



Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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MINUTES

Board Meeting
Thursday, April 17, 2014

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:05 a.m. on Thursday, April 14 2014, at the Board offices located at 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, Alabama. A quorum was present. Board members in attendance were Mr. Abner Patton (Vice-Chair), Dr. Bashir Memon, Mr. James Heller and Dr. Richard Esposito. Members not in attendance were Ms. Marsha Andrews and Mr. Roger Chapman. Also in attendance were Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Ms. Renee' Reames (assistant to Mr. Warren, Executive Secretary).

The meeting had been rescheduled from the regularly scheduled date and 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 23, 2014 meeting. Mr. Patton stated that a copy of the January minutes had been distributed to the Board members prior to the meeting. Dr. Memon made a motion to accept the January minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Esposito 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, 2014):
 - 1. Professional Geologists (PGs): 558
 - a. Alabama (224)
 - b. Out-of-State (334)
 - 2. Licenses not renewed (January-April) 18
 - 3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs) 7
 - 4. Retired Permanently 3
 - 5. Temporary License (current) 2
- B) FY 2013-2014 Financial Information (as of March 31, 2014)
 - 1. Revenue \$24,325.00
 - 2. Expenditure Vouchers \$29,202.55
 - 3. Cash Balance (as of 9/30/13): \$73,615.06

Mr. Warren reported that expenditures during this period were more than revenue, and the expenses for the upcoming Board-sponsored CE program was not part of these expenditures.

Following Board discussion, Dr. Memon made a motion to accept the financial report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Esposito and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that new Board member, Dr. Haywick, was reworking his schedule so that he could attend future Board meetings. Mr. Warren stated that the election of officers would be considered at the July Board meeting, when the full Board could be in attendance.

Mr. Warren reported that the Board terms for Mr. Patton and Dr. Memon would expire in September 2014 and Dr. Esposito's term had already expired. He stated that the three members were not eligible for reappointment, but could continue to serve until new appointments were made. Mr. Heller recommended Brian Hutchinson for consideration. The Board discussed having diversity on the Board, both demographically and geographically and the lack of diversity in the designated professional subdivisions that comprised the Board. Mr. Patton encouraged the Board members to submit recommendations for appointment for the Board's consideration.

The Board discussed the Alabama requirements for applicants who were licensed in Tennessee. Mr. Warren reported on the requirements for references, education and exam with reciprocal states and indicated that Alabama does not have reciprocal arrangements with Tennessee. It was the consensus of the Board that the Tennessee-licensed applicants must meet the Alabama requirements, which included having passed the ASBOG exam.

The Board reviewed the scheduled for the Board-sponsored Continuing Education program to be held in Birmingham on April 21, 2014. It was recommended that an article and photographs could be printed in a future Board newsletter regarding licensees licensed back in 1995, who would be attending the program.

Mr. Warren presented a summary of the examination results for the period of March, 2011 through October, 2013. The Board discussed questions on the examination that students were not taught in school and considered more mainstream questions to be on the ASBOG Fundamentals exam. The Board members also indicated interest in having a guideline/study guide specific to the Alabama examinations.

The Board discussed encouraging the universities to contact ASBOG to obtain specific information on the test results by their students. The Board members were in agreement that ASBOG should send exam guides to the applicants. Mr. Warren reminded the Board members that the ASBOG annual conference would be held in the fall and these concerns could be expressed at the meeting. Mr. Patton encouraged Board members to participate in the annual meeting.

The Board further agreed to write the department chairperson at the three universities to encourage them to contact ASBOG to obtain the test results and category scores as they specifically relate to their students who have taken the exams. It was recommended that this information be included in the letter being prepared by the Board to the universities which suggested that the ASBOG exam be given as an exit exam.

Mr. Warren reported that the proposed rule, 364-X-4 Fees, had to be refiled for public notice because the adoption period had expired. Dr. Memon made the motion to approve proposed rule

as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Esposito and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board reviewed 8 applicants for licensure. It was noted that a quorum was present. The Board discussed modifying the education requirements for licensure as it relates to coursework currently offered by the universities. Dr. Esposito made the motion to approve 7 applications and 1 was denied because they had not taken the examination and was not licensed in another state. The motion was seconded by Dr. Memon and 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 24, 2014.

There being no further business of the Board, Dr. Memon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heller and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marsha Andrews

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Chair

Keith E. Warren
Executive Secretary

Approved Geologist Licenses:

Ethan E. Allen—Reciprocity from Mississippi

Margaret G. Gilliland—Reciprocity from Tennessee

Joseph A. Lancaster—Reciprocity from Florida

Marcus L. Miller—ASBOG Exam

Chuck Thibault—Reciprocity from Arkansas

Grace Nell Tyner—Reciprocity from Texas

Approved Geologist-in-Training License:

Jason R. Harvell—ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology Exam