

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS
MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2014**

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions on February 14, 2014.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Larry R. Rhodes, Chair
Gil Cumbee
James Cobb, Ph.D.
Stephen Wyatt
Marsha Meyer

OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS STAFF

Lindsey Lane, Board Administrator
Gordon Slone, Executive Director

OTHERS

Brian Judy, Office of the Attorney General

CALL TO ORDER

Larry R. Rhodes, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:47 p.m.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Cumbee to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2013 meeting, as presented. Motion, seconded by Dr. Cobb, carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statements for the months ending December 2013 and January 2014 were presented to the Board for review. The Board acknowledged the financial statement as presented.

REPORT FROM O&P

Executive Director Gordon Slone gave the report from O&P where he first discussed the upcoming Biennium Budget that would require the Board to once again sign their Memorandum of Agreement with O&P for all Administrative Services that they receive daily. Mr. Slone informed the Board that there would be a slight increase to their quarterly fee to O&P. The Board reviewed the draft and will discuss further when it's time to sign the agreement before July 1, 2014.

Mr. Slone also informed the Board that there are currently two vacancies at O&P in the Operations Section. The office is in the process of hiring an Administrative Specialist II to replace Vickie Logan who was recently chosen to fill the vacant Board Administrator position and the Resource Management Analyst position that will continue to serve as the technology/web administrator. Mr. Slone anticipates both positions being filled very soon.

LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Judy had no report for the February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Lane informed the Board that it is time for annual Board elections for a Chairman and a Secretary. Ms. Meyer nominated Mr. Rhodes to continue serving as Chairman. Mr. Cumbee seconded that motion. The nominations were closed and the motion carried. Ms. Meyer nominated Mr. Cumbee to serve as Secretary. Mr. Wyatt seconded that motion. Nominations were closed and the motion carried.

The Board still owes the Kentucky Geological Survey for the work that was done on the Roster for all registrants with their areas of practice and contact information. Currently there is still a balance left on the contract in regards to the newsletter writer from the KGS. The Board had hoped to take that existing balance and reimburse the KGS for their work on the roster as the newsletter writer has retired from her position. Operations Section Supervisor Susan Ellis explained to the Board that she was unsure if the Board could allocate those funds to something else as they were set for only the newsletter writer. Ms. Ellis will look further into their request but if it's not possible will draw up a separate contract for the Board to review and approve for the reimbursement of services regarding the completion of the online roster.

Ms. Lane informed the Board they had received a letter from an Engineering company in regards to some work being done on a project for the Ohio River Bridges. The company requested the Board give a ruling on the interpretation of the Boards regulations in regards to the work being done and the people participating in this work. After review the Board did recognize the individual doing the work to only be a Geologist in Training and they would be required to receive direct supervision at all times from a Kentucky Professional Geologist. Mr. Judy will draft a response to the company from the Board discussing how this issue will need to be handled at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Judy recommended the Board draft an Administrative Subpoena Regulation to allow Board to have a procedure in place. Mr. Judy gave all members a draft of the proposed language and asked all to carefully review for a final vote in the April meeting.

In the absence of a newsletter writer the Board asked Ms. Lane if she would be able to take on the duties of producing the newsletter two times per year. The management agreed to allow Ms. Lane to offer this service to the Board with the help of all members. Ms. Lane will begin working on the Spring issue that will need to go out in May. The Board also decided the newsletter will only go out electronically in the future so the Board saves on postage. The newsletter will also remain on the Boards website for registrants to view if they did not receive a copy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The applications committee reviewed two (2) applications for Registration as Professional Geologists. The application for William Alexander was approved through comity and the application from Adrian Hughes was approved pending a passing score on the ASBOG exam. There were twenty two (22) applications for a Geologist-In-Training. All of those applicants will sit for the March ASBOG examination. Mr. Wyatt moved to accept those recommendations submitted by the Applications Committee.

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

The Complaints Committee made recommendations for the following pending complaints:

#2011-01 – ongoing – Mr. Wyatt made a motion for Mr. Judy to send a subpoena to obtain information previously requested for this case. Mr. Rhodes seconded that motion. Mr. Cumbee recused himself from the vote.

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 April 7, 2014 at the Office of Occupations and Professions.

ADJOURN

Mr. Wyatt made a motion to adjourn at 2:28p.m., having no further items of discussion. The motion, seconded by Mr. Cumbee, carried.

Larry Rhodes, Board Chair