



Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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MINUTES

Board Meeting

Monday, August 11, 2014

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:09 a.m. on Monday, August 11, 2014, 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. Bashir Memon, Mr. James Heller and Dr. Richard Esposito. Members not in attendance was Mr. Roger Chapman and Dr. Douglas Haywick. Also in attendance were Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Hope Paulene (Administrative Assistant) and Ms. Renee' Reames (assistant to Mr. Warren, Executive Secretary).

The meeting had been rescheduled from the regularly scheduled date and 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 April 17, 2014 meeting. A copy of the minutes had been distributed to the Board members prior to the meeting for their review. Dr. Esposito made a motion to accept the April minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patton and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren 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 (through June, 2014):
 - 1. Professional Geologists (PGs): 550
 - a. Alabama (220)
 - b. Out-of-State (330)
 - 2. Licenses not renewed (January-June) 15
 - 3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs) 7
 - 4. Retired Permanently 3
 - 5. Temporary License (current) 0

- B) FY 2013-2014 Financial Information (as of July 31, 2014)
 - 1. Revenue \$35,225.00
 - 2. Expenditure Vouchers \$50,781.05
 - 3. Cash Balance (as of 7/31/14): \$62,401.60

Mr. Warren requested a graph indicating the number of licensees over the last 15 years. Mr. Warren reported that the number of licensees had remained around 550 over the last several years, which was a sufficient number to financially sustain the Board.

Ms. Paulene reported that the next ASBOG exam was scheduled in October, 2014.

Following a brief discussion concerning licensing fees, Mr. Patton made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heller and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that the proposed Rule 364-X-4 Fees had been published for public comments and no comments had been received. Dr. Memon made the motion to approve Rule 364-X-4 as a Final Rule. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heller and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that the election of officers had been postponed from the earlier Board meeting. The Board discussed the terms of the members, which are three (3) year terms, and members were eligible to serve two (2) consecutive terms each being full 3-year terms. The Board discussed recommending Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Milledge to the Governor for appointment. Mr. Warren requested that the Board consider recommending three names to the Governor for consideration. Mr. Warren reported that the Board terms for Mr. Patton and Dr. Memon would expire in September 2014 and Dr. Esposito's term had already expired. He stated that the three members were not eligible for reappointment, but could continue to serve until new appointments were made. Mr. Warren will present at the next Board meeting a list of licensees who meet the requirements to serve on the Board, e.g., resident of Alabama, licensee for 5 years, designated professional category, etc. for the Board to consider.

Mr. Warren reported that compensation to the Board members would be direct deposited and that travel reimbursement would continue, at this time, to be paid by check. He requested that the members complete a direct deposit authorization form.

Dr. Esposito reported on the Board-sponsored Continuing Education program held in Birmingham on April 21, 2014. He indicated that it was well attended and he received positive comments from the attendees. Ms. Andrews suggested that a CE committee be appointed to plan the 2015 program and that Dr. Esposito chair the committee. The Board discussed having the event in other geographical areas. Ms. Andrews indicated that the date and location of the 2015 CE program would be discussed further at the next meeting, along with working with the Alabama Geological Society in advertising the upcoming program.

Ms. Andrews presented for the Board's review a draft letter to the department chairperson at the three universities concerning Board licensing. The Board discussed modifying Rule 364-X-5.01 concerning curricula and Ms. Andrews indicated that this Rule would be discussed further at the next meeting. Following some modifications to the letter, Mr. Patton made a motion to approve the letter to universities, as modified. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heller and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reminded the Board members of the ASBOG meeting in November 2014. Mr. Patton made a motion to approve the Executive Secretary to attend the ASBOG meeting as the voting delegate for the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heller and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board reviewed 14 applications for licensing, consisting of 3 GIT applications and 11 PG applications. Dr. Memon made a motion to approve the 14 applications. The motion was seconded by Dr. Esposito and 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 meeting is October 23, 2014.

There being no further business of the Board, Dr. Esposito made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 Noon. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heller and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marsha Andrews
Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Secretary

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