

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Board of Professional Geologists**

**Meeting Type:** Scheduled General Business/Committee Meeting  
**Meeting Date:** July 28-29, 2004  
**Meeting Loc:** St. Petersburg Beach

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

**Members Absent:** Stuart W. Smith, (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 11 applications for licensure by endorsement (10 approved) and 7 applications for licensure by examination (7 approved).
- Third quarter financial report (March 31) presentation by Executive Director. Discussion of balances of operating and unlicensed activity accounts. Review of Department 2004-2005 budget letter to chairman. Fourth quarter financial report will be distributed when available.
- Board considered ideas for material to be included in the next Geology newsletter including; SB 2276, ASBOG Convention update, Phase 1 Letter article, and Geologist of Record article.
- Enforcement report by Executive Director providing 4th quarter case and unlicensed activity statistics.
- Presentation of Population Report by Executive Director, currently 1,794 active individuals, 77 inactive individuals, 300 active businesses.
- Reminder to members regarding deadline to file financial disclosures with the Commission on Ethics.
- Prosecuting Attorney reported 1 discipline case waiting outside action and 2 cases referred to DOAH.
- Member Gabrielle Enos confirmed that after the October meeting she will be vacating her seat on the Board. A request has been made for a replacement.
- Board approved proposed changes to the Exam/Endorsement application and the Re-Examination application.
- Review of draft version of the new "Policy/Reference Manual" which will contain information on geology licensing and testing in other states to assist with endorsement application reviews.

## **Legislation/Rule Promulgation**

- Report by FAPG treasurer, Carlos Lemos regarding the staff and the lobbyist who assisted in the passage of the successful legislative package for the 2004 session. Package was signed by the Governor June 10 and became effective July 1, 2004.
  1. Final order (discipline) authority.
  2. Change in definition of Geology in 492.112(1)(a).
- Rule 61G16-3.001 Schedule of Fees Adopted by the Board, has been noticed for Rule development.
- Board conducted a complete review of the proposed new rules in the areas of disciplinary guidelines and penalties, necessary to implement SB 2276.
- Board voted to approve final language for rule 61G16-8.001(1)(2), Military Spouse Exemption. Board Counsel reviewed a JAPC letter regarding some minor objections to the existing language.

Next Meeting: October 20-21, 2004 Tallahassee  
John T. Knap  
Executive Director

Date: 8/16/04