

Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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MINUTES Board Meeting Thursday, July 14, 2011

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:14 a.m. on Thursday, July 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), Dr. David T. King, Jr. (Secretary/Treasurer), Mr. James Heller, Dr. Bashir Memon and Mr. Roger Chapman. Board member absent was Dr. Richard Esposito. 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), in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

Ms. Andrew welcomed Ms. Dorothy Malaier, present at the Board meeting and Mr. Warren presented a plaque to Ms. Malaier in appreciation of her years of service on the Board.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the April 14, 2011 meeting. Mr. Patton made a motion to accept the minutes, with correction to spelling of ASBOG on page 2 of the April 14, 2011 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heller 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 July 11, 2011):
 - 1. Professional Geologists (PGs): 497
 - a. Alabama (192)
 - b. Out of State (305)
 - 2. Licenses not renewed (April thru June) 71
 - 3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs): 2
 - 4. Temporary Licensees (current) 0

- B) 2010 FY Financial Information

1. Revenue	\$49,575.00
2. Expenditure Vouchers:	\$35,363.27
3. Cash Balance (as of 6/30/11):	\$73,688.56

He commented on the decrease in the number of renewals during the last quarter. The Board discussed modifying the statute to limit the number of years a license could lapse and establishing other categories for geologist to apply for licensing. Dr. King made a motion to accept the Executive Secretary Report, along with the financial information presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Memon and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board members commented on their individual experiences with the on-line renewal process and conducted an electronic renewal, at this meeting, through the use of audiovisual equipment. The Board agreed to several corrections to the on-line renewal process and requested that Alabama Interactive (AI) make these corrections. The Board further authorized Dr. King to continue to work with AI on this process.

Due to a conflict, Mr. Garrett left the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

The Board reviewed five (5) 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 six (6) renewal applications and reported Professional Development Hours (PDH), along with supporting documentation provided by the licensees. One application requested a reinstatement and paid past licensing fees, and agreed that the applicant did not meet the requirements for licensing. 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.

Dr. King informed the Board that Auburn University holds seminars/workshops informing its students about the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists and the licensure process. Dr. King agreed to forward to the Board members, for their review and comments, the PowerPoint presentation on this subject. Ms. Andrew indicated that she would contact department heads at various universities about a conducting similar seminars.

The Board discussed statute 34-41-7 about exceptions and inquired about the Rule for such exemptions. Also reviewed was Rule 364-X-10.01 for tasks and services for which licensing is required. The Board requested an opinion summary from legal counsel about exemptions cited in the statute.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is October 13, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business of the Board, Mr. Patton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heller and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marsha Andrews". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Marsha" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Andrews".

Marsha Andrews
Chair