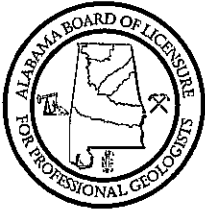


Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists



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MINUTES Board Meeting Thursday, September 21, 2006

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:10 a.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2006 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 and Ms. Dorothy Malaier. Dr. Berry (Nick) Hearn Tew and Dr. David T. King, Jr. were not present. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Ms. Hope Paulene (Executive Assistant), Ms. Mary Windom (Board Counsel), and Mr. Mark Chapman (former Board member). In light of Mr. Bennett Bearden's (Board Investigator) departure in December, Mr. Mark Chapman invited by the Board to serve in an interim as Board Investigator. The Chair introduced Mr. Chapman to the Board.

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 May 18, 2006 meeting. Mr. Bruner made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted and the noted grammatical errors to be corrected. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyatt, and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

- A) Number of Licensees (As of August 31, 2006)
 - 1. Professional Geologists (PGs): 568
 - 2. Geologist-In-Training (GITs): 3
 - 3. Temporary Licensees: 1
(Current)
 - 4. Licenses Not Renewed 2005 (As of August 31, 2006)
 - a. January 2006: 7
 - b. February 2006: 1
 - c. March 2006: 2
 - d. April 2006: 3
 - e. May 2006: 2
 - f. June 2006: 9
 - g. July 2006: 2
 - h. August 2006: 7
 - Total: 33**

- 5. Licenses to be Renewed 2006
 - a. September 2006: (9) 4
 - b. October 2006: (19) 13
 - c. November 2006: (27) 22
 - d. December 2006: 13
 - Total: 52**

- B) FY 2006 Budget Info as of August 31, 2006
 - 1. Budget Authorized \$75,000.00
 - 2. Expenditure Vouchers (10/1/05—9/08/06): \$37,200.20
 - 3. Deposits (10/1/05—9/14/06): \$34,550.00
 - 4. Current Cash Balance (As of 08/31/06): \$26,753.34

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

Mr. Carr 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 Ms. Malaier, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Tanner then addressed the expiring board appointments for Ms. Dorothy Malaier and Dr. Berry (Nick) Hearn Tew, as well as his and Mr. Carr's expired appointments. Mr. Warren informed the Board that the Appointments Division of the Governor's Office has a new contact and that he has spoken with her and provided her a list of nominees and resumes.

ASBOG Annual Conference and COE meeting will be held in Park City, Utah from 10/31/06 to 11/5/06. Due to illness, Dr. King will not be able to attend the COE as previously thought; therefore, the Board discussed Mr. Warren representing the State as the voting delegate and for the Board to pay Mr. Warren's expenses incurred by the event.

Ms. Malaier made a motion for Mr. Warren to serve as the voting delegate at the ASBOG Annual Conference and for the Board to reimburse his expenses not to exceed \$1000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carr, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren informed the Board that he is still in the process of setting up a Board Member Training Session, sponsored by the Examiners of Public Accounts, which would focus on issues that pertain directly to Board functions.

Mr. Warren enlightened the Board that ASBOG will be discussing the Fundamentals of Geology as a college exit examination, as well as a proposal to increase the examination fee from \$150.00 to \$200.00 for both the Fundamentals of Geology and Practice of Geology portions of the exam.

Mr. Tanner and Mr. Carr advised the Board that they would be meeting with Dr. King and Auburn University's Geology Department and students today to discuss the Fundamentals of Geology examination as being considered as part of the college's program exit.

Mr. Wyatt expressed that he would like to know the reason(s) for the potential increase of examinations fees by ASBOG. Mr. Warren explained that the fees would be used to fund those who attend the COE Workshop, prepare a valid examination, and other programs that would benefit the state members. ASBOG also wished to promote participation from each state.

The Board concurred that they are in favor of the possible ASBOG exam increase for the FG and PG portions; however, the Board did not specifically state an amount. The Board

requested that Mr. Warren vote in favor of an increase in the examination fee. It is to the Board's understanding that the increase will help cover expenses related to the COE Workshop, which is held twice a year.

Ms. Paulene informed the Board that she had received a quote for the printing of the Newsletter from EBSCO MEDIA; however, she will have to get a new quote from Walker Printing, Inc. Walker Printing, Inc. was awarded the FY 06-07 State Contract for Printing Services.

Mr. Tanner apprised the Board that the next newsletter needs to be drafted. Ms. Malaier expressed her desire for the lead article to be related to PGs working in the environmental field. Previously, Dr. King volunteered to contribute an article on continuing education and the proper documentation. Ms. Malaier explained that she would speak with Dr. King to see if he is still able to contribute that article. As the articles are received, Ms. Malaier will email them to Ms. Paulene.

Mr. Carr shared his thoughts on "An Article to the Professional Geologist", which was published by the American Institute of Professional Geologists. The article contained input from the industry's practicing geologists, such as ethics, hazards, techniques, and contracts. Mr. Carr asked the Board if any one was interested in creating an article for the publication. After discussion, the Board felt that it was not the right time to do so.

Mr. Tanner and Mr. Carr reported that representatives of the Board (Messers Bruner, Carr and Tanner) as well as Mr. Tony Neathery, former Chair of the Board, met with the Geology Department at the University of Alabama on August 28, 2006 to make a presentation on the ASBOG Examination and use of the Fundamental section of the exam as an exit exam for senior graduates in geology. Mr. Tanner and Mr. Carr reported that the presentation generated numerous questions and seemed to be well received.

The Board recessed for a break at 11:25 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 11:40 a.m.

Ms. Malaier addressed the Board with several issues that she felt needs attention. First, she felt that an article should be drafted for the newsletter regarding the seal and stamp requirement. Secondly, ADEM (Alabama Department of Environmental Management) has advertised a public notice for a change in its Rules and Regulations, specifically, Chapter 335-1-1-.08 Communications with the Department. It is important the PGs know what ADEM requires as well as this Board. Thirdly, she expressed her desire for Mr. Warren to request a Proclamation from the Governor recognizing Earth Science Week in the month of October. Finally, she informed the Board that there is currently only one geologist on ADEM's application for employment list and that the agency is in a bind for qualified applicants.

The Board reviewed eleven (11) applications for licensure. Mr. Bruner made a motion to approve (10) ten of the eleven (11) applications for licensure as submitted. One (1) application was denied due to lack of work experience. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyatt, and unanimously approved by the Board. (A list of the approved and denied application(s) is attached to the Minutes.)

The Board reviewed ten (10) renewal applications and reported Continuing Education (CE) hours, along with supporting documentation provided by the licensees. The Board requested Mr. Warren 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.

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is Thursday, November 30, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

The time being 1:29 p.m., and there being no further business, Mr. Bruner made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carr, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,


Dorothy Malaier
Secretary/Treasurer