

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Board of Professional Geologists

Meeting Type: Scheduled General Business/Committee Meeting
Meeting Date: April 28-29, 2005
Meeting Loc: Key West

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

Members Absent: K. Dawn Blackledge

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

Other Attendees: Barbara Edwards, (Board Counsel)
Janet Moll Peterson PG, (FAPG)
Sandy Nettles P.G.

Major Issues/Actions:

- The Board reviewed 5 applications for licensure by endorsement (4 approved) and 10 applications for licensure by examination (8 approved).
- Second quarter 2004-2005 financial reports (December 31) presented by Executive Director. Discussion of balances in operating and unlicensed activity accounts.
- Enforcement report by Executive Director providing March 2005 case and unlicensed activity statistics.
- Presentation of Population Report by Executive Director, currently 1,829 active individuals, 85 inactive individuals, 314 active businesses.
- Presentation of results of geology business audit completed to determine accuracy of listings for geologist of record contained on Departments' system. Discussion of a possible mailing to all GB licenses to update/correct official records.
- Prosecuting Attorney presented a report on current discipline and unlicensed activity cases.
- Board requested progress report on effort to appoint a Geologist and consumer member to fill the two vacancies on the Board.
- Board requested that a link be established on the Professional Geology web page to the download site on myfloridalicense to meet the requirement of Chapter 492.115, F.S. Roster of licensed professional geologists.
- Discussion regarding excessive wait times for calls to the Customer Contact Center. Staff will obtain a wait time report from CCC to be placed on next agenda.

- Discussion of the possible implementation of a continuing education program for the Board of Professional Geologists.
- Presentation by the Florida Association of Professional Geologists, Ms. Janet Moll Peterson PG, regarding the establishment of a GIT (Geologist in Training) program. The Board requested staff to obtain the total number of exams administered in the last 2 years to assist in determining if the program would be beneficial to the Florida geological community.
- Presentation by Mr. Sandy Nettles PG, regarding alleged incompetent practice in the area of sinkhole verification and remediation by licensed Florida geology businesses.

Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- Board reviewed a JAPC letter dated March 14, 2005 regarding the final draft of the proposed new rules in the area of disciplinary guidelines and penalties, 61G16-9. Board Counsel has prepared a response to the concerns expressed by JAPC.

61G16-9 Disciplinary Guidelines: notice published 2/18/05

Next Meeting: July 27-28, 2005 St. Augustine
John T. Knap
Executive Director

Submitted:
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