



Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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MINUTES

Board Meeting

Thursday, October 10, 2013

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:02 a.m. on Thursday, October 10, 2013, at the Board offices located at 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, Alabama. A quorum was present. Board members in attendance were Ms. Marsha Andrews (Chair), Mr. Abner Patton (Vice-Chair), Dr. Richard Esposito, Dr. Bashir Memon and Mr. James Heller. Members not in attendance were Dr. David T. King and Mr. Roger Chapman. Also in attendance were Ms. Hope Paulene (Administrative Assistant), Ms. Monica Sheeler (Legal Counsel), and Ms. Renee' Reames (assistant to Mr. Warren, Executive 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.state.al.us), in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the August 8, 2013 meeting. Mr. Patton made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Esposito and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Paulene reported on the Board's financial activities, 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 September 30, 2013):
 - 1. Professional Geologists (PGs): 534
 - a. Alabama (208)
 - b. Out-of-State (326)
 - 2. Licenses not renewed (April-Sept.) 49
 - 3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs) 4
 - 4. Retired Permanently 2

- B) FY 2011-2012 Financial Information
 - 1. Revenue \$62,760.00 (corrected)
 - 2. Expenditure Vouchers: \$53,335.97
 - 3. Cash Balance (as of 9/30/13): \$79,611.67

Ms. Paulene reported that continuing education opportunities had been posted on the Board's website, and the licensee renewal period was underway. She stated that licensees had 90 days to renew their license without penalty (by November 30, 2013). Dr. Esposito made a motion to accept the Executive Director report, with the corrected revenue. The motion was seconded by Dr. King and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Andrews reported that bids were requested for the Administrative Management Services contract and one bid was received. She reported that Warren & Company, Inc. had bid an annual amount of \$39,000. She stated that this was an increase from the previous contracted amount of \$33,000, which had not been

adjusted for several years. The Board discussed the financial feasibility of a monthly increase in fees for this new contract. Ms. Paulene explained the bidding/rebidding process and stated that after the bid was accepted, the contract could be rebid at any time 60 days prior to its annual renew. Dr. Esposito made a motion to accept the bid from Warren & Company as submitted at an annual rate of \$39,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patton and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Andrews presented to the Board a draft letter to university Deans and chairpersons of Departments regarding licensing in Alabama. This letter asked the faculty to encourage students graduating with Geology degrees to pursue professional licensing through this Board and asked the University(s) to consider making the ASBOG Fundamental of Geology examination a requirement to graduate, stating that the examination would be a measuring tool for both the students and the university(s). The Board agreed that graduation would not be dependent on the ASBOG exam score.

The Board also discussed the publications for Student Guide (brochure) and Geologist In Training (flyer), as enclosures to the university letter. It was the consensus of the Board to modify the Geologist In-Training publication indicating that licensure was recognized outside of Alabama. Board agreed to post the publications on the Board's website. Ms. Andrew requested that recommended modifications to the letter be submitted to her. The Board also discussed including photographs of geological activities in the publications, and Dr. Esposito indicated that he had photographs for consideration. Dr. King indicated that he would inform Ms. Andrews regarding university contacts. .

Ms. Andrews presented the proposed 2014 Board meeting schedule. Mr. Patton made a motion to approve the 2014 meeting dates: January 23, April 24, July 24 and October 23, as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Memon and unanimously approved by the Board.


The Board discussed eligible licensees to be considered for the academic position on the Board. Ms. Andrews and Dr. Esposito both agreed to serve upon reappointment. Mr. Patton made a motion to recommend Dr. Haywick to serve on the Board in the academic position, and two other licensees were recommended as alternates. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heller and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board reviewed four (4) geologist reciprocity applications for licensure. Dr. Memon made the motion to approve three applications for licensure, with one pending review after having taken the ASBOG exam. It was noted that a quorum was present. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patton and unanimously approved by the Board (a list of the approved applications is available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes).

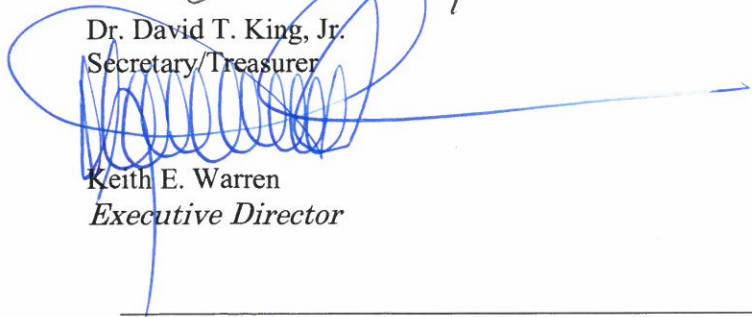
The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is January 23, 2014.

There being no further business of the Board, the meeting was adjourn 11:40p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. David T. King, Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

Board Approved Applications for License
on October 10, 2013

Approved Geologist Licenses:

Joseph B. McKinney —Reciprocity from Georgia

Brooke Yoko Bennett—Reciprocity from North Carolina