

LOUISIANA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

9643 Brookline Ave, Ste. 101, Baton Rouge, LA 70809



REGULAR MEETING OF LBOPG

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

1:00 P.M.

Louisiana Engineering Society Building, Conference Room
9643 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809

MINUTES

Chairman Kumar called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., March 24, 2015. He then commenced Roll Call.

Present: William Finley, John Johnston, Madhurendu Kumar, Lloyd Hoover, William Meaney, Todd Perry, Board Members. Jeffrey Wale, Legal Counsel, Georgeann McNicholas, Executive Secretary.

Absent: Kelli Hardesty, Arthur Johnson, and Daisy Pate, Board Members.

Quorum established. Roll Call sheet was circulated for signatures.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes of 03/10/2015 were reviewed. Meaney made a motion to accept the minutes. Johnston seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Checks to be authorized were presented by McNicholas. AT&T bill was added and total amount was recalculated.

Licensing Application Review Committee – Finley, acting as Temporary Chair in Hardesty's absence, read the numbers of applicants recommended for approval for professional geoscientist licensing in Louisiana as follows: 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40 and 43 of the Licensing Review Committee List for March 24, 2015. Motion was made by Johnston to accept the recommended list of applicants. Seconded by Perry. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion ensued regarding number 38 and reconsideration of the application. McNicholas requested language for response to applicants that are environmental scientists, soil scientists, and engineers and do not meet the Louisiana professional geoscientists requirements. Further discussion ensued.

Licensing Examination Committee - No report at this time.

Complaint Review Committee – No report at this time.

Hearing Committee – No report at this time.

Comity/Reciprocity –No report at this time.

Office Committee – *Part-Time Position* – Johnston informed the Board of the Office Committee and McNicholas' interviewing of candidates. Johnston made motion for McNicholas to select the candidate. Finley seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion ensued concerning hourly salary and hours to be worked to stay under the budget set by the Board. McNicholas will provide hours/salary information at the next meeting.

Website – McNicholas reported that LBOPG has used less than 1GB of 5GB storage of Zoho mail service; explained the difference between AuthorizeNet and PayPal and other off-site providers; the status of the addition of the GIT application; and the continuing education log and sample will be uploaded to the website.

Legal Counsel’s Comments – Revisions to the rules have been provided to the Board. Further revisions by the Board will be reported to Graham.

Rules Committee – Finley reported that he has reviewed all of the revisions made by the Dept. of Justice and proceeded to review them with the Board as follows:

Chapter 5. The Board. – C. to be relettered as B.

Chapter 7. Sec. 707. Application Review Process –Motion made by Hoover to strike 3.a. Meaney seconded. Passed unanimously. Delete 3.a.

Chapter 9. Sec. 905. Examination – Meaney moved to strike E and relettered. Finley seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Chapter 9. Sec. 909.B.1. Meaney made the motion that the wording be “It is the applicant’s responsibility to request their official college transcript be sent directly from the college registrar’s office to the office of the Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientist.” Motion seconded by Finley. Motion passed unanimously.

Chapter 9. Sec. 911.F.1. Motion made by Finley to insert the word “email” so that it reads “The applicant shall submit an email request for reference including the applicable portion(s) of their experience record to each potential sponsor. Seconded by Perry.

Chapter 11. Sec. 1109.A. Correct numbering from 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 to 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

Chapter 13. Sec. 1301.A.2. Finley made motion to remove “or through an on-line review of the Louisiana Geoscientist Practice Act and Board Rules.” Seconded by Johnston. Motion passed unanimously.

Chapter 13. Sec. 1301.D.2 Johnston made motion to remove the words “The Board shall not pre-approve or endorse any CEP activities. Seconded by Hoover. Motion passed unanimously.

Chapter 13. Sec. 1301.G.1.a. Johnston made a motion to remove the remainder of section 1301.G.1. relettered. Meaney seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Finley made motion to accept rules as revised today with the exception of 15.Seal which requires review of the Board because a lot more language has been added by the Attorney General’s office. Seconded by Johnston. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business – 1.) Perry presented the proposed professional geoscientist prestige license plate legislation. A motion was made by Perry to ask the Louisiana legislature to create legislation for prestige license plates for Louisiana registered professional geoscientists in good standing. Seconded by Meaney. Discussion ensued. McNicholas volunteered to draft design for license plate to present to the board. Motion passed unanimously. 2.) Continuing education - Discussion ensued concerning online PowerPoint presentation with questions for ethics.

Next meeting will be at 1:00 p.m., April 14, 2015 at the Louisiana Engineering Society Building Conference Room, 9643 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA. The following meeting will be April 28, 2015.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Johnston, seconded by Meaney. Motion passed unanimously. Kumar adjourned meeting at 3:05 p.m.