

MINUTES
South Carolina Registration for Foresters
Board Meeting
10:00 a.m., January 29, 2015
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 204
Columbia, South Carolina

Meeting Called to Order

Amy McFadden, vice-chairman, called the regular scheduled meeting of the S. C. Board of Registration for Foresters to order at 10:00 a.m. Other members present included: James Hendricks, Secretary, of Columbia; Frazier Baldwin, of Lancaster; Robert Drummond, of Columbia; William Moody, of Lexington; and Eric Smith, of Summerville.

Staff members attending the meeting included: Mary League, Advice Counsel; Molly Price, Administrator; and Theresa Garner, Program Assistant.

Ms. McFadden announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Board of Registration for Foresters office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree 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 present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

The invocation was given by Amy McFadden.

Approval of Excused Absences

MOTION

Mr. Smith made a motion the board approves Mr. Ron Byrd's request for an excused absence. Mr. Hendricks seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Approval of the July 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Drummond made a motion to approve the July 10, 2014 minutes as presented. Mr. Hendricks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman's Remarks-Amy McFadden

Mrs. McFadden welcomed new board member, Blair Frazier Baldwin.

Presentation of Plaque to Mr. Charles Sibley

Mrs. McFadden presented former Board Chairman, Charles Sibley, with a plaque in appreciation for his five years of service to the Public, and Board of Registration for Foresters.

Administrator's Remarks-Molly Price

Mrs. Price reported the board currently has 697 Registered Foresters. The Cash Balance Report for December 2014 reflected a balance of \$33,384.99. The next scheduled meeting will be held on April 23, 2015, in room 204.

She informed board members that the process of approving applications at a staff level has gone well, and she thanked board member, Eric Smith, for his assistance in the process. She reported there was a drastic difference in turnaround time, especially applicants requesting licensure via reciprocity. She said she will be providing an update to board members via email in the coming months.

Board members requested that Mrs. Price contact the Governor's office regarding board member appointments. The appointment dates do not reflect the correct terms.

Mrs. Price reminded Board members the filing for the Statements of Economic Interest Forms were due no later than March 30, 2015, at 12:00 p.m. Board members were given an email link, and telephone number, should they have any questions.

Advice Counsel, Mary League, informed board members of guidelines to follow regarding media inquiries, Rules of Engagement with Legislatures/Lobbyists, and Statutory Authority to Promulgate Regulations or Other Legislative changes.

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel

There were no advisory opinions given.

Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

There was no Legislative Report given.

OGC Report-Office of Disciplinary Counsel

There was no OGC Report given.

OIE Report-Office of Investigations and Enforcement

There was no OIE Report given.

Election of Officers

Chairman

MOTION

Mr. Hendricks made a motion that Eric Smith be elected as Chairman. Mr. Moody seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman

MOTION

Mr. Hendricks made a motion that Robert Drummond be elected as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Moody seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Secretary

MOTION

Mr. Moody made a motion that Christian Hendricks be elected as Secretary. Mr. Drummond seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Old Business

i. Update on State Specific Exam

Mrs. McFadden stated that she, Rob Drummond, and Charles Sibley had served on the State Specific Exam sub-committee. They reviewed, divided, and categorized questions specific to South Carolina. She stated that part of the process was completed, and the exam which is made up of 25 questions; would be given to Molly to submit to SAF for final completion.

Mr. Drummond suggested the board notify Foresters of the addition of a State Specific Exam, by placing the information on the board website, and in the Journal, prior to implementation.

Mrs. Price suggested a study reference sheet be placed on the board website giving information on where to obtain study material for the State Specific Exam.

Public Comments

No public comments were made during this meeting.

Executive Session

The Board did not enter into executive session during this meeting.

Adjournment

The January 29, 2015 meeting of the S. C. Board of Registration for Foresters adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next meeting of the S. C. Board of Registration for Foresters is scheduled for April 23, 2015, in room 204.