

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS
MEETING MINUTES
December 1, 2014**

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions on December 1, 2014.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS STAFF

Lindsey Lane, Board Administrator

OTHERS

Brian Judy, Office of the Attorney General

ABSENT

Marsha Meyer

CALL TO ORDER

Larry R. Rhodes, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Wyatt to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2014 meeting, as presented. Motion, seconded by Mr. Cumbee, carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

REPORT FROM O&P

Ms. Lane reported the office is in the process of hiring a new Administrative Section Supervisor. The office hopes to have someone in place by January 1, 2015.

The office is still working daily with the Commonwealth Office of Technology to fix any issues that licensees faced when trying to renew online since the new system began in August 2014. Ms. Lane reported that several changes are continuing to be made and while the system is still experiencing difficulties, Boards are still accepting renewals in the mail. Since this Board doesn't start renewing until August of 2015, Ms. Lane hopes that they will have a better experience than some of the Board that were the first to roll out with the new system.

LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Judy did not have a report for the December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Lane went over the Board schedule that has been created for 2015. Due to a scheduling conflict the first week in February, Ms. Lane asked the Board if they would be willing to move their meeting to the last week in January. Mr. Judy explained that since that is not typical schedule that the Board follows that the January meeting would be considered a Special Meeting. The schedule for 2015 is as follows:

- January 26, 2015
- April 6, 2015
- June 1, 2015
- August 3, 2015
- October 5, 2015
- December 7, 2015

Mr. Cumbee brought an issue up in New Business regarding the ASBOG examination. Mr. Cumbee feels the exam should be giving questions more related to our region and the Board should reach out to some of the registrants for assistance in submitting questions for possible use on the exam in the future.

Mr. Cumbee also brought up increasing the size of the Board by adding more members. At this time the average number of Board members per Professional Geology Boards across the nation is seven. The Board discussed this would be an issue where the statutes would need to be changed. If there are any other statute changes in the future, Mr. Cumbee suggested the Board add that to the list of revisions.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Lane reported that the Request for Proposal for an Investigator went online November 26, 2014. The listing will remain online for ten days and then the Office of Occupations and Professions will pull any applications for the Board to review. Ms. Lane will bring those to the January meeting for the Board to look over.

Ms. Lane expressed some concerns over the Geology Roster that is currently published through the Geological Survey and the University of Kentucky. Some home addresses have been published on the roster as opposed to business addresses and Ms. Lane feels there should be instructions listed for registrants to better understand how to change their own information. Mr. Weisenfluh told the Board he would ask Ms. Wang and some others in his office what steps they could take to make these changes. He will report back to the Board at their January meeting.

Mr. Rhodes expressed interest in the Board revisiting the Continuing Education plan for all registrants to be required so many hours per renewal cycle. The Board feels since they were unsuccessful in their last attempt to change the requirements that they should begin working on ways to express the importance of these hours to those individuals that may not be in favor of the idea. Since it's too late to take this change to the Legislature for 2015, the Board will discuss more in depth at their January meeting.

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The applications committee reviewed two (2) applications for Registration as Professional Geologists. The applications from Andrew Limmer, and Stephen Brellenthin were approved for Registration through Comity. Mr. Cumbee moved to accept those recommendations submitted by the Applications Committee. Mr. Weisenfluh seconded that motion and it carried.

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

#2011-01 – still ongoing.

TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

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

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on January 26, 2015 at the Office of Occupations and Professions.

ADJOURN

Mr. Cumbee made a motion to adjourn at 3:16p.m., having no further items of discussion. The motion, seconded by Mr. Weisenfluh, carried.



Larry Rhodes, Board Chair