

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Board of Professional Geologists

Meeting Type: Scheduled General Business Meeting
Meeting Date: October 29, 2003
Meeting Loc: Jacksonville

Board Members: K. Dawn Blackledge (Chair), Gabrielle Enos, Valerie R. Francisco, Donald F. McNeill, James W. Pease
Tom Scott (Vice Chair), Stuart W. Smith

Members Absent: None (1 vacancy)

Other Attendees: Barbara Edwards, (Board Counsel)
Eric Hurst, (Prosecuting Attorney)
Juanita Chastain, (Executive Director)
John Knap, (Executive Director)
Christa Patterson, (Board Staff)
Jerry Wilson, (Deputy Director)
Rand Edelstein, (PG Consultant)

Major Issues/Actions

- Continuing discussion of privatization of Geology Board. First considered in 1997. Board has studied the Surveyor and Mapper proposal, which has taken two years to develop. FAPG will not fund privatization effort. Chair stated she does not see the support necessary from the profession. A motion was passed to table the privatization discussion for one year depending on the actions of the Department.
- The Board reviewed five applications for licensure. Time was spent educating the three new members on procedures for reviewing applications. Valerie Francisco was appointed as the application committee.
- The Board requested to review any long-term budget projections completed by the Department.
- Newsletter to be ready for mailing prior to the January '04 general business meeting.
- Discussion of letter from National Groundwater Association. Chair to respond for the Board regarding defining the practice of Geology.
- Board requested continuing case / unlicensed activity reports. E.D. will provide reports for each meeting.
- Discussion of 492.108(1)(d), F.S. laws and rules portion of exam. Not currently administered by testing. Will check with Board Counsel regarding the Boards authority to withhold portion of exam required by Statute.

Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- Discussion of legislative package progress to date. Board was assured that there would be a package this year. Board is not asking for any major changes or incurring any new costs. Primarily the changes granting disciplinary authority to Board. Jerry Wilson, Deputy Director, following up with Legislative Affairs to determine if the Boards proposed legislative language will be included in the Department legislative package.
- Discussion of 455.02(2), F.S. providing an exemption of renewal requirements when a licensee accompanies a spouse on military orders outside the State of Florida. Board counsel is drafting rule changes for approval.

Next Meeting: January 28-29, 2004 Tallahassee

John T. Knap
Executive Director

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