

Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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MINUTES Board Meeting Thursday, January 13, 2011

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:05 a.m. on Thursday, January 13, 2011, at the Board office in Montgomery, Alabama. A quorum was present. Board members in attendance were Ms. Marsha Andrews, (Vice-Chair), Dr. David T. King, Jr. (Secretary/Treasurer), Mr. Roger Chapman, Mr. Abner Patton and Mr. James Heller. Board members absent was Dr. Bashir Memon and Mr. Richard Esposito. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Mr. Bill Garrett (Board Counsel), Hope Paulene (Executive Assistant) and Renee' Reames (Executive Assistant 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), as required by the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

Ms. Andrews introduced new board member, James Heller, who was appointed by the Governor to fill the the government position on the Board. Mr. Warren administered the Oath of Office.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the October 14, 2010 meeting. Mr. Patton made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. King and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Secretary's report, which included the following statistical information (These reports are available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes.):

- A) Number of Licensees (as of January 13, 2011):
 - 1. Professional Geologists (PGs): 556
 - a. Alabama (228)
 - b. Out of State (328)
 - 2. License not renewed (thru December) 12
 - 3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs): 3
 - 4. Temporary Licensees (current) 1

- B) 2010 FY Financial Information
 - 1. Revenue \$12,025.00
 - 2. Expenditure Vouchers: \$15,143.98
 - 3. Cash Balance (as of 12/31/10): \$60,866.71

Mr. Warren reminded the Board that 2011 will a renewal year and that the number of licensees are approximately the same number as in the previous year.

Ms. Andrews indicated that it was time to elect officers. Following a brief discussion by the Board members, Mr. Chapman made the motion to elect Ms. Andrews as chair, Mr. Patton as Vice Chair and Dr. King as Secretary/Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heller. There were no additional motions to elect officers. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that the newsletter had been electronic distributed to licensees and many of the email addresses were not long valid. He also indicated that the newsletter was posted to the Board's website. The Board discussed potential articles for the next edition and Ms. Andrews asked that articles be submitted by February to the Executive Director.

Ms. Andrews reported that the Board had received a reply from ADEM regarding possible restrictions being placed on professional geologists (letter available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes).. Mr. Heller reported that changes to the language in the NPDES NOV template were being considered.

Dr. King reported that he had met with Interactive IT and the Functional Specification Report (FSR) from IT has been approved. Mr. Warren indicated that following implementation of these changes on the Board's website, a test link would be sent to Board members to interact with the new program, prior to being available to the licensees.

The Board discussed changes to Rule 12 in reference to Comity. Mr. Patton made a motion to modify Rule 364-X-12-.01 and .02 by removing the word "comity," and submit changes to the Alabama Reference Service to publish for public comment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chapman and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board also discussed revising the CEU guidelines restricting CEU activities. Mr. Patton made a motion to eliminate restrictions referenced in section titled "*Categories of Continuing Education, Regulatory and Safety Related Training, Internet Seminars and Courses, and In-House Activities*," by removing the last sentence in of Item 4c, *In-House Educational Activities*, and modify hours Item 4a, to 30 hours from 40 hours, as pertains to the initial safety training. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chapman and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that Warren and Company is planning to expand by locating to a new building and making staffing changes.

Mr. Garrett left the meeting at 12:05 p.m. due to a scheduling conflict.

The Board reviewed nine (9) applications for licensure (2 from exam and 7 from Reciprocity). It was noted that a quorum was present. Mr. Chapman made a motion to approve applications for licensure as submitted and for Ms. Paulene to send a letter to those who did not meet the minimum requirements. 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 Board reviewed four (4) renewal applications and reported Professional Development Hours (PDH), along with supporting documentation provide by the licensees. The Board requested Ms. Paulene draft a letter to be mailed to each licensee, who was determined by the Board to have unacceptable 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. Mr. Chapman said that he would look into providing such an opportunity for the University of Alabama students, as well.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is April 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business of the Board, Mr. Patton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:05. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chapman and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marsha Andrews
Chair