

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS

I. General Information

Meeting Type: General Business
Meeting Dates: May 14-15, 2003. The meeting was held at the Radisson Resort at the Port, Cape Canaveral
Members Present: Dawn Blackledge, Valerie Francisco, Gabrielle Enos, Tom Kwader, Tom Scott, and Harry Hutton
Members Absent: None

II. Major Issues/Actions

- The Board reviewed 1 application for licensure by examination and 7 applications for licensure by endorsement. The Board approved 1 application by examination and approved 6 applications by endorsement. The Board denied 1 application by endorsement.
- Mr. Hurst reported that the probable cause panel's request for supplemental investigation had been received and asks that another probable cause panel be scheduled.
- The Board discussed the possibility of privatization and asked that this subject be an ongoing agenda item for discussion. They asked that a representative from the surveyors/mappers board be present to discuss the study recently conducted on that profession.
- The Board discussed the budget and was concerned why administrative costs have increased. Dr. Kwader would like the trust fund balance reported on the financial statement.
- The board discussed the complaint flow chart and the use of geology consultants. The board feels consultants should always be used because the profession is so unique.
- The board asked that a newsletter be mailed as soon as possible. Ms. Enos will work with staff to complete the newsletter.
- The board would like to review the geology unlicensed activity cases after the department processes.
- The board discussed the ASBOG examination statistics.
- The board discussed the fact that they continue to be short two consumer members.
- Director Varnado addressed the board and expressed his desire to provide the board with quality customer service. The board expressed their appreciation but commented there was such a high rate of turnover at the department it is difficult to get consistency. They also commented they had been promised things before that never materialized. Mr. Varnado assured them he would work diligently.
- The board discussed the traditional tasks performed by geologists prepared by Walt Schmidt. Each board member will review and provide Ms. Chastain with comments and/or changes.

III. Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- The board discussed the fact that their legislative proposal did not pass this year and asked that it be an agenda item for the July 2003 meeting.

III. Action Required

- Schedule a probable cause telephone conference call.
- Schedule the July 29-30, 2003 board meeting in Tallahassee.
- Request a budget presentation for the July 2003 board meeting.

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- Request a legislative presentation for the July 2003 board meeting.
- Develop a newsletter.
- Contact the Bureau of Education and Testing to inquire if they have statistical information concerning the ASBOG pass rate in different states.

Executive Director

Date