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Winter 2023 Newsletter

SC Board of Registration for Geologists

BOARD MEETING DATES

The SC Board of Registration for Geologists will meet on the following dates:

- January 24, 2023
- April 25, 2023
- July 25, 2023
- October 24, 2023

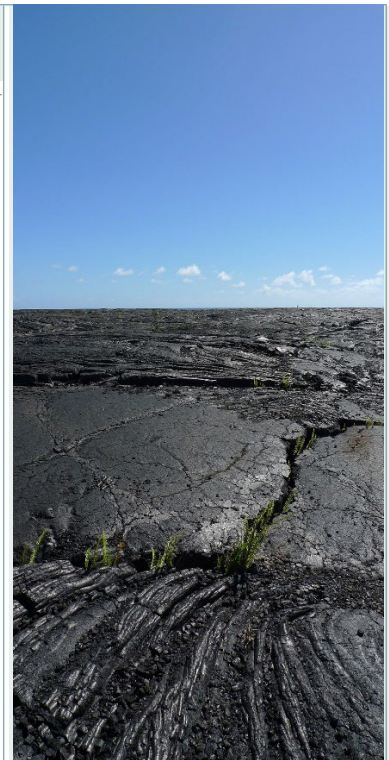
Meetings are held via video and teleconference and begin at 10 a.m. Members of the public who wish to attend may do so by telephone or Internet. For login information, please contact the Board office by telephone at (803)896-4575, or by email at Contact.Geologists@llr.sc.gov.

BOARD MEMBERS

- Nina Marshtein, Chair
- Dr. Vernon Ichimura, Member
- Susan Fulmer, Member

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE BOARD?

Members of the Board must be residents of the State of South Carolina who have been engaged in the practice of geology for at least twelve years, and have been in responsible charge of important geologic work for at least five years. Interested individuals should send a cover letter (addressed to Governor Henry McMaster) and resume to Boards@governor.sc.gov.



BOARD STAFF

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ONLINE SERVICES

LLR offers many online services, including application status updates, change of address, and printing pocket cards. You will need the user identification and password for your online renewal to access these services, which are available on the [Board website](#) (click “Licensing + Services”).

REGULATIONS REMINDER

The Board wants to remind all licenses of the regulations that went into effect on June 26, 2020, resulting in the following changes:

- There is no longer an appeal process for exam candidates who fail the FG or PG exams,
- Licensees can now reinstate their license up to six years after it lapses, and
- The continuing education requirement has been reduced to 24 hours per biennium.

A link to the Regulations is available on the [Board website](#) under “Quick Links.”

ASBOG EXAMINATIONS

ASBOG Examinations will be administered by Computer Based Testing (CBT) through Prometric Testing centers beginning with the next exam administration on March 17, 2023. This means that the FG and PG exams will be given on computer at nationwide testing centers.

Applicants must be approved by the Board prior to registering for the exam. **The application deadline for this examination is January 10, 2023.** This means all application materials must be received at the Board office by this date to ensure being added to the agenda for review.

Candidates are encouraged to utilize the [online application system](#) to submit their applications for the examination. Candidates for the FG exam must complete the Geologist-in-Training Application. Candidates for the PG exam must complete the Geologist Application.

APPLICATIONS

You can apply for licensure online! The process is fast, easy, and secure. [Click here](#) to create an account and start the application process.

Paper applications are available on the [Board website](#). Please note that the application fee must be paid by check or money order if submitting a paper application.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Geologists are required to obtain 24 hours of continuing education July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023. Continuing education is prorated for newly registered geologists. Details on the continuing education requirements, including information on acceptable courses and the proration chart for new registrants, is available on the [Board website](#).

COMPLAINTS

Licensees play an important role in safeguarding the public, and the Board relies on you to advise us when you encounter unprofessional, unethical, or unlicensed activities. Licensees have an ethical obligation under the SC Code of Regulations, Chapter 131-14(5) which states that “registrants who are aware of decisions or actions by an employer, client, or colleague which violates any law or regulation, the registrant shall advise against such action, and when such violation appears to materially affect the public health, safety, or welfare, shall advise the appropriate public officials, including but not limited to, the Board of Registration, responsible for the enforcement of such law or regulation.” Furthermore, the SC Code of Laws, Section 40-77-190 ensures that “investigations and proceedings conducted under this chapter are confidential and all communications are privileged.” The Board encourages you to file a complaint if you witness a possible violation. The Board can accept anonymous complaints and pursue them if you do not wish to be the formal complainant, and the related information or documentation is publicly available.

The public relies on you to file a complaint if you suspect violations of Board statutes or regulations. It is not taken lightly, and will be investigated in a timely manner. Complaints may be filed through the [online complaint form](#).

LICENSURE STATISTICS AS OF January 1, 2023

Professional Geologists: 597

Geologists-in-Training: 45

OFFICE HOURS

The Board office is open 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday; except on the following State Holidays:

- January 16, 2023: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- February 20, 2023: Presidents’ Day
- May 10, 2023: Confederate Memorial Day
- May 29, 2023: National Memorial Day
- July 4, 2023: Independence Day
- September 4, 2023: Labor Day
- November 10, 2023: Veteran’s Day
- November 23-24, 2023: Thanksgiving
- December 22-26, 2023: Christmas

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

We hope the information in this newsletter is beneficial to you. We welcome you sharing this newsletter and the Board [website](#) with anybody who has an interest in geology in South Carolina. Please submit information to the [Board](#) if you have suggestions for a future newsletter.