

MINUTES
SC Board of Registration for Foresters Board Meeting
April 26, 2018 at 10 a.m.
Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 204
Columbia, South Carolina

Meeting Called to Order

J. Christian Hendricks, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included: Blair Frazier Baldwin., of Lancaster; William Moody, of Lexington; William D. Sligh, Jr., of Hartsville; and Michael Mills, of Newberry.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Molly Price, Administrator; Meredith Buttler, Program Coordinator; and Hardwick Stuart, Office of Advice Counsel.

Others present included: Melissa Blackwell, Creel Court Reporting.

Statement of Public Notice

Mr. Hendricks stated public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

All attending recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

The invocation was given by Mr. Baldwin.

Approval of Excused Absences

MOTION: To excuse Charles Maley and Robert Drummond from the meeting.
Baldwin/Sligh/approved.

Approval of the November 9, 2017, Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the November 9, 2017, meeting minutes.
Sligh/Baldwin/approved.

Chairman's Remarks – Christian Hendricks

There were no remarks.

Staff Reports

- a. Administrative and Financial Report – Molly Price

Mrs. Price stated that the Board currently has 695 licensed foresters. As of March 31, 2018, the Board had a cash balance of \$-110,930.27. Ms. Price is going to be looking at reallocation of money to help bring the balance up.

State exam results and a list of applicants approved for licensure since November 9, 2017, were included in the meeting handouts. The state exam has been taken 34 times since being implemented in January 2016, with an average score of 80. Once the exam has been taken 50-60 times, Ms. Price would like to run a report and have the exam reviewed for any possible problem questions. However, due to the high passing rate, Ms. Price does not anticipate any issues. A major change has been new applicants waiting to take the exam after they have had at least one year of experience. Ms. Price is working with SAF to try and eliminate individuals from taking the CF exam inadvertently prior to applying with the Board. A new form has been created that will be issued to eligible applicants. This form will be required by SAF prior to signing up for examination.

A list of nine recently approved licensees was presented to the Board: four by examination, three by reciprocity and two by reinstatement. All licensees were approved by Molly Price and board member Charles Maley.

The Board will publish a 2018 newsletter this summer. Ms. Price encouraged the Board to send Ms. Buttler any information they would like to have included in the newsletter.

- b. Advisory Opinions – There were no Advisory Opinions.
- c. Legislative Updates – There was no report.
- d. ODC Report – There was no report from the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.
- e. OIE Report – There was no report from the Office of Investigations and Enforcement.
- f. IRC Report – There was no Investigative Review Committee report.

New Business

- a. CE Broker Presentation – Dylan Sitterle
Mr. Sitterle presented information for continuing education tracker CE Broker. The online program would help licensees track their CFEs and would be used to audit all licensees for compliance at renewal. The board will look for more information in the future relating to CE broker as other boards around the agency begin using it.
- b. Student Outreach at Clemson University
Ms. Price has identified an issue with Clemson students graduating and being unaware of the Board and the process for licensure. Lately there are individuals going straight to SAF to take the CF exam and not being aware of the state licensure requirements. On April 12, 2018, Ms. Price and Mr. Drummond attended an ACF meeting and spoke with several current forestry students at Clemson. Ms. Price was able to explain the

correct processes and identify several areas where the Board can focus outreach efforts. Ms. Price would like to have a pamphlet created outlining the licensure process by August 2018. The annual ASBORF conference will be held at Clemson, hosted by the Board, and Ms. Price would like to have several Clemson Forestry professors join for part of the meeting to establish a better connection. Board member Michael Mills offered to assist Ms. Price in contacting the Clemson professors.

c. 2018 ASBORF Meeting – Clemson, SC

The 2018 ASBORF Meeting will be held at the Clemson Conference Center, August 22nd - 24th. Thursday and Friday morning will focus on discussion topics, including talks from SAF and West Virginia's request to join ASBORF. Thursday afternoon is slated to be a team building trip to Jocassee with DNR Biologist Mark Hall guiding the tour. A BBQ cookout dinner is proposed. Ms. Price and Ms. Buttler will be traveling to Clemson on May 31, 2018, to review and finalize all plans.

- i. Discussion Topics: Law Enforcement with Forestry Commission is planning to come and speak on timber theft. Ms. Price will hope to have agenda discussion topics outlined for review at the July meeting. If Board members have any agenda discussion items, please contact Ms. Price.
- ii. Travel Approval

MOTION: To approve travel for two board members, two board staff and advice council to attend the 2018 ASBORF Meeting in Clemson, SC.
Baldwin/Sligh/approved.

Election of Officers

MOTION: To approve Mr. Drummond as Chairman.
Hendricks/Baldwin/approved.

MOTION: To approve Mr. Hendricks as Vice-Chairman.
Baldwin/Sligh/approved.

MOTION: To approve Mr. Maley as Secretary.
Hendricks/Moody/approved.

Discussion Topic

Ms. Price directed board members to look at their terms to see when they are expiring. If board members would like to continue to serve, please either contact the association through which they were nominated or send a letter directly to the Governor's office. Mr. Moody stated his term is expiring and he is planning to roll off the Board.

Executive Session

No executive session needed.

Return to Public Session

No return to public session needed.

Public Comments

There were no public comments made during this meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2018.

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn.
Baldwin/Mills/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.