

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS
MEETING MINUTES
August 4, 2014**

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions on August 4, 2014.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Larry R. Rhodes, Chair
Gil Cumbee
Jerry Weisenfluh
Stephen Wyatt
Marsha Meyer

OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS STAFF

Lindsey Lane, Board Administrator

OTHERS

Brian Judy, Office of the Attorney General

CALL TO ORDER

Larry R. Rhodes, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Cumbee to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2014 meeting, as presented. Motion, seconded by Ms. Meyer, carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statements for the months ending June and July 2014 were presented to the Board for review. The Board acknowledged the financial statement as presented.

REPORT FROM O&P

Ms. Lane reported the online license renewal/database online project went live at O&P on Friday, August 1st for one Board. The office continues to receive help and support from COT while making sure all information has transferred over into the new system from the old one and that everything is correct. Since the Geology Board switch to a biennial renewal, those registrants won't be using the new online renewal until 2015. The Board asked Ms. Lane to make sure to place an article in the Geology newsletter about the new system and how it will benefit the Board and the renewal process.

LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Judy had no report for the August meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Lane informed the Board that their Investigators hourly rate was going up from \$40.00 per hour to \$48.00 per hour. The Board has the option to vote to approve the new fee and continue services with this Investigator or search for a new Investigator. Mr. Wyatt made a motion to continue services with the current Investigator and to accept the new hourly rate. Ms. Meyer seconded that motion and it carried.

Mr. Cumbee brought a situation to the Boards attention where some work has recently been done in the state by some individuals that are not registered in Kentucky and some that are Professional Engineers. Since the employees were hired by a company to do the work the Board was unsure if they initiated a complaint for practicing without being registered would it need to be sent to the company or the individuals. Some Board members also felt there should be a Declaratory Ruling for situations such as

this where you could refer anyone that wasn't sure of the laws of the state Board. Mr. Cumbee agreed to go and speak with the Geologists that performed the work on the project and let them know that they definitely need to be registered before working on anything else in Kentucky. If they should choose not to become registered they could face a Board initiated complaint. The Board will discuss further in October.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Judy reported that the regulation just filed will be heard by the committee at the Legislative Research Commission on August 7, 2014. Some amendments were sent over by the staff at LRC and Brian asked that the Board look over those and approve. Mr. Cumbee made a motion to approve the amendments made by LRC on 201 KAR 31:100. Ms. Meyer seconded that motion and it carried.

Ms. Lane is ready to begin work on the fall edition of the Geology Newsletter. Mr. Weisenfluh offered to send the template to Ms. Lane that has been used in years past. Ms. Lane hopes to have the newsletter finished by mid August so it can be distributed in late September.

Mr. Cumbee provided a draft of his declaratory ruling regarding the public practice of Geology. Mr. Judy would like to make some revisions and informed the Board that he would bring a final draft to the Board in October.

Mr. Rhodes asked the Board in their last meeting how everyone felt about having Geologists stamp their reports. At this time the state of Kentucky does not require Geologists to use a stamp or give one out once registered with the Board. Mr. Wyatt brought the Professional Engineer law for the Board to review. The Board decided to leave the issue alone and not add the requirement.

Mr. Rhodes discussed revisiting the topic of Continuing Education for all Professional Geologists. Ms. Meyer asked how this would affect the out of state registrants which make up almost fifty percent of the total number of registrants in Kentucky. Mr. Cumbee explained they could still receive training in their state or by some of the national organizations that hold seminars and workshops all over the country throughout the year. In order for this to work the Board will have to be in agreement. The topic is to be tabled until the October meeting.

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The applications committee reviewed three (3) applications for Registration as Professional Geologists. The applications for Warren Dean, Theresa Aguiar, and Dennis Mathes were approved pending further information. There were four (4) applications for a Geologist-In-Training that were deferred due to missing information. Mr. Cumbee moved to accept those recommendations submitted by the Applications Committee. Mr. Wyatt seconded that motion and it carried.

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

No report at this time. 2011-01 is still ongoing.

TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

Ms. Meyer made a motion to approve the travel and per diem for members attending today's meeting. The motion, seconded by Mr. Cumbee, carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on October 6, 2014 at the Office of Occupations and Professions.

ADJOURN

Ms. Meyer made a motion to adjourn at 3:30p.m., having no further items of discussion. The motion, seconded by Mr. Weisenfluh, carried.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Rhodes", written over a horizontal line.

Larry Rhodes, Board Chair