

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Board of Professional Geologists

Meeting Type: General Business
Meeting Date: October 27 & 28, 2010
Meeting Loc: Department of Business and Professional Regulation
1900 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Board Members: James Harmon (Chair), Robert Poppell (Vice Chair), James Funderburk, Louie Bush, Mervin Dale, Jon Arthur, Jorge Caspary, Mathew Cain

Members Absent: None

Department Staff: Richard "Rick" Morrison (Executive Director)
Stacey Merchant, (Government Analyst II)
Jody Lane, Prosecuting Attorney

Other Attendees: David Flynn, (Board Counsel)

Major Issues/Actions

- The board reviewed 17 applications; 12 were approved to take the examination, 4 were approved by endorsement, and 1 was denied.
- The board reviewed all rules and began the discussion on the rules they wanted to amend by listing the ones that need to be updated. The list includes the following rules, 61G16-1.009, 61G16 – 5.001, 61G16-5.002, 61G16-5.004, 61G16-6.001, 61G16-6.006, 61G16-8.001, and 61G 16-9.001.
- The board recommended changes concerning the experience requirements and asked that their recommendations be submitted to the department in order to help streamline the application process. The board wants to remove the seven-year experience requirement in Section 492.105 (1) (e) F.S., and replace it with five years postgraduate experience. The board feels that asking for seven years of experience is confusing to applicants because they are given credit for up to two years of experience for undergraduate study pursuant to s. 492.105(e)(2) F.S.
- The board requested that the title of the applicant's job be added to the experience verification form (DBPR form # 4705) to help in determining experience requirements.
- The board set the 2011 meeting dates and locations as follows:
 - January 26 & 27, 2011 – West Palm Beach
 - May 11 & 12, 2011 – Tampa
 - July 27 & 28, 2011 – St. Augustine
 - October 26 & 27, 2011 - Tallahassee

Action Items

- The board requested training on the application review process for board members at our next in-person meeting.
- The board members will review the draft powerpoint presentation for improvements and future placement on the department's website. The power point will outline steps to become a licensed Professional Geologist in Florida.
- Mr. Caspary was asked to research the laws and rules from other states regarding GIT programs.

Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- None

Action Items

Next Meeting: April 28-29, 2010 Orlando
Richard Morrison,
Executive Director