

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Board of Professional Geologists

Meeting Type: Scheduled General Business/Committee Meeting
Meeting Date: October 26-27, 2005
Meeting Loc: Tallahassee, DBPR Board Room

Board Members: James W. Pease (Vice Chair),
Stuart W. Smith, Valerie R. Coton, K. Dawn Blackledge,
Thomas M. Scott

Members Absent: Donald F. McNeill (Chair)

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

Other Attendees: Lee Ann Gustafson, replacement (Board Counsel)

Major Issues/Actions:

- The Board reviewed 2 applications for licensure by endorsement (1 approved and 1 approved for exam) and 1 application for licensure by examination (Denied).
- First quarter 2005-2006 financial reports (September 30) presented by Executive Director. Discussion of balances in operating and unlicensed activity accounts.
- Enforcement report by Executive Director providing September 2005 case and unlicensed activity statistics.
- Presentation of Population Report by Executive Director, currently 1,758 active individuals, 69 inactive individuals, 198 active businesses.
- Review of draft of 2006 newsletter.
- Review of the Supplemental Order by Governor Bush to waive licensing fees for professionals displaced by Hurricane Katrina. The Board approved supporting expedited licensure applications by affected Geologists.
- Discussion of the upcoming mailing to all GB licensees to update/correct official records regarding current Geologist of Record for each company.
- Prosecuting Attorney presented a report on current discipline and unlicensed activity cases. Total open geology cases in legal: 1.
- Discussion regarding effort to appoint a Geologist and consumer member to fill the two vacancies on the Board.
- Board reviewed printouts of the new links on the Professional Geology web page to the download site on myfloridalicense and the Seals Acceptable to the Board document.

- Discussion regarding a possible increase in exam fees and dues by the National Association of State Boards of Geology at their annual meeting in November. The Board voted to support an increase in the exam fees and dues if approved by the ASBOG board.
- Discussion of the possible implementation of a continuing education program for the Board of Professional Geologists. Continued from July meeting. The Board decided to abandon the idea at this time.
- Continuing discussion regarding the establishment of a GIT (Geologist in Training) program. A presentation by Dr. Jonathan Arthur PG, of the Florida Association of Professional Geologists (FAPG) regarding legislation required to implement a GIT program and a draft of proposed GIT Statute. No decision at this time.

Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- The Board instructed Counsel to draft a Rule change to 61G16-3(4)(a) to increase the renewal fee for PG licensees from \$125 to \$150. This was in response to the financial position of the Board. An increase would generate \$42,000 in additional revenue per biennium. The Executive Director is working with the Budget Office to determine if an increase is needed.
- 61G16-9 Disciplinary Guidelines: adopted

Next Meeting: January 25-26, 2005 Palm Beach
John T. Knap
Executive Director

Submitted:
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