



Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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MINUTES

Board Meeting

Thursday, January 19, 2017

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama. Board members in attendance were Ms. Marsha Andrews (Chair), Dr. David Allison (Vice Chair), Mr. James Heller (Secretary/Treasurer), Mr. John Milledge (member), Mr. Billy Cooch (member), and Mr. Steve Castleman (member). Board member not in attendance was Mr. Roger Chapman. Also in attendance were Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Ms. Hope Childers, Board Administrator, and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren and recording 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.alabama.gov), in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

The Board reviewed the minutes from October 20, 2016 Board meeting. A copy of the minutes was provided to the Board members prior to the meeting for their review. Mr. Heller recommended the following revisions to the minutes: on page 1, paragraph 1 changed to members *were* absent, on page 2, paragraph 1 changed to 333 out-of-state licensees, on page 2, paragraph 5 changed to *begin* the process and *develop* letters, and in the first bullet listing on page 2, paragraph 5, change the word to universities, on page 3 paragraph 3, strike the last sentence, in paragraph 4 on page 3 change the word to *obtain*, and in paragraph 7 on page 3, change the sentence to read "*limited to no Earth Science studies at larger schools, such as USA having an undergraduate program, but no graduate program, etc.*" Mr. Castleman made a motion to approve the October minutes as revised. The motion was seconded by Mr. Milledge and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Secretary Report to the Board. He reported on the financial activities to include an itemized list of deposits and expenditures for the Board's review. Mr. Heller indicated that his review of the financial information looked good and one voucher would be reviewed further.

FY 2017 Financial Information (as of 12/31/16)

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| 1. Revenue | \$13,850.00 |
| 2. Expenditure Vouchers | \$16,198.21 |
| 3. Cash Balance | \$78,061.90 |

Mr. Warren reported on the number of licensees (copy of the Executive Secretary's report is available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes):

Number of Licensees (12/31/16):

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| 1. Professional Geologists (PGs): | 556 |
| (comprised of 219 Alabama licensees and 337 out-of-state licensees) | |
| 2. Licenses not renewed (July 2016 – Dec 2016) | 16 |
| 3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs) | 12 |
| 4. Retired | 10 |
| 5. Temporary License (current) | 0 |

Mr. Cooch made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Allison and unanimously approved. The Board commented on the good trend seen in the GIT's numbers.

Mr. Warren presented the results from the September 2016 ASBOG exams. Ms. Childers explained that 6 of the 17 candidates taking the Fundamentals had passed the exam and, of the 17 candidates, five had taken the exam previously. She also reported that 5 of the 11 candidates taking the Practice of Geology exam had passed.

Dr. Allison indicated that he was interested in participating in the ASBOG Examiners Council, which was scheduled to meet in April. Mr. Cooch made a motion to approve Dr. Allison, or an alternate member, to attend the Council of Examiners and reimburse him for his expenses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Castleman and unanimously approved.

Mr. Warren indicated that he would request from ASBOG the exam data being tracked that would be helpful information to share with the universities to illustrate potential problem areas for students taking the exams. Mr. Heller presented historical information about the exams' scores and success rates. It was the consensus of the Board to post the historical exam results on the Board's website.

Mr. Heller also presented information about the age demographic composition of current licensees based on age and representation in the categories identified for Board composition, e.g., academia, business, consulting, etc. It was noted that two categories, petroleum and academic, were very low in terms of eligible licensees. This could adversely affect future Board appointments in these categories.

In reviewing old business of the Board pertaining to a request for approval of Professional Services CE hours in connection with a Mineral & Gem Society, it remained the consensus of the Board that the participation was germane to that of a hobbyist and; therefore, was not consistent with the criteria for the Professional Services category. Mr. Heller indicated that he would send a letter in response to the individual's inquiry.

Mr. Castleman presented information about several venues that could host the Board-sponsored CE Program and recommended that the program be held on May 23, 2017. Mr. Heller made the motion to pursue conducting the CE program on May 23rd at the Pelham Civic Center at a maximum expenditure of \$1500 and a notice be posted on the Board's website about the registration deadline. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cooch and unanimously approved by the

Mr. Warren reported that he would check on the status of the two banners approved by the Board and acquire them for use at the CE program.

Ms. Andrews reported that election of Board officers were due. Mr. Milledge made a motion that the current officers remain the same with Ms. Andrews as Board Chair, Dr. Allison as Board Vice Chair and Mr. Heller as Board Secretary/Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Castleman and unanimously approved by the Board.

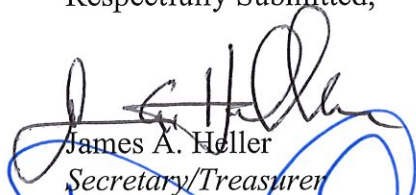
The Board discussed using electronic seals on geological documents. The Board discussed changing the statute concerning PG seals and determining the digitized size of seals, etc. Mr. Warren reported that he would have more information on this matter at the next Board meeting.

The Board members reviewed 13 applications for licensing comprised of 10 applications by Reciprocity and 3 applications by ASBOG examination. Dr. Allison made a motion to approve the 13 applications as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Castleman 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 regular business meeting of the Board was scheduled April 20, 2017. The Board discussed a potential conflict with an upcoming ADEM training scheduled on that date. It was the consensus of the Board that the Board meeting be changed from April 20th to April 27th, after confirming the ADEM training conflict.

There being no further business of the Board, Ms. Andrews adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



James A. Heller
Secretary/Treasurer



Keith E. Warren
Executive Secretary

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Approved Geologist License:

Jonathan W. Brinson—Reciprocal from Georgia
Gregory Budd—By ASBOG Examination
Eli L. Bundrick—By ASBOG Examination
Robert J. Craft—Reciprocal from Mississippi
Jaime S. Curry—By ASBOG Examination
Marilyn Hadidian—Reciprocal from Florida
Thomas A. Herbert—Reciprocal from Mississippi
Scott E. Mason—Reciprocal from Washington
Caryl L. Orr—Reciprocal from Georgia
Robert E. Schatzman, III—Reciprocal from Florida
Tony Schmucker—Reciprocal from Florida
Claude Brian Smith—Reciprocal from North Carolina
Jay T. Snyder—Reciprocal from Arkansas