

MINUTES
SC Board of Registration for Geologists
Conference Call Board Meeting
10:00 A.M., February 3, 2014
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 10:04 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included: Charles Gorman, III, vice chairman, of Columbia; Dr. Doug Nelson, of Conway; and Mark Taylor of Greenville.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Megan Flannery, Attorney, Office of General Counsel; Theresa Garner, Program Assistant, Georgia Lewis, Advice Counsel; and Molly Price, Administrator;

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

All members were present.

Approval of the December 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Dr. Nelson made a motion the Board approve the minutes as distributed. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion. Mr. Gorman made one correction to page seven of the minutes. He noted Dr. Nelson made a motion, and Mr. Taylor seconded the motion regarding Mr. Lamsa.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion the minutes be approved as modified. Dr. Nelson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks

Dr. Ichimura stated the Statement of Economic Interest forms must be completed with the State Ethics Commission no later than March 30, 2014.

Dr. Ichimura noted the last ASBOG meeting held went fine and there is nothing to report from the meeting. The next ASBOG meeting is scheduled for April 3 – 5, 2014 in Buffalo, NY.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion the Board send a member to the spring ASBOG meeting in Buffalo, New York. Dr. Nelson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board determined Mr. Taylor would attend the meeting.

Dr. Ichimura asked that the agenda items posted on the electronic website be placed in order of the agenda.

Administrator's Report – Molly Price

Currently the Board has 13 Geologists-in-Training (GIT) and 598 Professional Geologists.

The cash balance report for year end 2013 reflected a balance of \$115,791.13.

The next ASBOG exam is scheduled for March 7, 2014. There are seven applicants scheduled to take the Fundamentals of Geology exam and two applicants scheduled to take the Practice of Geology exam.

On January 14, 2014, 56 cease and desist letters were mailed out for expired licenses from June 30, 2013.

Currently staff is preparing the 2011-2013 continuing education audit. We should have this in the mail sometime this month and ready for review at the next scheduled Board meeting, which is June 11, 2014.

As a reminder Statement of Economic Interest forms are to be completed by all current board members, even if you were recently appointed to the Board. Filing the Statement of Economic Interest forms is required no later than March 30, 2014. Cathy Hazelwood is your contact at the State Ethics Commission. The forms are to be completed online at www.ethics.sc.gov/StatementofEconomicinterest.

Also, the board member reference manual has been recently updated as of January 8, 2014. You can locate it on the board member website under the tab 'reference manuals'. This is a great reference tool for any questions you may have. LLR staff tries to update this manual as frequently as possible with new and updated information. You can also obtain additional information about the statement of economic interest forms in this manual.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement Report

Mrs. Price stated there is currently one case in the Office of Investigations and Enforcement. She noted this case is pending a board hearing.

Office of General Counsel Report

Megan Flannery stated there is currently one case pending action in the Office of General Counsel. She further stated no cases were closed in 2013.

Old Business

Revision of CE Guidelines

On Demand Webinars

A discussion ensued regarding Internet based webinars requiring one person present during the webinar being restrictive. Other topics during the discussion included, but were not limited to, the amount of continuing education hours geologists could earn from webinars.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion based on discussion during the meeting; that Dr. Ichimura initiate language to the guidelines regarding on demand webinars and submit the report by the next meeting. Dr. Nelson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

New Business

ASBOG Examination Request

Patrick Glenn Boylan

The Board received an application from Mr. Boylan on January 2, 2014, to take the Fundamentals of Geology examination for certification as a Geologist-in-Training. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Geological Sciences and a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Science from the University of South Carolina on May 5, 2012. His file was complete. In order to meet the deadline to order examinations, the application was reviewed by Dr. Ichimura.

MOTION

Mr. Taylor made a motion the Board accepts Mr. Boylan's request to take the Fundamentals of Geology examination. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Casey T. Jennings

The Board received an application from Mr. Jennings on January 9, 2014, 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 December 20, 2012. His file was complete. In order to meet the deadline to order examinations, the application was reviewed by Dr. Ichimura.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion the Board accepts Mr. Jennings request to take the Fundamentals of Geology examination. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

April Prater Rodgers

The Board received an application from Ms. Rodgers on January 7, 2014, to retake the Fundamentals of Geology examination for certification as a Geologist-in-Training. She obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the University of South Carolina on December 15, 2008. Her application is complete. In order to meet the deadline to order examinations, the application was reviewed by Dr. Ichimura.

MOTION

Dr. Nelson made a motion the Board approves Ms. Rodgers request to take the Fundamentals of Geology examination. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Licensure by Reinstatement

Malcolm Francis Schaeffer

The Board received an application from Mr. Schaeffer on January 21, 2014. Mr. Schaeffer's license lapsed on June 30, 2013. He has submitted a notarized statement confirming he has not engaged in the Practice of Geology in South Carolina since his license expired. He submitted proof of continuing education, has paid a reinstatement fee, and all current renewal and late fees. His file was complete.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion the Board accepts Mr. Schaeffer's application for reinstatement. Dr. Nelson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Review of Application for Licensure via Reciprocity/Endorsement

Michael D. Senglaub

The Board received an application from Mr. Senglaub on May 2, 2013. He was licensed by the North Carolina Board on July 1, 2012, by ASBOG exams, and the license will expire on June 30, 2014. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the Oneonta State University of New York in May 2002, and a Master's of Science degree in geology from Bowling Green State University in December 2004. His file was complete.

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion to accept Mr. Senglaub's application for licensure via reciprocity North Carolina. Dr. Nelson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Continuing Education Pre-Approval Request

Redox Tech LLC-Southeastern in-Situ Soil & Groundwater Remediation Conference – John Haselow

The Board received a request on January 21, 2014, from Mr. Haselow requesting pre-approval for continuing education credits being offered at the fourth Biennial Southeastern In-Situ Soil and Groundwater Remediation Conference by Redox Tech LLC, to be held in Raleigh, North Carolina. On March 4, 2014 through March 5, 2014

MOTION

Mr. Gorman made a motion the Board accepts the continuing education request for pre-approval. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Verifiable Electronic Seal

Florida DOT

The Board discussed the use of electronic seals and signatures on geological documents submitted to businesses and agencies within South Carolina. The discussion included, but was not limited to, requirements on the seal and the Uniform Electronic Transaction (UET) Act 26-6-50(B) and 26-6.70(A) (D).

MOTION

Dr. Nelson made a motion that Mr. Gorman and Mr. Taylor be appointed to a committee to research electronic seals and electronic signatures. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Public Comments

No public comments were made during this meeting.

Adjournment

MOTION

There being no further business to be brought before the Board at this time, Dr. Nelson made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The February 3, 2014 meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

The next meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists is scheduled for June 11, 2014.