

## MINUTES

South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists  
Board Meeting  
10:00 AM, August 26, 2004  
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building  
110 Centerview Drive, Room 108  
Columbia, South Carolina

Jason Terry, chairman, of Charleston, called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Other members present included: Vernon Ichimura, Ph.D., vice chairman, of Aiken; Richard Warner, Ph.D., of Clemson; Troy Elmore, of Lancaster; and Craig Kennedy, of Columbia.

Staff members present for the meeting included: Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator; Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; and Barry Moreland, Administrative Assistant.

### Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Terry announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Board of Registration for Geologists 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.

### Approval of the May 27, 2004 Meeting Minutes

#### MOTION

Mr. Elmore moved the Board approve the minutes of the May 27, 2004 meeting. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### Chairman's Remarks - Jason Terry

Mr. Terry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### Administrator's Remarks -Lenora Addison-Miles

Ms. Miles stated that as of August 26, 2004 there are 570 active geologists. She further stated that 46 individuals have not renewed their geologist license. She went on to say that on August 24, 2004 staff mailed expired license letters to those 46 individuals.

Ms. Miles stated she has received information from ASBOG regarding the annual meeting, which will be held in Boise, Idaho during November 2004. Dr. Warner expressed an interest in attending that meeting.

Ms. Miles stated that during the last meeting the Board voted to issue a cease and desist order to Mr. Paul Nystrom. She went on to say that the cease and desist order was mailed to Mr. Nystrom via certified mail. She noted that staff has received confirmation he has received the order.

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Sharon Dantzler, Office of General Counsel  
Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

There were no advisory opinions or legislative updates given during the August 26, 2004 meeting.

#### Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business for the August 26, 2004 meeting.

#### New Business

##### 1. Approval of Licensure via Examination

###### a. Daniel P. Osbourne

Mr. Osbourne is requesting licensure via examination. He graduated from Clemson with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology and a Masters degree in Hydrogeology. He has passed both ASBOG exams. His file is complete.

#### MOTION

Dr. Ichimura made a motion to accept this application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Elmore and unanimously carried.

##### 2. Approval of Licensure via Reciprocity

###### a. James K. Holley

Mr. Holley is requesting his license via reciprocity with North Carolina. He graduated from East Carolina University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Masters degree in Geology. His file is complete.

#### MOTION

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy and seconded by Dr. Ichimura to accept this application. The motion carried.

###### b. Terry L. Hair, Jr.

Mr. Hair is requesting licensure via reciprocity. He is currently licensed in Kentucky and Pennsylvania. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from Miami University. He has passed the ASBOG exam, which was verified by the State of Kentucky.

#### MOTION

Dr. Warner moved the Board accept Mr. Hair's application. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

##### 3. Approval of Licensure via Reinstatement

###### a. James L. Cornette

Mr. Cornette's license lapsed on June 30, 2003 and he is now requesting reinstatement. He has completed 32 hours of continuing education. His file is complete.

#### MOTION

Dr. Warner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously carried, that the

Board reinstate Mr. Cornette's license.

b. Terrence P. Killeen

Mr. Killen allowed his license to lapse on June 30, 1997. He has submitted a new application, has paid all fees (\$1,140.00) and has submitted continuing education documentation for the Board's approval. He has also presented a notarized non-practice statement, although he is employed with the Savannah River Site (SRS), which is a government facility located in South Carolina.

It is the Board's understanding that an individual may conduct internal work for a government facility without holding a license. However, should he present himself to the public as a professional geologist or submits documents for a project indicating he is the principal geologist, he should be licensed as a professional geologist.

Mr. Kennedy does not think an individual who works for a government facility is presenting himself as a professional geologist.

#### MOTION

A motion was made by Dr. Ichimura, and seconded by Dr. Warner, that the Board accept the application. The motion carried.

#### 4. Approval of Permission to sit for ASBOG Examination

a. Thomas M. DeVoe

Mr. DeVoe is requesting permission to sit for the ASBOG Fundamentals examination to obtain his GIT. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Geography with a minor in Geology. The question to consider is does he have the core Geology courses and the required hours to sit for the examination.

#### MOTION

Dr. Warner moved the Board moved to accept and allow Mr. DeVoe to sit for the exam. Dr. Ichimura seconded, carried

#### 5. CE Pre-approval Request

a. Jack Gelting (Faith and the Environment)

Mr. Jack Gelting is requesting the Board's approval for a continuing education class regarding "major faith traditions and their relationship with the environment. Historic, artistic, religious and spiritual concepts are all considered from the perspective of geologic time. Emphasis is given to the geologist's contribution to environmental stewardship using his understanding of the heterogeneity of the Earth and its subsurface. The sacramental character of Nature is examined. The intended result of participation is an increased knowledge of geology, theology and where they may interface." The course would not be presented on a repeat basis. The course would count as two hours of professional development and count under the 12 hours per biennium cap on professional development hours.

Mr. Kennedy stated he was unsure if the course would be more intramural than in-house.

He does not know if the course would be limited solely to employees of the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Mr. Terry asked if the Board would approve a daylong seminar focused on events throughout history and a theological explanation for those events working to disprove geology explanation for those events. He stated the Board could open doors for other similar seminars.

#### MOTION

Mr. Kennedy moved the Board accept this course for professional development only for two credits. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Ms. Miles stated she had a file that could not be presented today due to staff not receiving the final document until late yesterday afternoon. She indicated that the application could not be placed on the agenda due to the twenty-four hour requirement under the Freedom of Information Act. She went on to say the Board could conduct a conference call on the matter or the members could vote by ballot, which would be ratified at the next meeting.

#### Recess

#### MOTION

Mr. Kennedy moved the Board take a five-minute recess. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### Return to Public Session

#### Public Comments

There were no public comments made during the August 26, 2004 meeting.

#### Executive Session

The Board did not enter executive session during this meeting.

Mr. Kennedy stated South Carolina has reciprocity only with Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia. He further stated the Board may need further clarification on this issue. He went on to say an individual who wants to become licensed in South Carolina by reciprocity could do so only by going through one of those three states. He indicated that an individual would have to be licensed first in one of those three states and could not become licensed by reciprocity by being registered in a third state first and then going to one of those three states.

Mr. Kennedy asked if it would be worthwhile to have a block on the application for endorsement or reciprocity from one of those three states. Discussion on this matter ensued.

Ms. Miles noted that staff is working with agency employees on developing a generic application which would work for all of the Boards within the agency. She went on to say the application would not contain major changes. She indicated she has been asked to

compare a generic application with the Board's application and to make necessary changes.

Mr. Terry asked the members if, as Board members, they become aware of an ethical issue regarding a licensed geologist, are there any requirements on the members to bring the matter before the Board. Mr. Kennedy stated that whether you are a member or a registered geologist, you would be required to bring the matter before the Board.

#### Adjournment

The August 26, 2004 meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists adjourned at 11:31 a.m.