

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Board of Professional Geologists**

**Meeting Type:** Scheduled General Business/Committee Meeting  
**Meeting Date:** April 21-22, 2004  
**Meeting Location:** Tampa

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

**Members Absent:** None (1 vacancy, consumer member)

**Department Staff:** John Knap, (Executive Director)  
Christa Patterson, (Government Analyst I)  
Eric Hurst, (Prosecuting Attorney)

**Other Attendees:** Barbara Edwards, (Board Counsel)

#### **Major Issues/Actions**

- The Board reviewed 8 applications for licensure by endorsement (7 approved) and 2 applications for licensure by examination (2 approved).
- Second quarter financial report presentation by Executive Director. Discussion of cash sweep allotment and balances of operating and unlicensed activity accounts.
- Board requested that the "Phase One" letter be included in next Geology newsletter. The letter clarifies that preparing a phase 1 report constitutes the practice of geology and will be considered unlicensed activity.
- Board approved final version of the traditional tasks performed by Florida Professional Geologists and the Phase One letter.
- Review of letter by Board Counsel to Laura Gaffney re: definition of geology in 492.112(1)(a) F.S. practice of "Geology" or "Professional Geology" to prosecute unlicensed activity.
- Discussion of equivalency of Georgia's exam vs. ASBOG exam for the purpose of granting licensure by endorsement.
- Enforcement report by Executive Director providing 3rd quarter case and unlicensed activity statistics and detailing recent enforcement sweep.
- Board approved proposed changes to the Exam/Endorsement application and the Re-Examination application.
- Review of the Renewal Questionnaire for the upcoming renewal period.
- Discussion of licensure portal accuracy and concern regarding past business qualifiers being displayed as active on the system as new qualifiers are assigned. Staff will work with technology to correct this situation.
- Chair requested staff to create a "Policy/Reference Manual" to be brought to meetings which will contain information on geology licensing and testing in

other states to assist with endorsement application reviews. Draft will be ready for next meeting.

### **Legislation/Rule Promulgation**

- Discussion of legislative package for 2004 session. Package is awaiting final vote and is likely to become law by end of session.
  1. Final order (discipline) authority.
  2. Change in definition of Geology in 492.112(1)(a).
- The Department is closely monitoring the progress of the pending legislation and is prepared to offer an alternate version.
- Approval of revised language for rule 61G16, Military Exemption.

Next Meeting: July 28-29, 2004 Pensacola/Destin  
John T. Knap  
Executive Director

Date: 4/27/04