



Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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MINUTES

Board Meeting

Thursday, January 17, 2013

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:03 a.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2013, 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), Mr. James Heller, Dr. Richard Esposito, and Dr. Bashir Memon. Members not in attendance were Dr. David T. King and Mr. Roger Chapman. Also in attendance were Keith Warren (Executive Secretary), Hope Paulene (Administrative Assistant) and Renee' Reames (assistant to Mr. Warren, Executive Secretary).

The regularly scheduled 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), in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the October 25, 2012 meeting. Ms. Andrews suggested amending the minutes on page two, to read "The Board discussed the diversity of the Board's composition being limited due to a lack of demographic diversity of the licensees" and to omit "and reduction in educational opportunities for graduates". Mr. Patton made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heller 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 Jan. 15, 2013):	
	1. Professional Geologists (PGs):	559
	a. Alabama (229)	
	b. Out-of-State (330)	
	2. Licenses not renewed (Sept.-Dec.)	11
	3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs):	2
	4. Temporary Licensees (current)	1
B)	FY 2011-2012 Financial Information	
	1. Revenue	\$11,050.00
	2. Expenditure Vouchers:	\$12,612.23
	3. Cash Balance (as of 12/31/12):	\$70,053.64

Mr. Warren reported that previous licensees were polled to inquire about their not renewing their license for the renewal period of April through August, 2012. He reported that of the small number that responded from this renewal period, 50% indicated that it was due to financial considerations and difficulty obtaining CE requirements. The Board discussed allowing CE hardship exceptions and/or one-time waiver of late fee. Mr. Warren indicated that the Rules currently do not allow for those

exceptions; however, the Board sponsored continuing education program being planned may be helpful to CE hardship concerns, since this program will not require attendees to pay a registration fee.

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

Dr. Esposito reported on plans for the 2013 Board sponsored continuing education program. The Board discussed the proposed agenda and lunch arrangements, and agreed that lunch would be provided by the hotel for attendees to purchase. Mr. Warren reported that an email would be sent to licensees announcing the April 22, 2013 CE program and request registration by April 12, 2013.

The Board reviewed a draft of the Board's newsletter to be distributed electronically to licensees. Corrections were made to Board contact information and the Board agreed that all articles to be included in the newsletter should be submitted by January 22, 2013.

The Board reviewed one (1) geologist application for licensure. Dr. Memon made the motion to approve 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).

Mr. Patton reported that he attended a meeting of the Committee for University of Alabama that make suggestions to UA curriculum and this Committee was provided information about geologists licensure requirements.

Ms. Andrews reported that the on-line renewal and continuing education program will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Mr. Warren reported that the Board training meeting that is sponsored annually by the Examiners of Public Accounts is scheduled January 23, 2013. He indicated that the Sunset Committee placed importance on this meeting and encouraged the Board members to attend.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is April 18, 2013.

There being no further business of the Board, the meeting was adjourn 11:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marsha Andrews
Chair

Board Approved Applications for License on January 17, 2013

Approved Geologist License:

James B. O'Brien—Reciprocal via Florida