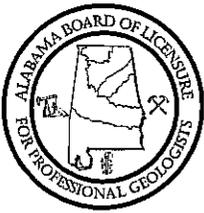


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MINUTES Board Meeting Thursday, January 18, 2007

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2007, at the Board office in Montgomery, Alabama. A quorum was present. Board members in attendance were Mr. J. Mark Tanner (Chair), Mr. Robert B. Carr, III (Vice-Chair), Mr. Thomas (Tom) E. Bruner, Mr. Markel R. Wyatt, Ms. Dorothy Malaier, Dr. David T. King, Jr., and Dr. Berry (Nick) Hearn Tew. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Ms. Hope Paulene (Executive Assistant) and Ms. Mary Windom (Board Counsel).

The meeting was advertised to the public in the *Montgomery Advertiser* and posted on the Board's website (www.algeobd.alabama.gov) as well as the Secretary of State's website (www.sos.state.al.us).

The Board reviewed the minutes from the November 30, 2006 meeting. Ms. Malaier made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tew, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Windom informed the Board that she would be working, along with Mr. Warren on getting the reappointments made for Ms. Malaier, Dr. Tew, Mr. Carr, and Mr. Tanner.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Secretary's report, which included the following statistical information:

- A) Number of Licensees (As of January 18, 2007)
 - 1. Professional Geologists (PGs): 568
 - 2. Geologist-In-Training (GITs): 3
 - 3. Temporary Licensees: 1
(Current)

- B) FY 2006 Budget Info as of September 30, 2006
 - 1. Budget Authorized \$65,000.00
 - 2. Expenditure Vouchers (10/1/06—12/08/06): \$14,094.15
 - 3. Deposits (10/05/06—01/10/07): \$12,800.00
 - 4. Current Cash Balance (As of 12/30/06): \$26,509.43

(These reports are available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes.)

Mr. Warren also informed the Board of the proposed rule change to CHAPTER 364-X-4 Fees. He also stated that he would develop a graph for presentation to the Board before that next meeting that would illustrate the number of active PGs on an annual basis since the

Board began licensing and to include the projected number of 2007 renewals. The graph will help the Board clarify the status of membership, i.e. decline (or increase) in the number of licensees with time and the Board's source of income.

The Board expressed its concern regarding the security of the Board's electronic files for licensee information, such as social security numbers, etc. Mr. Warren informed the Board that he would request a letter from the computer company, which would detail the system's security.

Ms. Malaier made a motion to note the Finance Committee's review of the Board's financial report, and accept the report as given. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tew, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Bruner expressed that he wishes to encourage the public to file complaints against non-licensed geologists who are practicing in the state. In addition, he feels that the Board should be more active in investigations and educating the public through consumer awareness. Mr. Bruner also informed the Board that he would contact the Alabama Engineers & Land Surveyors Board to obtain information on how it pursues complaints. He would also like to extend an invitation to a representative from the Engineers Board, along with Rick Erickson (MS Board) to the next Board to discuss this issue and some potential solutions.

Mr. Tanner reminded the Board that Statement of Economic Interests will be due April 30, 2007.

Mr. Tanner apprised the Board that the next newsletter needs to be drafted and wishes for it to be mailed out by the end of April. Mr. Tanner volunteered to write an article pertaining to continuing education opportunities. Mr. Carr will draft an article related to the ASBOG Fundamental of Geology Exam possibly being used as an exit exam for university geology programs. He will also address the ASBOG Practice of Geology exam fee increase. Mr. Warren agreed to contribute an article pertaining to violations. As the articles are received, Ms. Malaier agreed to email them to Ms. Paulene.

Mr. Tanner expressed that he had received some inquiries regarding to electronic sealing of documents, as well as online renewals. After discussion by the Board, it was the general opinion of the Board regarding the electronic seals and on-line renewals that implementation would simply be too costly at this time.

Mr. Warren and Ms. Windom will draft the proposed changes for Chapter 364-X-4 FEES for the Board next meeting scheduled for April 19, 2007.

The Board reviewed seven (7) applications for licensure. Dr. Tew made a motion to approve applications for licensure as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bruner, and unanimously approved by the Board. (A list of the approved application(s) is attached to the Minutes.)

The Board reviewed three (3) renewal applications and reported Continuing Education (CE) hours, along with supporting documentation provided by the licensees. The Board requested Ms. Paulene to draft a letter to be mailed to each licensee, who, based on the Board's review of supporting documentation, were determined by the Board to have unacceptable and/or insufficient CE credits.

Dr. Tew made a motion to accept the renewal applications and continuing education audit documentation as acceptable, pending the receipt of support documentation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bruner, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Bruner inquired if board members, when acting in an official capacity are insured. Mr. Warren explained that the Board pays for liability insurance through the Division of Finance-Risk Management. The division offers general liability and a fidelity bond, which provides one million dollars in coverage for each member per incident.

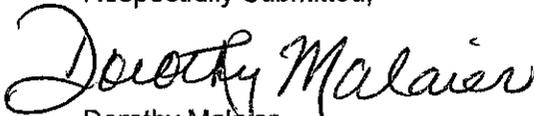
Mr. Mark Chapman is the current Board investigator and the Board has no pending complaints.

The Board readdressed the issue of academic colleges using the ASBOG Fundamental of Geology exam as an exit exam. Dr. King informed the Board that he had been appointed to chair an ad hoc committee in the Department of Geology and Geography at Auburn University that would be researching this issue.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is April 19, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

The time being 11:36 a.m., and there being no further business, Mr. Bruner made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. King, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,


Dorothy Malaler
Secretary/Treasurer