensees soliciting photos of a geological feature or activity, and

suggested a deadline of August 31, 2013, and Dr. King would review the photos and make a recommendation to the Board. The Board stipulated that the email should include a statement from the licensee affirming that they took the photos or had permission to submit photos for the Board's use and that this licensee would be credited with the photo. The Board agreed that Internet stock pictures would not be allowed. The Board discussed the method in which copies of these brochures would be provided to university students and department heads.

Mr. Warren presented the proposed changes to Rule 364-X-.01 and Rule 364-X-.02, as discussed earlier by the Board. Mr. Patton made a motion to approve the proposed changes as presented to Rule 364-X-.01 Method of Payment and Rule 364-X-.02 Fees. The motion was seconded by Dr. Memon and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board reviewed seven geologist applications for licensure. One applicant had been previously licensed by the Board and was allowed to keep the same license number. Mr. Patton made the motion to approve the seven applications for licensure. It was noted that a quorum was present. 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 October 10, 2013.

There being no further business of the Board, the meeting was adjourn 11:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marsha Andrews

Chair



Keith E. Warren

Executive Director

Board Approved Applications for License on August 8, 2013

Approved Geologist Licenses:

G. Van Ness Burbach—Reciprocity from North Carolina

Shane A. Goodnight—Reciprocity from Kentucky

Peter E. Johnson—Reciprocity from Tennessee

W. Howard Johnson—Reciprocity from Mississippi

Shaun C. Malin—Reciprocity from South Carolina

Thomas P. Nelson—Reciprocity from Texas

Gregory P. Roush—Reciprocity from Georgia