

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 26, 2015**

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions on January 26, 2015.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS STAFF**

Lindsey Melton, Board Administrator

**OTHERS**

Brian Judy, Office of the Attorney General

**ABSENT**

Stephen Wyatt

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Larry R. Rhodes, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Cumbee to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2014 meeting, as presented. Motion, seconded by Ms. Meyer, carried.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The financial statements for the month ending December 2014 were presented to the Board for review. The Board acknowledged the financial statement as presented.

**REPORT FROM O&P**

Ms. Melton reported the office has hired a new Administrative Section Supervisor. Robin Vick who has served as a Board Administrator has been hired as the new supervisor and began her new duties on 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. Melton 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. Melton 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 is going to rewrite the subpoena that was sent regarding an ongoing complaint. The address the subpoena was delivered to was incorrect.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Rhodes went over some changes that have taken place with the ASBOG organization. In December a new Interim Executive Director was named to take the place of former Executive Director Sam Christiano. The ASBOG Executive Committee also moved the location of the ASBOG office from South Carolina, to Georgia. Mr. Rhodes expressed his concern with the lack of communication regarding these major changes and asked the Board their opinion on seeking answers from the

Executive Committee. Ms. Melton explained that the exam will not see any changes and that the March administration of the exam will still be taking place. Ms. Meyer made a motion to send a letter to the Executive Committee asking if there will be any changes to the practices of ASBOG or future examinations. Mr. Weisenfluh seconded that motion and it carried.

Ms. Melton informed the Board that she wants to get a spring newsletter out in April or May and needs articles from board members. Mr. Weisenfluh offered to gather some important upcoming dates for registrants and possible offer an article on fracking.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Melton had Operations Section Supervisor, Susan Ellis attend the meeting to speak about the Request for Proposal that the Board advertised for a new Investigator. Ms. Ellis had each member sign disclosures stating that they would not discuss any information shared with them regarding these applications outside of this board room. Mr. Weisenfluh made a motion to approve the investigative contract by Mary Martin. Ms. Meyer seconded that motion and it carried.

Ms. Melton informed the Board that there are some issues with the Geology Roster that is on the Geological Surveys website. Unfortunately some addresses listed are home addresses for the registrants. Mr. Weisenfluh offered a suggestion of only showing the city the registrant is from and offering an optional field where their business address would be listed. Ms. Melton also reported that due to the new database that the office is using to issue licenses that there are no longer four digit license numbers and the field would need to be revised to allow ten digit numbers. The Board will work on how to provide step by step instructions for registrants to revise their own information on the roster.

The Board has been talking recently about sending letters and brochures out about the profession to county officials. AIPG has offered to pay for the postage. Mr. Rhodes also went over the US EPA Reproduction final rule document regarding Coal Combustion Waste. Since this is a final rule the Board needs to find out if this issue is still open and should the Board send a public comment. Mr. Weisenfluh offered to email EEC to find out.

Mr. Rhodes readdressed the issue concerning Continuing Education requirements for Kentucky registrants and if the Board should move forward with this issue. Mr. Weisenfluh recommended possibly making these education hours voluntary and make a formal procedure for those that receive them. Mr. Rhodes explained he felt that should be a second resort and that members may need to try and talk to those that were against the requirement a few years ago when the Board attempted to move forward with the idea. At this time there are eight states that require Continuing Education.

Ms. Melton asked the Board if they were able to fulfill the request from the Personnel Cabinet regarding if the job classifications posted by the Personnel Cabinet met the laws and regulations of the Board. Ms. Meyer took this talk on and reported that each of the positions by law should be requiring registration through the Board but do not list that under the classifications.

## **APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

The applications committee reviewed twenty two (22) applications for Registration as Professional Geologists and Certification of Geologist in Training. The applications from Jason Blackburn, and John Leffew were approved for Registration through Comity. The remaining applications are pending passing scores on the ASBOG exam being administered in March. Ms. Meyer moved to accept those recommendations submitted by the Applications Committee. Mr. Cumbee seconded that motion and it carried.

**COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE**

#2011-01 – still ongoing.

**TRAVEL AND PER DIEM**

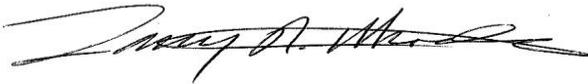
Ms. Meyer made a motion to approve the travel and per diem for members attending today's meeting. The motion, seconded by Mr. Cumbee, carried.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on April 6, 2015 at the Office of Occupations and Professions.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Cumbee made a motion to adjourn at 3:47p.m., having no further items of discussion. The motion, seconded by Mr. Weisenfluh, carried.



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Larry Rhodes, Board Chair