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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