

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Board of Professional Geologists

Meeting Type: General Business
Meeting Date: January 27 & 28, 2010
Meeting Loc: Amelia Island Plantation
6800 First Coast Highway
Amelia Island, Florida 32034

Board Members: James Harmon (Vice Chair), James W. Pease, Jon Arthur, Jorge Caspary, Robert Poppell

Members Absent: Mathew Cain (Chair), (excused)
Donald F. McNeill, (excused)

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

Other Attendees: David Flynn, (Board Counsel)

Major Issues/Actions

- The board reviewed 18 applications; 8 approved to take the examination, 6 approved by endorsement and 3 denied.
- The Board reconsidered one application. The applicant asked the board to accept his experience gained prior to the completion of his education. The board upheld their initial decision to deny this application due to Rule 61G16-5.004(4), F.A.C., that states, work experience must logically follow the completion of educational requirements.
- The board began to explore and discuss the implementation of a Geologist-In-Training (GIT) program and continuing education for geologists. The board discussed what statute and rule changes need to happen in order to start these programs. They agreed more research and information should be gathered to continue the discussion. James Pease agreed to bring information from other states with GIT and continuing education programs to the next meeting for discussion. This discussion will be added to the next meeting agenda.
- The board discussed last year's decision of the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) to raise the cost of the Practice of Geology portion of its examination by \$50.00. The total cost for the ASBOG examination is now \$400. This is the second increase in examination cost in three years. The board discussed how this would effect the board's financial situation and ways to deal with the increase and statutory cap of \$250 (Section 492.104, F.S.) the board can charge for the examination.

Action Items

- Board Counsel and board member James Pease agreed to work on a general clean up of the rules in the practice act Chapter 61G16, Florida Administrative Code. Board Counsel will review these rules and work on changes with Mr. Pease.
- The board requested that DBPR initiate a statute change so the cost of the required licensure examination is born by the applicant not the department. This would prevent the professional board from losing money when the private vendor increases exam cost to the department.
- The board requested that the title of the applicant's job title be added to the experience verification form (DBPR form # 4705) to help them in determining experience requirements.

Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- None

Action Items

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