

**GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS**

**DOUBLETREE GRAND KEY RESORT
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KEY WEST, FLORIDA 33040**

APRIL 26 & 27, 2007

Stuart Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order April 26, 2007, at 1:04 p.m.

Members Present

Stuart Smith, Chair
James Funderburk, Vice-Chair
Valerie Coton
Tom Scott
Donald McNeill
James Pease

Members Not Present

Dawn Blackledge

Others Present

Barbara Edwards, Board Counsel
Richard Morrison, Executive Director
Eric Hurst, Prosecuting Attorney
Stacey Merchant, Government Analyst

Review and Approval of the Minutes

• **January 2007 General Business Meeting**

After discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Funderburk made a motion to approve the minutes with the addition of the election of Stuart Smith as Chair and discussion regarding if a Consumer Member could serve as Chair.

SECOND: Dr. Scott seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF THE TASK FUNCTION FORM

Mr. Smith reviewed the items with the board and staff.

Mr. Smith announced that he would possibly need to leave early tomorrow morning in order to catch his flight for his last Final and after discussion it was decided that Vice-Chair Funderburk would run the meeting in his absence.

APPLICATION REVIEW

The Board reviewed the following applications and after discussion the following motions were made:

Examination Applications

- Daniel Corey Dobson

Mr. Dobson was not present.

MOTION: Mr. Funderburk made a motion to approve Mr. Dobson's application to take both parts of the examination.

SECOND: Dr. Scott seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Endorsement Applications

- Brian D. Odum

Mr. Odum was not present.

MOTION: Mr. Pease made a motion to approve Mr. Odum's application by endorsement.

SECOND: Dr. McNeill seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Prosecuting Attorney's Report

Mr. Hurst stated that he had nothing to report; no complaints had been filed for this board.

Dr. Scott stated that FAPG had assisted the board with getting language in the statute changed a few years back to add the word "Professional" in the practice of "Professional" Geology.

Ms. Coton stated that she feels unlicensed individuals are working under licensed Professional Geologists that are not properly supervising their work.

Ms. Edwards stated that other boards are disciplining their licensees for selling their licenses and feels this board could do the same.

After discussion, it was decided that Ms. Edwards needed time to read the Statute and Rules does the definition need to be changed to include the person leasing the license.

Ms. Coton announced that she was pregnant and her baby would be due around October. The board congratulated Ms. Coton.

Ms. Coton also stated that the Annual ASBOG meeting would be in Denver, Colorado in late October and she would not be able to attend. She suggested that James Funderburk take over this area in the future.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Ms. Coton made a motion to have Mr. Funderburk replace her as the ASBOG Representative in the future.

SECOND: Dr. McNeill seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Stuart Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order April 27, 2007, at 8:00 a.m.

Members Present

Stuart Smith, Chair
James Funderburk, Vice-Chair
Valerie Coton
Tom Scott
Donald McNeill
James Pease

Members Not Present

Dawn Blackledge

Others Present

Barbara Edwards, Board Counsel
Richard Morrison, Executive Director
Eric Hurst, Prosecuting Attorney
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Chair's Report

Mr. Smith reported that he had completed his article for the upcoming newsletter.

Mr. Funderburk suggested that a "Rent a license" article be included in the next newsletter.

Board Counsel Report

Ms. Edwards presented the board with proposed language for 61G16-4.004, F.A.C., Void Licenses and after discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Dr. Scott made a motion to have Ms. Edwards submit the proposed language with the application including the date of application and form number.

SECOND: Mr. Funderburk seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Edwards presented the board with proposed language for 61G16-8.001, F.A.C., License and Certification Renewal and Reinstatement, and after discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Pease made a motion to approve this language.

SECOND: Mr. Funderburk seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Edward also presented the board with proposed language for 61G16-3.001, F.A.C., Schedule of Fees and after discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Pease made a motion to approve this language.

SECOND: Mr. Funderburk seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Edwards had also provided the board with a copy of the letter from Marjorie Holladay of the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee and a draft of her response letter for their review. Ms. Holladay's letter was in response to Ms. Edwards' letter of April 4, 2007, regarding Rule 61G16-5.004, F.A.C.

After discussion, the board agreed to have Ms. Edwards send her response letter with corrections made and not to include any more clarification of the term "responsible charge" at this time.

Mr. Smith had to leave Vice-Chair Funderburk took over the meeting at this time.

Finance Report

Ms Blackledge has been giving this report; however, since her term has ended the following motion was made:

MOTION: Mr. Funderburk made the motion to have Mr. Morrison give this report in the future.

SECOND: Dr. McNeill seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Morrison reviewed the financial reports with the board stating that the unlicensed activity account and the operating account look good.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Morrison reviewed the complaint and investigation statistics with the board stating that the numbers are all zeros.

- Discussion of ASBOG FEE Increase

Mr. Morrison stated that ASBOG has raised the examination fees for the two parts of the examination. In the past the fees were \$150 per part and the board has a fee cap of \$250. We currently lose \$50 and have been fine because we charge \$250 per re-exam candidate. The fees will be \$200 per part causing the board to lose \$150 per exam.

Ms. Coton stated that Florida has the highest fail rate of all the states. She feels that if Florida Representatives with ASBOG truly participated in identifying types of questions given on the exams that the Florida grades would increase.

After discussion, the board directed Mr. Morrison to request that the Department pursue changing the statute removing the cap.

Ms. Edwards asked the board if they had any concern that someone might pass the ASBOG exam and not be able to practice and feel the need for a Florida Geology Exam. The board did not feel this was needed at this time.

The board also requested a pass/fail report after each examination.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.