

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS
MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 2014**

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions on October 6, 2014.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Larry R. Rhodes, Chair
Gil Cumbee
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 1:06 p.m.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Cumbee to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2014 meeting, as presented. Motion, seconded by Ms. Meyer, carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statements for the months ending August and September 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 project was up and running for all Boards. There will be instructions printed on Board websites assisting all licensees with this new system and making sure everyone understands how it will work.

The office is currently working on hiring a new Board Administrator as the office lost Carolyn Benedict to retirement. This position will be filled as soon as possible.

LEGAL COUNSEL

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

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Lane informed the Board that the Investigator that they have used for the past several years is unable to renew the contract with their Board due to increasing workload within his office and other Boards that utilize his services. The Board will have to set up another Request for Proposal in search of a new Investigator that can assist the Board if necessary. Mr. Wyatt made a motion to begin the RFP process. Ms. Meyer seconded that motion and it carried.

The Personnel Cabinet has asked all Boards to please review the current job descriptions that are listed under the Board's professions that are also jobs within state government. Each Board needs to make sure that the descriptions meet the requirements set forth by the Board and their regulations. Ms. Meyer volunteered to review these and discuss at the December meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Lane reported that the fall newsletter is complete and ready to be sent to all registrants. The Board discussed beginning a process where the newsletter is sent electronically to save on postage and still posted on the Boards website. Ms. Meyer made a motion to send the newsletter by regular mail but to also let registrants know that in 2015 the newsletters will only be sent electronically and each registrant needs to keep their email up to date. Mr. Cumbee seconded that motion and it carried.

The Board would like to start working towards educating cities and counties on the services that can and are provided by Geologists, including investigations on sinkholes. Ms. Meyer volunteered to gather contact information for Ms. Lane to send Consumer Guides to these county and city officials letting them know the scope of practice of a Geologist. Mr. Cumbee volunteered to work on the letter that will accompany the guide.

Mr. Judy gave the Board a final draft to review of the Declaratory Statement that the Board will follow when dealing with issues of who can practice in the field and under what circumstances as well as under supervision. The Board asked Ms. Lane to please place the letter on the website for the public to see.

The Board discussed Continuing Education and if they should move forward with trying to begin asking for this during renewal periods. The Board will gather more information and Mr. Judy will draft in a regulation format for the December meeting.

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The applications committee reviewed six (6) applications for Registration as Professional Geologists. The application from John Mundell was approved for Registration through Comity. The remaining five applications for Registration were approved pending the ASBOG exam from Richard Hendricks, Ralph Bandy, Elizabeth Dodson, Cornelia Marin, and Tyler Milburn. There were eleven (11) applications for a Geologist-In-Training that were approved pending the ASBOG exam. Mr. Cumbee moved to accept those recommendations submitted by the Applications Committee. Mr. Wyatt seconded that motion and it carried.

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

#2011-01 – still ongoing. The committee made a motion to authorize a subpoena in the process. Ms. Meyer seconded that motion and it carried. Mr. Cumbee abstained from the vote.

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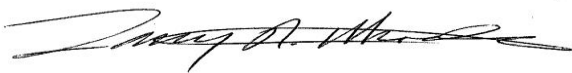
Ms. Meyer made a motion to approve the travel and per diem for members attending today's meeting. The motion, seconded by Mr. Cumbee, carried.

NEXT MEETING

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

ADJOURN

Ms. Meyer made a motion to adjourn at 2:51p.m., having no further items of discussion. The motion, seconded by Mr. Wyatt, carried.



Larry Rhodes, Board Chair