

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists
Conference Call Board Meeting
10:00 a.m., August 16, 2012
Synergy Business Park
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building Room 204
Columbia, South Carolina

Meeting Called to Order

Vernon Ichimura, PhD., chairman, of Aiken, called the conference call meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists to order at 10:00 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included: Charles Gorman, III, vice chairman, of Columbia; and Mark Taylor, of Greer.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator; Theresa Garner, Program Assistant, and Sara McCartha, Advice Counsel.

Dr. Ichimura announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC 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

There were no absences to be excused.

Approval of the May 24, 2012 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the May 24, 2012 minutes as amended. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks – Vernon Ichimura, PhD.

Dr. Ichimura stated he thought ASBOG was trying to streamline the charter to reflect current practices, since it had not been updated for four or five years. He said the only substantial change seemed to be a better definition of the members at large.

Administrator's Remarks – Lenora Addison-Miles

Mrs. Miles reported there are 618 active geologists registered through June 30, 2013, and five active GIT's. The June 2012 year-end cash balance reflected a total of \$93,067.58.

Members were reminded of the Insurance Reserve Fund (IRF) class for Board members and administrators will be held on Friday, September 14, 2012 at Denny Auditorium, SC Fire Academy. The class will share important information as to legal representation should a lawsuit be filed against the agency, staff or board members.

The new mileage reimbursement rate increased to 55.5 cents per mile effective July 1, 2012. Mrs. Miles provided members with a copy of the summary of the Temporary License for Military Spouse Law. She stated Board Regulation 131-07 also addresses Temporary Registration.

She reported the Board issued two Cease and Desist Orders for non-compliance with the CE audit. These orders suspend the licenses until the individuals comply with the audit.

Unfinished Business

Electronic Signatures and Seals

Board members discussed the possibilities of implementing electronic signatures and seals which would involve making changes to the regulations. Currently DHEC does not accept electronic submittals.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion to table the discussion and place it on the agenda for the next meeting in December. At that time the board will decide if they want to move forward with any regulation changes. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

New Business

Licensure via Reciprocity/Endorsement

Marylea Kibilko

Marylea Hart Kibilko was registered in Florida on January 7, 2008 by ASBOG exams. She obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from Furman University on May 27, 2000 and a Master of Science degree in Geology from the University of Florida on December 20, 2003. The license verification from Florida indicates her license expired on July 31, 2012. Mrs. Miles contacted Ms. Kibilko regarding the expired license and her response was she is no longer living or working in the state of Florida and no longer needs the license. She now lives in South Carolina and began applying for a license in May. The license verification from the state of Florida indicates she has passed the exams, and meets all qualifications for this state.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve Ms. Kibilko's application request for reciprocity. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Licensure via Reinstatement

Jean Hebert

Ms. Hebert's license lapsed June 30, 2011. She submitted a complete reinstatement packet, including an updated application, updated employment verification, notarized statement that she has not practiced since the license lapsed, proof of CE's, and all past renewal fees, late fees, and reinstatement fee.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve Ms. Hebert's application. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Brian Keith Hutchison

Mr. Hutchison's license lapsed June 30, 2011. He has submitted a complete reinstatement packet, including an updated application, updated employment verification, notarized statement that he has not practiced since the license lapsed, proof of CE's, and all past renewal fees, late fees, and reinstatement fee.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve Mr. Hutchison's application. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ASBOG Examination Requests

Donald Michael Cobb (FG)

Mr. Cobb submitted an application to take the Fundamentals of Geology examination for certification as a geologist-in-training. He obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from Clemson University on August 13, 2005.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion to allow Mr. Cobb to take the Fundamentals examination. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Jeremy Philip Franz (FG)

Mr. Franz submitted an application to take the Fundamentals of Geology examination for certification as a geologist-in-training. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geology from Ohio Wesleyan University on May 9, 2010.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to allow Mr. Franz to take the Fundamentals examination. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Michelle Alexandra Hays (FG/PG)

Ms. Hays submitted an application to take both ASBOG exams for registration as a professional geologist. She obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Geological Engineering from Colorado School of Mines on May 3, 2002.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion to allow Ms. Hays to take both ASBOG exams. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Sharon Lingle (FG/PG)

Ms. Lingle submitted an application to take both ASBOG exams for registration as a professional geologist. She obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Geology from Ohio University on August 20, 1994, and a Master of Science Degree in Geology from the University of Toledo on August 7, 1999. The board received an additional Employment Verification on August 13, 2012, from ATC & Associates that documents two years of full time work experience from September 7, 2004 through December 2, 2006.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to allow Ms. Lingle to take both ASBOG exams. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Sarah Alice McCarthy (FG/PG)

Ms. McCarthy reapplied to take both ASBOG exams for registration as a professional geologist. She was originally approved by the board on August 6, 2009, and after three unsuccessful attempts, she is required to re-apply. She obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Science from the University of Mary Washington on May 8, 2004.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to allow Ms. McCarthy to retest for both exams. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Ratification of Mail Ballot

Martin O. Klein

Staff received a reinstatement packet from Mr. Klein on June 25, 2012. He indicated he did not receive notice of his renewal and that he did not know his license had lapsed until he was notified by DHEC. In an effort to assist Mr. Klein, the information was forwarded to the board members for their review via e-mail. Staff received an e-mail confirmation on July 18, 2012, regarding the approval of Mr. Klein's reinstatement, and issued his license. For the record, staff requested a ratification of the e-mail ballot.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion to ratify the e-mail ballot for Mr. Klein's request for reinstatement. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Continuing Education Audit (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011)

William Clister

Staff made five unsuccessful attempts to obtain the remaining documentation to support his attendance and participation in the CE events that he had claimed. Staff sent three e-mails and two letters, one was certified and was returned by the Post Office "unable to forward." Mr. Clister did send an e-mail on May 17, 2012 indicating that he is no longer practicing in South Carolina and there is little reason to pursue continuing his license. He stated he just wants to let his license lapse into its own form of retirement. Mrs. Miles asked the board if they want to send the standard Cease and Desist letter suspending his license since he did not meet the continuing education requirements.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion to send Mr. Clister a routine Cease and Desist letter. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Lawrence Mattila

Mr. Mattila failed to respond to the original audit request. A follow up letter dated February 26, 2012 was sent via certified mail. The board reviewed Mr. Mattila's written statement regarding his personal situation and the difficulty he was having obtaining his documentation, which was reviewed by the board at the May 24th meeting. The board voted to defer action to allow Mr. Mattila additional time to provide proof of his hours by August 16th. Mr. Mattila was notified of the board's decision via certified mail return receipt, as of August the 16th the board had not received the documents.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to issue Mr. Mattila a Cease and Desist Order. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG)

2012 Proposed Amendments to ASBOG Charter and Bylaws

Mrs. Miles reported that the voting delegate would vote, on behalf of the board, during the ASBOG Annual Meeting. The Annual meeting is scheduled for October 30th through November 4th in Omaha, Nebraska.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the proposed amendments and approve funds to send a delegate to the meeting. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the S. C. Board of Registration for Geologists is scheduled for December 6, 2012.