



Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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MINUTES Board Meeting Thursday, September 20, 2012

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 20, 2012 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. David T. King (Secretary/Treasurer), Mr. James Heller, Dr. Richard Esposito, Dr. Bashir Memon and Mr. Roger Chapman. Also in attendance were Keith Warren (Executive Secretary) arrived at 11:20 a.m., Mr. Bill Garrett (Board Counsel), arrived at 11:30 a.m., and Renee' Reames (assistant to Mr. Warren, Executive Secretary).

The change in regularly scheduled meeting date 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 April 12, 2012 meeting. Dr. Memon made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. King 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 (as of Sept. 18, 2012):
 - 1. Professional Geologists (PGs): 554
 - a. Alabama (230)
 - b. Out-of-State (324)
 - 2. Licenses not renewed (April-Aug.) 27
 - 3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs): 3
 - 4. Temporary Licensees (current) 2

- B) FY 2011-2012 Financial Information
 - 1. Revenue \$35,850.00
 - 2. Expenditure Vouchers: \$44,553.54
 - 3. Cash Balance (as of 8/30/12): \$73,509.02

Dr. King inquired about discrepancy in travel voucher reimbursements, as a result of taxes being withheld in accordance with IRS requirements. Mr. Chapman made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Memon and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board requested additional information regarding reasons for licenses not being renewed (27 reported between April and August). Mr. Warren indicated that he would inquire further with these former licensees to determine if hardships exist due to CEU requirements and/or licensing fees, etc.

Dr. Memon made a motion to accept the Executive Secretary report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chapman and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren announced that the ASBOG will have their annual meeting in October. Mr. Chapman made a motion to approve Mr. Warren to attend the meeting and serve as Proxy for the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patton and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Andrews commented on the recent meeting with the Sunset Committee and their overall satisfaction with the recent audit the by Department of Public Accounts. Mr. Warren indicated that the diversity on the Board was limited by the demographics of the licensees. He further explained that the application and on-line renewal process was being modified to obtain citizenship information now required regarding licensees.

The Board discussed the new on-line renewal process and Mr. Warren reported that only 18 of 50 had chosen to renew on-line in August and September.

Mr. Warren requested articles for the upcoming edition of the Board's newsletter. Board members were encouraged to submit articles by November 1, 2012.

The Board considered in public hearing, proposed Rule, Chapter 364-X-13 Expiration and Renewal and Continuing Education, along with proposed new Rule, Appendix I – Forms associated with these Rules and Regulations. Mr. Warren reported that no comments had been received from the public concerning these published rules. Mr. Patton made a motion to approval for final adoption Chapter 364-X-13 and Appendix I, as published. The motion was seconded by Dr. Memon and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board deferred discussion, until later in the meeting, the subject of Exemptions and modifications to the statute.

The Board discussed the recent Board-sponsored continuing education program held in Birmingham. Dr. Esposito recommended that comments from the attendees, received in their satisfaction assessment, be incorporated into the next training program. The Board agreed that the overall comments from attendees were good, positive comments.

Dr. King suggested that the proposed mentoring program for CE credit be reviewed by Board members who would typically participate in mentoring/supervising of interns. The Board agreed that participation in this program would require pre-approval and documentation would need to be submitted to acquire 8 hours of credit. Mr. Chapman agreed to review the proposed rule. Ms. Andrew tabled further discussion to this matter pending Mr. Chapman's review and recommendations.

The Board discussed the proposed rule for CE credit for professional affiliation services, to include activities of personal growth, and exclude employer in-house committee service, unless out-of-state committee involvement occurred. Mr. Patton made a motion to approve the proposed rule for CE credit for professional affiliation services, to include credit up to 8 hours per renewal period for documented participation in professional affiliations, planning meetings and board service. The motion was seconded by Dr. King and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Andrews complimented Dr. Esposito and the other Board members on their involvement in the Board-sponsored CE program. Dr. Esposito made a motion to approve the reimbursement of the appropriate expenses of the board-sponsored CE program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chapman and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board agreed to change the regularly scheduled Board meeting from October 11, to October 25, 2012, to lengthen the time between Board meetings.

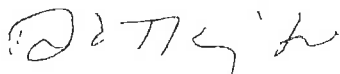
The Board discussed changes in the statute regarding Exemptions. Mr. Warren indicated that he would inquire with other states that may have addressed this issue.

The Board reviewed five (5) geologist applications for licensure. The Board noted lack of course work for one applicant. Dr. Memon made the motion to approve four (4) geologists for licensure. It was noted that a quorum was present. The motion was seconded by Dr. Esposito 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 October 25, 2012.

There being no further business of the Board, the meeting was adjourn 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. David T. King
Secretary/Treasurer

Board Approved Applications for License
on September 20, 2012

Approved Geologist Licenses:

Robert L. Atkins—Reciprocity from Georgia

John S. Catches—Reciprocity from Florida

Kenneth J. Gendron—Reciprocity from Texas

Travis A. Paris—Reciprocity from Georgia