



Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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MINUTES

Board Meeting

Thursday, January 23, 2014

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:03 a.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2014, 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. Bashir Memon, Dr. David T. King and Mr. James Heller. Members not in attendance were Dr. Richard Esposito and Mr. Roger Chapman. Also in attendance were Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Ms. Hope Paulene (Administrative Assistant) and Ms. Renee' Reames (assistant to Mr. Warren, Executive Secretary).

The regularly scheduled 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 October 10, 2013 meeting. Typographical errors were corrected in referencing the names of the Board members. Dr. Memon made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heller 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 January, 2014):
 - 1. Professional Geologists (PGs): 537
 - a. Alabama (215)
 - b. Out-of-State (322)
 - 2. Licenses not renewed (April-December) 34
 - 3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs) 4
 - 4. Retired Permanently 2
 - 5. Temporary License (current)1 (corrected)
- B) FY 2013-2014 Financial Information (as of December 31, 2013)
 - 1. Revenue \$15,325.00
 - 2. Expenditure Vouchers: \$20,544.53
 - 3. Cash Balance (as of 9/30/13): \$74,199.99

Ms. Paulene reported that 25% of the applicants who took the recent examinations passed. She explained that 4 of 16 applicants passed the Fundamental exam and 1 of 4 applicants passed the PG exam. The Board asked Ms. Paulene to present at the next meeting the 2011 to present

examination statistics. The Board discussed sharing this information in a letter to the department chairperson at the 3 universities. The universities would be encouraged to contact ASBOG to obtain the test results and category scorings specific to their students taking the exam.

Dr. King reported that Auburn University was considering requiring the ASBOG exam as an exit examination, although a passing score would not be required to graduate.

Dr. King reported that he had reviewed the Board's financial information for the first quarter and found it to be in order. Dr. Memon made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patton and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Memon made a motion to accept the Executive Secretary's Report as corrected. The motion was seconded by Dr. King and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that the proposed rule, 364-X-4 Fees, had been published for public comments and that no comments were received. Mr. Patton made a motion to approve this rule as published as a Final Rule. The motion was seconded by Dr. Memon and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported on Board terms and stated that Ms. Andrews was eligible for reappointment, Dr. Esposito was not eligible for reappointment, Mr. Haywick's appointment was pending for the position currently filled by Dr. King. The Board discussed the lack of diversity in the designated professional subdivisions that comprised the Board. Ms. Andrews tabled the matter until the next Board meeting and encouraged the Board members to consider candidates to recommend for Dr. Esposito's position (business subdivision).

Dr. Esposito reported on the quotes he had received from hotels in selecting the location where the Board-sponsored continuing education (CE) program would be held. The Board agreed to seek donations from companies to support the CE program. Mr. Warren recommended a Board expenditure of \$2200 for this program, pending business donations. Mr. Patton made a motion to approve the Hilton Birmingham as the venue site to be held April 21, 2014, with attendee registration by April 10, 2014. The motion was seconded by Dr. Memon and unanimously approved by the Board. Ms. Paulene indicated that she would send an announcement to licensees about the CE program and she would print certificates of completion, in advance of the CE Program, for those that had registered.

The Board agreed to meet again prior to the scheduled CE Program and unanimously agreed to move the original April 24th meeting date to April 17, 2014. Mr. Warren reported that the change in meeting date would be posted on the Board's website and the Secretary of State's website.

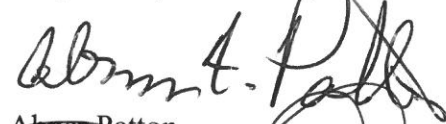
The Board reviewed 12 applicants for licensure: 8 PG that had passed the ASBOG and 4 geologist-in-training. Dr. Memon made the motion to approve 12 applications. It was noted that a quorum was present. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patton and unanimously approved by the Board (a list of the approved applications is available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes).

Ms. Andrews reported that she received a call from a new licensee complaining about the quality and appearance of the certificate and wallet card license. Following some discussion, no formal action was taken by the Board in this matter.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is April 17, 2014.

There being no further business of the Board, Mr. Patton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12 Noon. The motion was seconded by Dr. King and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Abner Patton", written over the printed name.

Abner Patton
Vice Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith E. Warren", written over the printed name.

Keith E. Warren
Executive Secretary

Approved Geologist License:

Daniel Corey Dobson—Reciprocal from Florida
Justin P. Fancher—ASBOG Exam
John Luke Hall—Reciprocal from Tennessee
Christopher H. Hooks—ASBOG Exam
Kyle McCulloch—ASBOG Exam
Mark A. Novokowsky—Reciprocal from Florida
Jeffrey M. Schexnayder—ASBOG Exam
Michael J. Smilley—Reciprocal from Georgia
Matthew Teglas—Reciprocal from Tennessee

Approved Geologist-in-Training License:

Charlsa J. Sewell—ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology Exam
Jerad S. Tate—ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology Exam
Sam Wakefield—ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology Exam