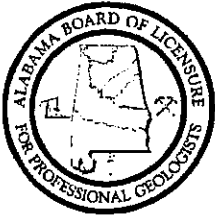


Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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MINUTES Board Meeting Thursday January 19, 2006

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 9:58 a.m. on Thursday, January 19, 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, Dr. David T. King, Jr., Mr. Markel R. Wyatt, Ms. Dorothy Malaier and Dr. Berry (Nick) Hearn Tew. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Ms. Hope Paulene (Executive Assistant), and Ms. Mary Windom (Board Counsel).

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 November 17, 2005 meeting. Dr. Tew made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bruner, 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 January 16, 2006)
 - 1. Professional Geologists (PGs): 557
 - a. Alabama 235
 - b. Out of State 322
 - 2. Geologist-In-Training (GITs): 3
 - 3. Temporary: 4
(Current)
 - 4. Licenses Not Renewed 2005 (As of January 18, 2006)
 - a. January 2005: 3
 - b. February 2005: 3
 - c. March 2005: (10) 9
 - d. April 2005: (6) 5
 - e. May 2005: (15) 11
 - f. June 2005: (37) 16
 - g. July 2005: (8) 7
 - h. August 2005: (8) 5
 - i. September 2005: (4) 1
 - j. October 2005: (8) 4
 - k. November 2005: (18) 9

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l. December 2005: (3) 1
Total: 74

5. Licenses to be Renewed 2006

a. January: 15
b. February: 3
c. March: 6
d. April: 13
e. May: 7
f. June: 19
g. July: 5
h. August: 22
i. September: 9
j. October: 18
k. November: 27
l. December: 12
Total: 156

B) Financial Report

1. Expenditure Vouchers (10/1/05—1/19/06): \$11,164.59
2. Deposits (10/1/05—1/19/06): \$11,300.00
3. Current Cash Balance (As of 12/31/05): \$23,940.67

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

The Board discussed the benefits of holding quarterly Board meetings versus meeting every other month. At the conclusion, of this discussion, Dr. Tew made a motion to have quarterly Board meetings rather than meetings every other month. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carr. With the Chair abstaining from voting, the votes are as follows: Five (5) Yeas: Dr. Tew, Mr. Carr, Ms. Malaier, Dr. King, and Mr. Wyatt and one (1) Nay: Mr. Bruner. The motion was passed by a majority vote.

Mr. Warren proposed the Board Meeting Calendar for the remainder of the year as follows:

1. Board Meetings to remain on the calendar:
 - a. May 18, 2006
 - b. September 21, 2006
 - c. November 16, 2006
2. Board Meetings to be struck from the calendar:
 - a. March 16, 2006
 - b. July 20, 2006

Mr. Carr made a motion to accept the new meeting dates as proposed by the Executive Secretary by removing the March 16th and July 20th meetings from the calendar for 2006. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tew, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Tanner informed the Board that the current contract for Administrative Services with Warren & Company, Inc. will expire on November 22, 2006 and that he would like for the Board to be able to finalize the Invitation to Bid at the May 18, 2006 meeting. Ms. Windom stated that she has already begun working on a rough draft of the Invitation to Bid, which she would provide to the Board via mail or e-mail for comments by the members of the Board.

Mr. Carr made a motion to revise the schedule of the November 16, 2006 Board meeting to November 30, 2006, in order to provide sufficient time for the ASBOG Examination Scores to be received and reported for any pending applications. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tew, and unanimously approved by the Board.

The revised Board Calendar as approved by the Board was as follows:

Revised 2006 Geology Board Calendar

<i>March 3, 2006</i>	<i>ASBOG Exam</i>	<i>(Friday – 8:00 a.m.)</i>
	<i>Deadline is January 6, 2006</i>	
<i>May 18, 2006</i>	<i>Board Meeting</i>	<i>(Thursday – 10:00 a.m.)</i>
<i>September 21, 2006</i>	<i>Board Meeting</i>	<i>(Thursday – 10:00 a.m.)</i>
<i>October 6, 2006</i>	<i>ASBOG Exam</i>	<i>(Friday – 8:00 a.m.)</i>
	<i>Deadline is August 11, 2006</i>	
<i>November 30, 2006</i>	<i>Board Meeting</i>	<i>(Thursday – 10:00 a.m.)</i>

Dr. Tew made a motion to note the review of the Board's finances, by the Finance Committee and accept the report as given. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carr, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren addressed the Board in regard to the roster on the Board's website (www.algeobd.alabama.gov), as well as the roster that the Board is required to maintain for public viewing per the Professional Geologists Licensing Act (Sec. 34-41-16, et. seq., Code of Alabama, 1975), "The secretary-treasurer of the board shall publish biennially a roster showing the names, license numbers, places of business, and business and residence addresses of all professional geologists licensed in Alabama. Copies of this roster shall be made available to the public upon request and payment of a reasonable fee."

Mr. Warren recommended that at the end of each month, the Board staff prepare and print a roster (according to the statute's requirements), which will be kept at the Board office for the public. Mr. Warren noted that the information of similar nature, published on the website site is provided at the Board's discretion.

Ms. Malaier made a motion that on a monthly basis, Warren & Company, Inc. will publish and print a current roster of licensees to meet the requirements of the statute and maintain the roster so it is available to the public and the roster on the Board's website, (www.algeobd.alabama.gov) and that the roster be updated on a quarterly basis and to reflect only current licensed geologists, and that published roster include the last date the roster was updated. The licensee information to be indicated on the roster is as follows:

- a. Individual Name
- b. Place of Business
- c. Business Address
- d. Business Phone Number
- e. License Number
- f. Expiration Date
- g. Effective Date of License

The motion was seconded by Mr. Carr, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Investigative Committee Report for Complaint #05-001.

Mr. Bruner made a motion to close Complaint #05-001. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carr, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren informed the Board that the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists has contacted the Alabama Board, expressing its desire to establish a reciprocal agreement with the Alabama Board. Currently, the Board does not have reciprocity agreements with any other licensure/registered states. Mr. Warren agreed to prepare and send a letter of response to the Texas Board explaining Alabama's Board Statute and Rules and Regulations of Licensure.

The Board reviewed the revised letter for expired licenses as presented and prepared by Mr. Warren and Ms. Windom.

Mr. Carr made a motion to accept the letter as edited and for the letter to be finalized and mailed to all expired licensees. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyatt, and unanimously approved by the Board. (A copy of this letter is attached to the Minutes).

The Board reviewed six (6) 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 deficiencies in courses that are not acceptable for CE credits.

The Board reviewed three (3) applications for licensure. Ms. Malaier made a motion to approve the applications for licensure as submitted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tew, and unanimously approved by the Board. (A list of the approved applications is attached to the Minutes.)

The Board discussed its desire for universities in Alabama, which have an accredited Geology Programs to consider using the ASBOG examination as the program's exit examination. Mr. Tanner presented his drafted letter to the Board to those educational institutions addressing this issue.

Mr. Tanner expressed his desire for the Board to invite the heads of the Geology Departments at these universities to a meeting to discuss the benefits of taking the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology Exam as a program exit exam in order for graduates to obtain the status of Geologist-in-Training (GIT). Mr. Warren expressed to the Board that Mr. Rick L. Ericksen, R.P.G., Executive Director for the Mississippi State Board of Registered Professional Geologists has a PowerPoint Presentation on this subject that he presented during the Annual ASBOG Convention. Mr. Tanner informed the Board that he would contact Mr. Ericksen and discuss with Ericksen whether he would be willing to provide his presentation at a joint meeting of representatives of these universities and the Board.

Mr. Tanner apprised the Board that the Spring 2006 newsletter needs to be drafted and finalized for mailing by the end of April. Articles/items to be included in the newsletter are as follows:

- (a) Upcoming Continuing Education Opportunities and Audit Process: Mr. Tanner
- (b) Meeting and Exam Dates for remainder of the 2006 year,
- (c) The Complaint Process and Disciplinary Actions: Mr. Warren,
- (d) Board's website updates: Ms. Malaier,
- (e) Article inviting licensees to submit articles for future newsletters: Mr. Wyatt, and
- (f) Documentation for Continuing Education Activities: Dr. King.

The Board agreed to e-mail all articles to Ms. Malaier, who will in turn email the final document to the Board's staff for printing and mailing.

Mr. Warren informed the Board that some licensing states do have provisions for retirees, military, medical reasons, inactive status, etc. However, if the Board wishes to proceed with allowing such provisions for Alabama, new legislation would have to be drafted. The Board will take Mr. Warren's recommendation under advisement. Mr. Warren also reported that he inquired to ASBOG about member states penalty and fine information and found that ASBOG has not completed any research on this issue and could not provide Warren with any information. Mr. Warren reported that he will have to further research this issue state by state. Mr Warren explained that he hopes to have this research completed by the next Board meeting.

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is Thursday, May 18, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

The time being 1:08 p.m., and there being no further business, Dr. Tew made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wyatt, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy Malaier
Secretary/Treasurer

Board Approved Application for Licensure on January 19, 2006

Approved Geologist License:

M. Eugene Hartley—Reciprocity from Georgia

Greg C. Dill—ASBOG Examination

Approved Geologist-in-Training:

Stephanie E. Park—ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology Examination