

Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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MINUTES Board Meeting Thursday, April 14, 2011

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:04 a.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2011, at the Board office in Montgomery, Alabama. A quorum was present. Board members in attendance were Ms. Marsha Andrews (Chair), Mr. Abner Patton (Vice-Chair), Mr. Roger Chapman, Mr. James Heller, Dr. Bashir Memon and Dr. Richard Esposito. Board member absent was Dr. David T. King, Jr. (Secretary/Treasurer). Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Mr. Bill Garrett (Board Counsel), Hope Paulene (Executive Assistant) and Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren).

The 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), as required by the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 13, 2011 meeting. Dr. Memon made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patton and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented a report on the financial activities of the Board, 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 13, 2011):
 - 1. Professional Geologists (PGs): 573
 - a. Alabama (236)
 - b. Out of State (337)
 - 2. License not renewed (thru March) 11
 - 3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs): 3
 - 4. Temporary Licensees (current) 2

- B) 2010 FY Financial Information
 - 1. Revenue \$28,675.00
 - 2. Expenditure Vouchers: \$24,870.34
 - 3. Cash Balance (as of 3/31/11): \$65,315.53

Mr. Patton made a motion to accept the Executive Secretary Report, along with the financial information presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chapman and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that changes to the Rules and Regulations had been submitted to the Alabama Legislative Reference Service and published for public comment. He reported that no comments were received. The Board discussed amending Chapter 12, items .01 and .02 by replacing "shall" to "may" and removing "comity". Mr. Patton made a motion to adopt the final Rules with minor changes to Rule 12 as discussed. The motion was seconded by Dr. Memon and the unanimously approved by the Board. Ms. Andrew indicated that the CEU Rule changes remove restrictions to the CEU requirements.

The Board also discussed recent legislative activities in Florida to de-regulate some Boards. Mr. Patton agreed to provide an update to the Board regarding this matter. The Board agreed to include in the newsletter information concerning Florida legislative activities, along with Rule changes in CE requirements.

The Board asked the Executive Director to contact Dorothy Malaier and invite her to the next meeting for the Board to present her a plaque as an appreciation for her service on the Board. Ms. Paulene reported that a certificate of appreciation, signed by the Governor, had also been sent to Ms. Malaier.

Mr. Warren reported that Board terms for Dr. Memon and Mr. Patton would expire in September; both were eligible for another term and each had agreed to serve. Mr. Warren indicated that he would prepare a request to the Governor for reappointment.

Mr. Warren inquired about Board members' interest in attending the next ASBOG meeting to be held in San Antonio and/or serving on the Council of Examiners. He asked that Board members let him know prior to the ASBOB meeting to be held in October.

Ms. Andrew inquired about comments from the Board members regarding their experience with the on-line renewal process. It was the consensus of the Board members that the process was too lengthy and agreed to have further discussion of this matter at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Bledsoe left the meeting at 10:44 a.m. due to a scheduling conflict.

The Board reviewed ten (10) applications for licensure. It was noted that a quorum was present. Dr. Memon made a motion to approve the applications for licensure as submitted, with the exception of one application pending further documentation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chapman 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 Board reviewed five (5) renewal applications and reported Professional Development Hours (PDH), 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 PDHs.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is July 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business of the Board, Mr. Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patton and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marsha Andrews
Chair