



Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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MINUTES

Board Meeting
April 19, 2018

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was held on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama. Board members in attendance were Ms. Marsha Andrews (Board Chair), Dr. David Allison (Vice Chair), Mr. James Heller (Secretary/Treasurer), Mr. Steve Castleman (member), Mr. Billy Cooch (member) and Mr. John Milledge (member). Board member not in attendance was Mr. Roger Chapman. Also, in attendance were Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Mr. Matt Bledsoe (Board Legal Counsel), Ms. Hope Childers (Board Administrator) and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren and recording secretary). The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Ms. Andrews and a quorum was present to conduct business.

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 February 23, 2018 Board meeting. A copy of the minutes was provided to the Board members prior to the meeting for their review. Mr. Heller recommended the minutes be modified on page 3, paragraph 3, to reflect 12 applications reviewed by the Board with one denied due to the application being incomplete. Mr. Cooch made a motion to approve the February minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Mr. Milledge and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Secretary Report to the Board. Mr. Warren reported on the financial activities of the Board, as of March 31, 2018, to include a line item report of expenditures:

FY 2018 Financial Information:

1. Revenue	\$20,750.00
2. Expenditure Vouchers	\$33,912.42
3. Cash Balance	\$35,903.21

Mr. Warren reported that renewal of licenses was due this year, which would affect the Board's revenue. He reported on the number of licensees as of March 31, 2018, along with the Administrator's Report of activities performed since the last Board meeting. (copy of the Executive Secretary's report and Administrator's report are available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes):

Number of Licensees:

1. Professional Geologists (PGs): 575
(comprised of 227 Alabama licensees and 348 out-of-state licensees)

2. Licenses not renewed (October 2017 through March 2018)	19
3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs)	9
4. Retired	16
5. Temporary License (current)	1

Mr. Heller commented that the financial report was in order and Mr. Castleman made the motion to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cooch and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Allison presented the report concerning the Second Annual Thornton L. Neathery Award. He reported on the one nominee from the USA, indicating that no applications had been received from UA and AU. Ms. Andrews asked Dr. Allison to follow up again with the two other universities about nominee recommendations.

Mr. Castleman distributed a copy of the agenda for the upcoming Board-sponsored continuing education program for the Board's review. He reported that one presenter was unable to attend and the Board discussed a replacement. Mr. Castleman commented on restaurants and hotel accommodations and the growing support by sponsors. The Seventh Annual CE program is scheduled May 24, 2018 at the Pelham Civic Complex in Pelham.

Mr. Bledsoe commented on previous discussions by the Board concerning Coastal Permit regulations. He explained that the Administrative Procedures Act allowed for the Board to issue an opinion vs. seeking an AG's opinion on the matter. The Board discussed the contradiction in rules by ADEM, which pre-dated the Board being created. Ms. Andrews asked Mr. Bledsoe to contact ADEM about the rules contradiction and to draft a response, to review at the next meeting, to send to the inquirer.

Dr. Allison reported that USA had requested examination score results from ASBOG and when information becomes available, he would share the information with the Board.

Dr. Allison and Mr. Heller shared with the Board about their positive experience in attending ASBOG meetings and encouraged the Board members to attend. They commented on the effort shown by ASBOG and members in reviewing examination questions and data.

The Board agreed to inviting university department heads to the July Board meeting, along with ASBOG representative to discuss the ASBOG examination scores, graduation exit review process and licensure. Dr. Allison agreed to contact the department heads and Mr. Warren agreed to contact ASBOG, inviting them to the meeting.

Mr. Warren reported that certification of the Board's rules was required on a periodic basis and recommended that the Board certify the rules adopted prior to July 1, 2013. The Board discussed the ongoing review and changes to the Board rules, and Mr. Milledge made the motion to certify the rules adopted prior to July 1, 2013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Castleman and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that the Board of Engineers and Land Surveyors statute was revised at the last Legislative Session, without opposition by this Board. The Board further discussed a similar change of having an additional member on the Board to represent consumers and/or the public at large, and commented on the declining demographics of the Board to fulfill the requirements of

the Board's structure. The Board agreed that this would be a matter to discuss with the Sunset Committee.

Mr. Warren reported that the licensee renewal form had been revised to capture the necessary demographical data.

The Board members reviewed 7 applications for licensing comprised of 6 PG applications and 1 GIT application. Mr. Castleman made a motion to approve the 7 applications as presented, with the approval of one application contingent upon obtaining their transcript from their previous licensure file. The motion was seconded by Dr. Allison 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 announced that the Board's next regularly scheduled business meeting was July 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Heller requested the Board's support, should he be interested in applying for the ASBOG secretary position, which involved approximately 4 meeting per year for a 5-year term. The Board was unanimously in support of his pursuing this position.

There being no further business of the Board, Mr. Cooch made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heller and unanimously approved by the Board. Ms. Andrews adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Marsha Andrews
Board Chair


Keith E. Warren
Executive Secretary

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