

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS

I. General Information

Meeting Type: General Business Meeting
Meeting Date: April 26 & 27, 2007
Meeting Location: Doubletree Grand Key Resort
3990 South Roosevelt Boulevard
Key West, Florida 33040

Attendees:

Stuart W. Smith, Chair
James Funderburk
Valerie Coton
Donald F. McNeill
James W. Pease,
Tom Scott

Members Absent

K. Dawn Blackledge

Others Present

Richard Morrison, Executive Director, Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR)
Stacey Merchant, Government Analyst, DBPR
Eric Hurst, Assistant General Counsel, DBPR
Barbara Edwards, Board Counsel

II. Major Issues/Actions

- Discussion of how to address the Association of State Boards of Geologists (ASBOG) announcement of an increase in examination fees beginning with the October 2008 exam. The board recommends that Section 492.104(2), Florida Statutes be amended, removing the statutory cap on exam fees and replacing it with language that would assure that applicants shoulder the cost of their examination, or initiating an assessment in order to compensate for future increases.

III. Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- Language for Rule 61G16-4.004, F.A.C., which addresses reinstatement of null and void licenses was discussed by the board, and Ms. Edwards expressed the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee's (JAPC) response to the boards proposed rule. Ms. Edwards addressed JAPC's concerns and presented a draft of the language for the rule. Ms. Edward's response was approved by the board and will be sent to JAPC.

- Changes to Rule 61G16-3.001, F.A.C., that relate to the fee schedule were also drafted by board counsel to be consistent with the changes in Rule 61G16-4.004, F.A.C., reinstatement of null and void licenses.

IV. Action Required

- Ms. Edwards's response to Rule 61G16-4.004, F.A.C., will be sent to JAPC.

Richard Morrison
Executive Director