

## **MINUTES**

South Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters  
Board Meeting  
**10:00 A.M., October 13, 2005**  
Synergy Business Park  
Kingtree Building  
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 108  
Columbia, South Carolina

Hugh Ryan, Chairman, of Wedgefield, called the regular meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Foresters to order at 10:03 a.m. Other board members in attendance included: Virgil Wall, Vice Chairman, of Greenwood; Patricia Straka, Secretary, of Westminster; Amy L. McFadden, of Georgetown; and B. Allen Dunn, Ph. D., of Central.

Raymond Boozer, of Gilbert and Fred Gantt, of Columbia, were granted excused absences.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator; Linda Owens, Administrative Specialist; Connie Huffstetler, Administrative Assistant; and Sharon Dantzer, Deputy General Counsel – Office of General Counsel.

Members of the public in attendance at the meeting included: Cory Flowers; Billy V. Price; and Louise Murgia, Society of American Foresters.

**Meeting Called to Order** - Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Board of Registration for Foresters office, Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

### **Invocation**

Dr. Dunn delivered the invocation.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

All present recited the pledge of allegiance.

### **Approval of the July 7, 2005 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Ryan noted a correction to be made on page 3 of the minutes.

### **MOTION**

Dr. Dunn moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Mr. Wall seconded the motion and it carried.

### **Chairman's Remarks – Hugh Ryan**

Mr. Ryan welcomed Amy McFadden as a newly appointed member of the Board, replacing Marietta Singleton.

### **Administrator's Remarks – Lenora Miles**

Ms. Miles also welcomed Ms. McFadden and urged her to call if the staff can be of any assistance.

Ms. Miles advised the members that Barry Moreland had transferred to a position at the Fire Academy. She introduced Linda Owens, who will be assisting with licensing duties and other matters for the Board.

Ms. Miles stated that there are currently 800 registered foresters. Expired license letters were mailed to 55 licensees on August 4, 2005. As of this date, 18 have failed to renew.

*Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office*

There were no legislative updates given during the October 13, 2005 meeting.

*Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel*

There were no advisory opinions given during the October 13, 2005 meeting.

**Unfinished Business**

*Examination Confidentiality Statement*

*H.3781 – Amendment to the Engine Bill*

Mr. Ryan deferred the unfinished business until later in the meeting.

**New Business**

Requests for Approval to Take Exam

*Corey Flowers*

Mr. Flowers has a B.S. degree in business administration from the University of South Carolina. He has been employed for eight years in the forestry industry. Ms. Miles noted that Mr. Flowers' file is missing one reference. Mr. Ryan asked if the employment verification could not also be considered a reference.

The members questioned Mr. Flowers as to his reasons for wanting to become a registered forester. Mr. Flowers stated that his father has been a forester for 50 years and he would like to be in a position to continue in the family business. Mr. Flowers noted that he has been working in the field for some time and enjoys his work very much. Mr. Flowers also answered questions regarding his job duties while working as a forestry technician for the past eight years.

**MOTION**

Mr. Wall moved to allow Mr. Flowers to sit for the exam. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried.

*Billy V. Price*

Mr. Price has 14 years experience in the forestry industry. Ms. Miles advised the members that Mr. Price's file is complete.

Mr. Price answered questions posed by the members regarding his work experience and reasons for wanting to become a registered forester.

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion to approve Mr. Price's request to take the exam. Mr. Wall seconded the motion, which carried.

Approval of Licensure by Reinstatement

*Stephen E. Swanson*

Mr. Swanson's license expired June 30, 1999. Ms. Miles noted that Mr. Swanson acknowledged that he may have engaged in the practice of forestry while his license was expired, and a cease and desist order was issued by the staff. Mr. Swanson has provided documentation of continuing education and has paid the necessary fees.

**MOTION**

Ms. Straka moved to approve Mr. Swanson's request for reinstatement. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried.

*Antony C. Gunter*

Mr. Gunter's license expired June 30, 2005, due to incomplete CFE. He has now provided documentation of the required CFE hours and has paid the applicable fees.

**MOTION**

Mr. Wall moved to approve Mr. Gunter's reinstatement. Ms. McFadden seconded the motion and it carried.

Approval of Licensure by Examination

*Michael Clark Weeks*

Mr. Weeks submitted work experience for time served as an intern. The Board did not grant credit for that time, which resulted in Mr. Weeks having less than the required 2 years work experience. He will complete the 2 years in July 2006.

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn moved to approve Mr. Weeks' application upon receipt and review of updated verification of his work experience and an updated SLED report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wall, and carried.

*Eric I. West*

Mr. West's file is missing a criminal history report and 3 references.

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn moved to approve Mr. West's application, upon receipt of a satisfactory criminal history report and the required references. Ms. McFadden seconded the motion, which carried.

**Executive Session**

**MOTION**

Ms. McFadden moved to enter Executive Session. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried.

**Return to Public Session**

**MOTION**

Mr. Wall moved to return to Public Session. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion and it carried.

No motions were made and no votes were taken in Executive Session.

*H3978*

**MOTION**

Ms. Straka made a motion to allow Mr. Ryan to work on the Board's behalf to change H3978 to reflect that one must be licensed to practice forestry in the state. Ms. McFadden seconded the motion, which carried.

*Feedback to Applicants Regarding Exam Questions*

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn moved to allow applicants to be given general information regarding the categories in which questions were missed on the SC exam. Mr. Wall seconded the motion and it carried.

*Confidentiality Statement*

Ms. Straka stated that she felt a new confidentiality statement should be adopted before the November exam.

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn moved to adopt a new confidentiality statement to be drafted by Ms. Straka and Ms. Miles. Mr. Wall seconded the motion, which carried.

*2006 Board Meeting Dates*

The members reviewed the proposed meeting dates for 2006. It was decided to hold the second quarter meeting on April 20, 2006, in conjunction with the ACF meeting.

*Review Course*

Dr. Dunn noted that Susan Guynn was now in charge of the forestry exam review course at Clemson University. A date has not yet been scheduled for the next course.

*Policy Manual*

The members discussed having a policy manual drafted. It was decided to wait until legislative matters were resolved. Ms. Miles will check to see if funds are available to hire someone to write the manual.

*H3781*

The members briefly discussed the pending legislation to amend the Engine Act. Mr. Ryan asked that each member further review the legislation and respond to him with their comments within two weeks.

*Society of American Foresters Exam*

The members agreed to remain after the conclusion of the business meeting to sign confidentiality agreements and review the SAF exam.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.