

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists**  
**Conference Call Board Meeting**  
**10:00 A.M., February 5, 2009**  
**Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building**  
**110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 108**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**

**Meeting Called to Order**

Jason Terry, Chairman, of Charleston, called the regular meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists to order at 10:02 a.m. Other members present for the meeting included: Vernon T. Ichimura, PhD., Vice-Chairman, of Aiken; Craig Kennedy, of Columbia; and Richard D. Warner, PhD., of Clemson.

A staff member participating during the meeting was Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator.

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.

**Approval of Excused Absences**

All members were present.

**Approval of the December 11, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Warner questioned the second paragraph under public comments. The Board suggested changing the wording to selected future meetings.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board approve the minutes of the December 11, 2008 meeting as amended. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Chairman's Remarks – Jason Terry**

Mr. Terry thanked the members' for their willingness to conduct the meeting on a teleconference call.

**Administrator's Remarks –Lenora Addison-Miles**

- A. *Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Sharon Dantzer, Office of General Counsel*
- B. *Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office*

There were no advisory opinions or legislative updates given during this meeting.

Mrs. Addison-Miles reminded the members to complete the Statement of Economic Interest forms with the SC Ethics Commission.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated she e-mailed the members regarding a COE workshop, which is scheduled for April 2-3, 2009 and a Task Workshop on April 4, 2009. At this time none of the members are able to attend the workshop.

**David Christian, III – Assistant Deputy Director, OLC**

Mr. Christian did not appear during this meeting.

The Board briefly discussed the Office of Licensure and Compliance and its duties. Mrs. Addison-Miles stated she checks the licensure files approximately one month prior to a Board meeting and contacts the applicants to let them know what is missing from the application.

### **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business to be discussed during this meeting.

### **New Business**

#### A. Licensure via Reciprocity and/or Endorsement

##### i. *Kelly K. Cone*

Mr. Terry recused himself from participating and voting in this matter as Ms. Cone is employed with his company. He turned the meeting over to Dr. Ichimura at this time.

On January 21, 2009 the Board received an updated geologist licensure by reciprocity/endorsement application from Kelly Cone. Ms. Cone received a Bachelor of Science Degree in geology from the College of Charleston in May 2001. She was licensed by the North Carolina Board of Geologists via the ASBOG exam in December 2006 and her license is current through June 2009. Her file is complete.

#### **MOTION**

Mr. Kennedy made a motion the Board approve Ms. Cone's application for licensure. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry resumed the chairmanship of the meeting at this time.

##### ii. *Julie R. Petersen*

On August 13, 2008 the Board received a geologist reciprocity/endorsement licensure application from Julie Petersen. Ms. Petersen received a Bachelor of Science Degree in geology from the University of Memphis in August 1997. She was licensed by the North Carolina Board of Geologists in May 2005 via the ASBOG exam. Her license is current through June 2009. Her file is complete.

#### **MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board approve Ms. Petersen's application for licensure. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

##### III. *Eric Klingel*

On April 21, 2008 the Board received a geologist reciprocity/endorsement licensure application from Eric Klingel. Mr. Klingel received a Bachelor of Science Degree in geology from the University of Akron in 1971 and a Master's of Science Degree in 1979. He was licensed in North Carolina by the state exam in 1990. His file is complete.

The Board discussed whether or not Mr. Klingel holds a PhD. in geology. The transcript indicates he received a PhD. from the University of Akron, College of Education.

#### **MOTION**

Mr. Kennedy made a motion the Board approve Mr. Klingel's application for licensure. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### B. Reinstatements

##### i. *Ihor Kunasz*

Ihor Kunasz was initially registered as a geologist in South Carolina in 1987. His license lapsed in June 1997.

Mrs. Addison-Miles stated she brought this matter to the Board as a result of the amount of time Mr. Kunasz's license has been lapsed. She is asking the Board to determine if Mr. Kunasz's education and work experience would satisfy the reinstatement requirement by paying the additional fees and submitting proof of continuing education.

**MOTION**

Dr. Ichimura made a motion the Board allow Mr. Kunasz two alternatives to licensure: 1) allow him to reinstate his license at a cost of \$300 plus \$127.50 for each year between 1997 and 2009 (totaling \$1,800.00), provide proof of continuing education, provide three professional references, provide a notarized statement indicating he has not been engaged in the practice of geology in South Carolina during the time in which his license has been lapsed, or 2) submit a new application and take the ASBOG exam, and that he not be given the option of being issued a temporary license. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ii. *Mark Miesfeldt*

Mark Miesfeldt was registered as a geologist in South Carolina in 1994. His license lapsed in 2006. He has paid past fees, submitted the notarized statement saying he has not practiced geology in South Carolina since 2006, and has provided proof of continuing education.

The Board reviewed the continuing education courses Mr. Miesfeldt submitted.

**MOTION**

Mr. Kennedy made a motion Mr. Miesfeldt resubmit his continuing education courses using the Board's form and recertify the hours on the form to coincide with the hours he submitted prior to the Board's consideration. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

Mr. Kennedy stated it appears Mr. Miesfeldt may have the required 32 hours of continuing education hours and made a motion the Board approve the hours in lieu of final confirmation of hours upon submittal of the continuing education hours on the Board's form with his signature and stamp on the form, which is to be reviewed by a Board member for final approval. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

C. Examination Request

i. *James Gage Billings*

James Billings obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in geology from St. Lawrence University in May 1987. He was registered in New Hampshire in 2002 by the grandfather clause. He is also a CPG with AIPG.

Mr. Billings has never been licensed as a geologist in South Carolina and is not licensed as a geologist in a state in which South Carolina has a reciprocity agreement. He also has not taken the ASBOG exam.

**MOTION**

Dr. Ichimura made a motion the Board approve Mr. Billings' application to take the ASBOG examinations for licensure in the State of South Carolina. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*ii. Kristin Gettys*

Kristin Gettys was registered as a GIT in 2005 after passing the fundamentals exam. She obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree from the College of Charleston in 2004. Her file was reviewed by Mr. Kennedy for approval to take the exam in order to meet the deadline for ordering the exam.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board approve Ms. Gettys' application for the Principles of Practice exam. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*iii. Robert Shealy*

Robert Shealy is applying for GIT certification and to take the fundamentals exam. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in geology from Clemson in 1999. His file was reviewed by Mr. Terry for approval to take exam in order to meet the deadline for ordering the exams.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board approve Mr. Shealy's application for examination. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

*iv. James R. Wessinger*

James Wessinger passed the fundamentals exam in March 2008 and is applying to take the practice exam. Mr. Kennedy reviewed Mr. Wessinger's file for approval to take the exam in order to meet the deadline for ordering the exams.

**MOTION**

Dr. Warner made a motion the Board approve Mr. Wessinger's application for examination. Dr. Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Public Comments**

No public comments were made during this meeting.

**Executive Session**

The Board did not enter executive session.

**Election of Officers**

**MOTION**

Mr. Kennedy made a motion the Board keep the current slate of officers for the next year. Dr. Warner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

The February 5, 2009 meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists adjourned at 10:55 a.m.