

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Board of Professional Geologists

**Meeting Type:** Scheduled General Business/Committee Meeting  
**Meeting Date:** July 14, 2008  
**Meeting Loc:** The Four Seasons Resort Palm Beach  
2800 South Ocean Boulevard  
Palm Beach Florida 33490

**Board Members:** James Funderburk (Chair), Mathew Cain (Vice Chair), James W. Pease, Tom Scott, Stuart W. Smith, Robert Poppell, James Harmon, Donald F. McNeill

**Members Absent:** None

**Department Staff:** Richard "Rick" Morrison (Executive Director)  
Stacey Merchant, (Government Analyst II)  
Eric Hurst, (Prosecuting Attorney)

**Other Attendees:** Barbara Edwards, (Board Counsel)

#### **Major Issues/Actions**

- The Board reviewed six applications for licensure by endorsement. Four were approved and two were tabled until the next meeting as more information was required.
- The Board reviewed and approved six applications for licensure by examination.
- The board, after review and consideration of additional information, reviewed two reconsideration applications.
- The board voted to abandon efforts to modify **Rule 61G16-5.004 Rule 61G16-5.006**, FAC, in which it hoped to clarify the requirements for licensure by examination. The Joint Administrative Procedure Committee (JAPC) opposed many different aspects of how the rule was written. After several attempts to comply with JAPC objections the Board felt that the changes were not worth the effort and would deal with issues arising from this rule on a case by case basis.
- Board Chair, James Funderburk gave a report on the Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) annual meeting, exam statistics and how the exam is prepared by ASBOG. He reported the pass rate for Florida applicants was very low. He contributed the low percentage of Florida applicants passing the ASBOG exam to the questions being geared towards geology issues in the western parts of the country and other

issues that are not related to practicing geology in Florida. The 2008 annual meeting will be held in St Charles, Illinois on November 5 – 9, 2008.

### **Legislation/Rule Promulgation**

- None

Next Meeting: October 22-23, 2008 Tallahassee  
Richard Morrison,  
Executive Director