

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Board of Professional Geologists

Meeting Type: Scheduled General Business/Committee Meeting
Meeting Date: January 25-26, 2006
Meeting Loc: Singer Island, Crowne Plaza Hotel

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

Members Absent: None

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 7 applications for licensure by endorsement (4 approved, 1 denied and 2 approved for exam).
- The Board reviewed 12 applications for licensure by examination (9 approved, 3 denied).
- Mr. Richard Welch came before the Board for a one-year probation appearance required by his final order in a previous discipline case.
- First quarter 2005-2006 financial reports (September 30) presented by Executive Director. Discussion of balances in operating and unlicensed activity accounts.
- Review of 2005-2006 Travel Spending Plan.
- Enforcement report by Executive Director providing discipline case and unlicensed activity statistics through November 30, 2005.
- Presentation of Population Report by Executive Director, currently 1,762 active individuals, 67 inactive individuals, 199 active businesses.
- Board reviewed and approved the final version of the 2006 Geology Newsletter which has been published.
- Update on the 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: 4, all confidential.
- Presentation of OGC Unlicensed Activity Report 1/1/05 through 12/31/05.
- Update regarding efforts 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 Florida Statutes and Florida Administrative Code online sites.

- Discussion regarding a possible increase in exam fees and dues by the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) at their annual meeting in November. The Board voted to postpone increasing the renewal fee by \$25.00 until necessary to maintain the financial condition of the Board.

Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- At the last meeting, 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 poor financial position of the Board. An increase would generate \$42,000 in additional revenue per biennium. Based on the advice of the Budget Office, the Board voted to postpone any increase in the renewal fee at this time.
- Discussion of 455.271(6) (b) F.S., Reinstatement of Null and Void License. The Board Counsel is drafting a Rule to implement this new law to accommodate any applicants. Staff is developing a new application package.
- Review of proposed Geologist in Training law language, 492.1055 F.S., the Board will continue to monitor the interest in the Professional Geology community for this program. No action at this time.

Next Meeting: April 26-27, 2006 Orlando (tentative location)

John T. Knap

Executive Director

Submitted:

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