

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Board of Professional Geologists**

**Meeting Type:** Scheduled General Business/Committee Meeting  
**Meeting Date:** January 19-20, 2005  
**Meeting Loc:** Tampa

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

**Members Absent:** Thomas M. Scott (Chair),

**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 2 applications for licensure by endorsement (2 approved) and 9 applications for licensure by examination (5 approved).
- The Board conducted 2 informal hearings on application denials. Both denials were upheld.
- First quarter 2004-2005 financial reports (September 30) presented by Executive Director. Discussion of balances in operating and unlicensed activity accounts.
- The Board reviewed a draft of 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 December 2004 case and unlicensed activity statistics.
- Presentation of Population Report by Executive Director, currently 1,827 active individuals, 85 inactive individuals, 306 active businesses.
- Prosecuting Attorney presented a report on current discipline and unlicensed activity cases.
- A request has been made to appoint a new Geologist member to replace Gabrielle Enos as she has vacated her seat on the Board.
- Discussion regarding excessive wait times for calls to the Customer Contact Center. Members requested issue be placed on next agenda.
- The Board requested and was furnished a copy of the collections procedure use by the Department's collection attorney to pursue payment of fines.
- Election of officers was held. Dr. Donald F. McNeill of Miami was elected chairman and James W. Pease of Tampa was elected vice-chairman.

## **Legislation/Rule Promulgation**

- Board reviewed and approved the final draft of the proposed new rules in the areas of disciplinary guidelines and penalties 61G16-9, necessary to implement SB 2276, granting disciplinary authority to the Board.

Next Meeting: April 28-29, 2005 Key West  
John T. Knap  
Executive Director

Submitted:  
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