

**MINUTES**  
**SC BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR GEOLOGISTS**  
**CONFERENCE CALL BOARD MEETING**  
10:00 A.M., August 14, 2014  
Synergy Business Park  
110 Centerview Drive, Kingtree Building, Room 204  
Columbia, South Carolina

**Meeting Called to Order**

Vernon Ichimura, PhD., chairman, of Aiken, called the regular scheduled meeting of the S. C. Board of Registration for Geologists to order at 10:00 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included: Charles Gorman, vice-chairman, of Columbia; Dr. Douglas Nelson, of Conway, and Mark Taylor, of Greer.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Theresa Garner-Program Assistant; Mary League, Advice Counsel, and Zubin Billimoria, Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

Dr. Ichimura announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S.C. Board of Registration for Geologists office, Synergy Business Park, Kingtree 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 June 11, 2014, Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION**

Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept the June 11, 2014 meeting minutes, as presented. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Chairman's Remarks-Vernon Ichimura**

Dr. Ichimura asked if Board Members had received any information regarding the upcoming annual ASBOG meeting in Indianapolis. Mark Taylor said he received information, and it will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Taylor will forward the information to board members.

## **MOTION**

Mr. Gorman made a motion the board approve sending a board member to attend the ASBOG meeting, pending a review of their schedules. Dr. Nelson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Dr. Ichimura informed board members that ASBOG was continuing to collect data regarding endorsements, and reciprocity of the association records.

### **Administrator's Remarks-Theresa Garner on behalf of Molly Price**

Ms. Garner reported the board currently has 12 Geologists-in-training (GIT), and 614 Professional Geologists.

The Cash Balance report for July was \$82, 321.87.

The next scheduled ASBOG exam will be given on October 10, 2014.

The 2015 Board Meeting Schedule is as follows:

February 9, 2015

June 8, 2015

August 6, 2015

December 10, 2015

### **Legislative Update-Proposed changes to the Regulations**

#### **Notice of Drafting for Electronic Seals**

The amendment to Regulation 131-11 regarding the electronic seal and signature that was approved at the June 11, 2014 board meeting has been passed on to office staff that will now publish a Notice of Drafting sometime this month. Board members will be updated during this process.

### **OGC Report-Office of General Counsel**

Zubin Billimoria, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, presented the Case Load Statistics Report as of August 5, 2014. He reported they currently have one closed case.

### **OIE Report- Office of Investigative Enforcement**

Theresa Garner presented the OIE Report on behalf of Sharon Wolfe, who was attending another board meeting. She stated OIE had no cases from January 1, 2014 to August 15, 2014, and one case that was closed.

## **New Business**

### **ASBOG EXAMINATION REQUESTS**

Christian Coleridge Bates

The Board received an application from Mr. Bates on August 1, 2014 to take the fundamentals of Geology and Practice of Geology examinations for certification as a Registered Professional Geologist. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the College of Charleston on June 4, 1978. His file was complete.

### **MOTION**

Mr. Gorman made a motion to accept Mr. Bates' requests to take the Fundamentals and Practice of Geology Exams. Dr. Nelson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Daniel E. Taylor Brantley

The Board received an application from Mr. Brantley on June 19, 2014, to take the Fundamentals of Geology and Practice of Geology examinations for certification as a Registered Professional Geologist. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Presbyterian College on August 12, 1997; a Masters degree in Earth and Environmental Resource Management from the University of South Carolina on May 6, 2006, and a Master of Science in Geological Sciences from the University of South Carolina on August 8, 2009. In an effort to help Mr. Brantley register in advance for the ASBOG examination in October, Board Chairman, Dr. Ichimura, pre-approved his application on June 27, 2014. His file was complete.

### **MOTION**

Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept Mr. Brantley's requests to take the Fundamentals and Practice of Geology Exams. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

John Stanford Jennings Kerr

The Board received an application from Mr. Kerr on August 4, 2014, to take the Fundamentals of Geology examination 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. His file was complete.

### **MOTION**

Dr. Nelson made a motion to accept Mr. Kerr's request to take the Fundamentals of Geology examination. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Kyle Thomas Lawing

The Board received an application from Mr. Lawing on July 28, 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 the College of Charleston on December 19, 2009. His file was complete.

**MOTION**

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

Reid McCall Mobley

The Board received an application from Mr. Mobley on July 28, 2014, to take the Fundamentals of Geology and Practice of Geology examinations for certification as a Registered Professional Geologist. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the University of South Carolina on December 15, 2008, and a Master of Science degree in Geological Sciences from the University of South Carolina on December 17, 2012. His file was complete.

**MOTION**

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve Mr. Mobley's request to take the Fundamentals, and Practice of Geology examinations. Dr. Nelson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Kevin J. Phelan

The Board received an application from Mr. Phelan on July 22, 2014, to take the Fundamentals of Geology and Practice of Geology examinations for certification as a Registered Professional Geologist. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geology from Boston University on May 18, 1975, and a Master of Arts in Geological Sciences from the State University of New York at Binghamton on May 31, 1981. His file was complete.

**MOTION**

Dr. Nelson made a motion to accept Mr. Phelan's requests to take the Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations for certification as a Registered Professional Geologist. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Licensure via Reciprocity/Endorsement**

Bret K. Davis

The Board received an application from Mr. Davis on July 14, 2014. He was licensed by the Georgia Board on May 21, 2014, by ASBOG exams, and his license will expire on December 31,

2015. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology on May 15, 1999 from the College of Charleston. His file was complete.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gorman made a motion to approve Mr. Davis' request for licensure as a geologist via reciprocity Georgia pending confirmation regarding question #14, page 3 of the application which asks "Have you read and understand the S. C. Board of Registration for Geologists Statute and Regulations (SC Code of Laws, Title 40 Chapter 77, and SC Code of "Regulations Chapter 131"? Dr. Nelson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Simon Keith Kline

The Board received an application from Mr. Kline on June 27, 2014. He was licensed by the North Carolina Board on February 14, 2007 via reciprocity with Washington State, and his license will expire on June 30, 2014 (still shows as active on N. C. website). He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Geosciences from the University of Arizona on December 18, 1999, and a Master of Science degree in Geology from Syracuse University on June 30, 2004. His file was complete.

**MOTION**

Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept Mr. Kline's request for licensure as a geologist via reciprocity North Carolina. Dr. Nelson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Ford Nicholas Shore

The Board received an application from Mr. Shore on May 27, 2014. He was licensed by the North Carolina Board on June 23, 2010, by ASBOG exams, and his license will expire on June 30, 2014 (still shows as active on N.C. website). He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from North Carolina State University on August 8, 2002. His file was complete.

**MOTION**

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

James R. Stroud

The Board received an application from Mr. Stroud on July 23, 2014. He was licensed by the North Carolina Board on May 8, 2013, by ASBOG exams, and his license will expire on June 30, 2015. He has also held a license in Virginia since February 17, 1998. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from North Carolina State University on August 11, 1984.

**MOTION**

Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept Mr. Stroud's request for licensure as a geologist via reciprocity North Carolina. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Continuing Education Pre-approval Requests**

**Evaluation of Indoor Inhalation Pathway**

The Board received a request on August 4, 2014, from Margaret Milman-Barris requesting pre-approval for continuing education credits for the course "Evaluation of Indoor Inhalation Pathway" being held on August 26-27, 2014.

**MOTION**

Mr. Taylor made a motion the board accepts the highlighted course hours for general geology and other Professional Development hours for "Evaluation of Indoor Inhalation Pathway" in accordance with CE guidelines. Dr. Nelson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Faults and Landslides**

The Board received a request on July 14, 2014, from Sue Buchanan requesting pre-approval for continuing education credits for the course "Faults and Landslides-Geologic Structures, Processes, and Landforms Important to Engineering and Hydrogeology Projects in the Blue Ridge of Western North Carolina" being held on September 6, 2014. Board Chairman, Dr. Ichimura pre-approved this event for (8) CE hours pending Board approval.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gorman made a motion the board accepts the course "Faults and Landslides-Geologic Structures, Processes, and Landforms Important to Engineering and Hydrogeology Projects in the Blue Ridge of Western North Carolina", in accordance with CE guidelines. Dr. Nelson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**High Resolution Characterization for Remediation of VOC's and Emerging Contaminants**

The Board received a request on June 17, 2014, from Christopher Turner requesting pre-approval for continuing education credits for the workshop "High Resolution Characterization for Remediation of VOC's and Emerging Contaminants" that was held on May 19, 2014.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gorman made a motion the board accepts the course “High Resolution Characterization for Remediation of VOC’s and Emerging Contaminants”, in accordance with CE guidelines.

Ninth International Conference on Remediation of Chlorinated and Recalcitrant Compounds

The Board received a request on June 17, 2014, from Christopher Turner requesting pre-approval for continuing education credits for “Ninth International Conference on Remediation of Chlorinated and Recalcitrant Compounds” that was held on May 19-22, 2014.

#### **MOTION**

Mr. Gorman made a motion the board accepts the course “Remediation of Chlorinated and Recalcitrant Compounds”, in accordance with CE guidelines.

Board members had a discussion regarding what a PE can stamp, and what type of experience is allowable for PE’s to perform geology work. The board asked that our Advice Counsel, Georgia Lewis, review the PE statutes, and the Geologists statutes, to see if there is any current wording that addresses this issue. Advice Counsel, Mary League, stated she would let Georgia Lewis know the board would like this item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. They also asked Ms. Garner to research and see if the board ever had an agreement with the Professional Engineering Board regarding this topic. Ms. Garner stated that she would research and notify board members of the results.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

The next meeting of the S. C. Board of Registration for Geologists is scheduled for December 11, 2014.