

MINUTES
South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists

Board Meeting

10:00 a.m., December 6, 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 regular scheduled 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; Mark Taylor, of Greer; and Dr. Douglas Nelson, of Conway.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Lenora Addison-Miles, Administrator; Theresa Garner, Program Assistant, and Jamie Saxon, 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Excused Absences

There were no absences to be excused.

Approval of the August 16, 2012 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the August 16, 2012 minutes. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks – Vernon Ichimura, PhD.

Dr. Ichimura stated Mr. Gorman attended the Insurance Reserve Fund class for Board members on September 14, 2012, and Mr. Taylor represented the board at the ASBOG Annual Meeting in Omaha, Nebraska on November 3, 2012. Mr. Gorman was asked to give a summary of the Insurance Reserve Fund class.

Dr. Ichimura welcomed new board member, Dr. Douglas Nelson, Academic Representative.

Holly Pisarik, LLR Director

LLR Director, Holly Pisarik, introduced herself to the board members. She stated she was available to provide support and resources to the board members whenever they needed her assistance.

Administrator's Remarks – Lenora Addison-Miles

Mrs. Miles reported there are 623 active geologists registered through June 30, 2013, and five active GIT's. The July 2012 cash balance report for fiscal year 2013 reflected a balance of

\$87,247.92. As of October, the balance was \$78,713.42. The SC Tort Claims Act PowerPoint Presentation, given by Darra Coleman during the Insurance Reserve Fund class, was e-mailed to board members on November 6th.

Unfinished Business

Electronic Signatures and Seals

After a lengthy discussion regarding the use of Electronic Signatures and Seals, the board decided to table the item and requested Mrs. Miles obtain detailed procedures from the Engineers, Architecture and other LLR Boards regarding their processes on adopting electronic signatures.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion to table the discussion to review copies of what other boards were using. Dr. Nelson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

New Business

ASBOG Examination Results

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to enter executive session to review the ASBOG examination results. Dr. Nelson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to return to public session. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously. It was noted for the record that no votes or actions were taken while in executive session.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion to accept the ASBOG exam results. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Licensure via Reciprocity/Endorsement

Gina Calderone

Ms. Calderone was registered in Maine on January 1, 2001 by ASBOG exams. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Earth Science from Fairleigh Dickinson University in June 1983, a Master of Science degree in Geology from Ball State University on November 21, 1986, and a Master of Science degree in Hydrogeology from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in December 1995.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve Ms. Calderone's application via reciprocity with Maine. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Madeline German

Ms. German was registered in North Carolina on December 10, 2010 by ASBOG exams. She obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from Appalachian State University on August 5, 2005. Staff received the original employment verification with signature after packets were mailed to members.

MOTION

Dr. Nelson made a motion to accept Ms. German's application via reciprocity with North Carolina. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Stuart Ryman

Mr. Ryman was registered in Oregon on January 25, 1999 by ASBOG exams. Oregon first used ASBOG exams in 1996. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Geological Engineering from The University of Idaho on May 14, 1983.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept Mr. Ryman's application via reciprocity with Oregon. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gorman which carried unanimously.

Licensure via Reinstatement

Christopher Bruce

Mr. Bruce'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, and proof of CE's. He also paid all past renewal fees, late fees, and reinstatement fee.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to reinstate Mr. Bruce's license. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Edward C. Hood

Mr. Hood's license lapsed on June 30, 2003, he submitted a complete reinstatement packet including an updated application, an updated employment verification, a notarized statement that he has not practiced since the license lapsed, proof of CE's and paid all required fees.

MOTION

Dr. Nelson made a motion to reinstate Mr. Hood's license. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ASBOG Examination Requests

William Sloan Click (FG)

Mr. Click submitted an application to take the Fundamentals exam for certification as a Geologist-in-Training. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from Millsaps College on May 12, 2012. In order to meet the deadline to order examinations, the application was reviewed by Dr. Ichimura.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion to accept Mr. Click's application to take the examination. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Michael Haywood (FG)

Mr. Haywood submitted an application to take the Fundamentals exam for certification as a Geologist-in-Training. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the University of Illinois at Urbana, on December 21, 2009. He is applying to take the exam in March.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept Mr. Haywood's application to take the examination. Dr. Nelson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

John Kerr (FG)

Mr. Kerr submitted an application to take the Fundamentals exam for certification as a Geologist-in-Training. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geology from the College of Charleston on May 12, 2012. The application was reviewed by Dr. Ichimura in order to meet the examination deadline.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept Mr. Kerr's application to take the examination. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Michael Pardue (FG)

Mr. Pardue submitted an application to take the Fundamentals exam for certification as a Geologist-in-Training. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on May 10, 2009. In order to meet the examination deadline, the application was reviewed by Dr. Ichimura.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion to accept Mr. Pardue's application to take the examination. Dr. Nelson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Ryan Strelcheck (FG)

Mr. Strelcheck applied to take the Fundamentals exam for certification as a Geologist-in-Training. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from Northern Illinois University on May 14, 2011.

MOTION

Dr. Nelson made a motion to accept Mr. Strelcheck's application to take the examination. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Peter John Van Heest (FG)

Mr. Van Heest has applied to take the Fundamentals exam for certification as a Geologist-in-Training. His application was placed on the agenda but the board did not receive proof of his undergraduate degree. He obtained a Master of Science degree in Hydrogeology from Clemson University on August 10, 2012.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept Mr. Van Heest's application to take the examination, contingent upon receipt of proof of his Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from Hope College. Dr. Nelson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Clayton Wellborn (PG)

Mr. Wellborn applied to take the PG (Practice of Geology) exam for registration as a Professional Geologist. He was registered as a Geologist-in-Training in 2010, and he passed the Fundamentals exam in October of 2010. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from Clemson University on August 11, 2007. In order to meet the examination deadline the application was reviewed by Dr. Ichimura.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept Mr. Wellborn's application to take the examination. Dr. Nelson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ASBOG Annual Meeting Report

Mr. Taylor reported on the ASBOG Annual Meeting. He stated the process of the Angoff evaluations was for the participants to go question-by-question and rate the percentage of Geologists who are minimally qualified to practice, he said it was a very interesting process. He stated that when they looked at the test results it was determined the scale score is dependent on the Angoff process. If the participants said only 40% should get it right and actually 80 do, it dumbs the test down, and vice versa. It either makes the test more difficult or levels it to the middle.

Within the database are a sub-set of questions which are considered to be an "Anchor Test", good historical statistics are kept on these questions.

He stated the field trip was extremely interesting. Basically one of the board members from a Nebraska engineering firm was part of the team that saved the Omaha Airport during the flooding of 2011.

He said ASBOG is like an activist organization, the board is working hard in a number of areas to promote the use of the examination and continue its development. They are trying to promote its use as an exit exam for a Geology Degree, and their neighbors to the north, the international aspect.

He submitted a list of questions for the board's review that would be discussed at a later date.

Insurance Reserve Fund Report

Mr. Gorman stated he had attended the Insurance Reserve Fund training class on September 14, 2012. He said as a board member and a state employee, he has always been curious how that would work. He stated that his understanding was if you were in the boundaries of your authority the state would cover you.

Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion to enter into executive session for legal advice regarding the Insurance Reserve Fund. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion to return to public session. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which carried unanimously. It was noted for the record that no votes or actions were taken while in executive session.

2013 Proposed Meeting Dates

The Board reviewed the proposed meeting dates for 2013: February 21, May 16, August 22, and December 5. Due to a scheduling conflict, changes were recommended for February and December. The February meeting will be held on the twelfth at 1:00 p.m. and the December meeting will be on the twelfth at 10:00 a.m.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept the amended 2013 meeting dates: Dr. Nelson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

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Adjournment

Dr. Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:11 p.m. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the S. C. Board of Registration for Geologists is scheduled for February 12, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.