



Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

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MINUTES

Board Meeting
Thursday, January 22, 2015

A meeting of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was called to order at 10:01 a.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2015, 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. Bashir Memon, Mr. James Heller and Dr. Richard Esposito. Member not in attendance was Mr. Roger Chapman. Also in attendance were Ms. Hope Paulene (Executive Assistant), Mr. Matt Bledsoe (Board Counsel), and Ms. 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 October 23, 2014 meeting. A copy of the minutes had been distributed to the Board members prior to the meeting for their review. Dr. Memon made a motion to accept the October minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patton and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Paulene 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 (through December, 2014):
 - 1. Professional Geologists (PGs): 563
 - a. Alabama (226)
 - b. Out-of-State (337)
 - 2. Licenses not renewed (January-December) 18
 - 3. Geologist-In-Training (GITs) 11
 - 4. Retired Permanently 3
 - 5. Temporary License (current) 1

- B) FY 2014-2015 Financial Information (as of December 30, 2014)
 - 1. Revenue \$11,450.00
 - 2. Expenditure Vouchers \$12,314.72
 - 3. Cash Balance (as of 9-3-2014): \$62,486.74

Following a review of the detailed expenses and revenue by the Board, Mr. Patton made a motion to write a letter about suspending the cost of legal services due to the financial condition

of the Board. The motion was seconded by Dr. Memon and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Andrews reported that the election of a Treasurer/Secretary was deferred until new Board members were appointed.

Ms. Paulene reported approximately 8 individuals had registered for the Fundamentals exam and 4 individuals for the Practice exam.

Mr. Esposito reported that in coordinating with the venue site and prospective speakers, he recommended that the date of the Board-sponsored CE Program be changed to April 21, 2015. Mr. Esposito reported on the venue, meeting room accommodations for an estimated 150 attendees and he suggested lunch on-your-own. The Board discussed other options to save money, provide sufficient parking and access to restaurants, etc. for the attendees. The Board agreed to consider other venue options in advance of next year's program. Mr. Esposito reported that additional speakers were needed and the Board members suggested topics for the CE Program and potential speakers. Mr. Patton made the motion to approve a maximum of \$5000 for the CE Program to be held at the Hilton Birmingham on April 21, 2015. The motion was seconded by Dr. Esposito and unanimously approved by the Board. Ms. Paulene agreed to contact the venue representative at the hotel and finalize the invoice.

Ms. Paulene reported that this was the year (2015) to renew licenses. She indicated that she would send out emails to licensees about the date of the CE Program and later distribute the agenda to the licensees to encourage registration.

The Board considered a request for continuing education credits under the category of Professional Services. Following a review of the Administrative Code 364-X-13.02, it was the consensus of the Board that the activities described did not satisfy the requirements. The request involved setting up display for a gem, mineral and jewelry show, answering questions from the public regarding the exhibit and judging displays.

The Board considered an inquiry about engineers including PG services in bidding proposals. Mr. Patton agreed to contact the individual to obtain additional information to fully understand the request, and he reported that the Rule was misinterpreted and there was not an issue.

The Board also discussed coal combustion byproducts as it related to the EPA Final Rule concerning Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System: Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities. It was the consensus of the Board that they were not in support of this Rule and encouraged the monitoring of future rule changes that would impact on geologists. The Board asked Administration to determine if a link to this publicized Rule could be placed on the Board's website.

Ms. Andrews reported that nominees had been selected for the following Board seats serving Business, GeoTechnical, Consultant and Academia to recommend to the Governor for appointment. Various Board members agreed to contact the proposed candidates (David T. Allison representing Academia, William W. Cooch representing GeoTechnical, Stephen P. Castleman representing Consultants and John B.D. Milledge representing Business) to determine

their interest in serving on the Board and ask that they forward a copy of their resume to the Executive Secretary to be sent to the Governor.

The Board reviewed 5 PG applications for licensing. Dr. Esposito made the motion to approve the 5 applications. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patton and approved by the majority of 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 April 9, 2015.

There being no further business of the Board, Ms. Andrews adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marsha Andrews

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Chair

Keith E. Warren

Executive Secretary

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Board Approved Applications for License on January 22, 2015

Approved Geologist License:

George C. Flowers, Ph.D.—ASBOG Exam

Keith M. Jackson—Reciprocal from Tennessee

Cale B. Sellers—ASBOG Exam

Frank H. Syms—Reciprocal from South Carolina

Jonathan Robert Welker—Reciprocal from Florida