

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS
MEETING MINUTES
April 1, 2013**

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions on April 1, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS STAFF

Lindsey Lane, Board Administrator

OTHERS

Brian Judy, Office of the Attorney General
Judith Hower, Geology Newsletter

CALL TO ORDER

Larry R. Rhodes, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Meyer to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2013 meeting, with a revision to page 3 regarding a discussion that took place concerning Board counsel. Motion, seconded by Mr. Wyatt, carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statements for the months ending February and March 2013 were presented to the Board for review. The Board acknowledged the financial statement as presented.

REPORT FROM O&P

Ms. Lane informed the Board that Executive Director Courtney Bourne will be out of the office on maternity leave from mid March until early May. If the Board has any issues that they would like to address with management they may contact Administrative Supervisor Debra Day or Operations Supervisor Susan Ellis. O&P has hired a new Board Administrator that began working for the office on March 1, 2013. The office also continues to work with the Commonwealth Office of Technology over the database conversion and hopes to continue moving forward with this process.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Wyatt informed the Board that he attended the Spring ASBOG exam with Ms. Lane to assist in proctoring the examination. He explained that he was pleased with how Ms. Lane administered the examination but that there were some issues regarding the location of the exam and some examinees were unhappy with the noise level that came from outside. Overall he felt it was good for a Board member to attend and offer any insight on how the Board operates or answer any questions that a potential licensee may have for a Board member.

The Board discussed the need to move all future Board meetings up to 1:00pm as each month committee work is ending early and leaving some down time that could allow them to start earlier if they moved the time up. Mr. Wyatt made a motion to move all future Board meetings to 1:00pm. Ms. Meyer seconded that motion and it carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Judy informed the Board that Ms. Lane has sent the revised application forms to him for submission to the Legislative Research Commission for the Regulation changes. The Regulations are ready for Mr. Rhodes signature. The Public Comment Hearing for the regulations has been set for May 24, 2013 at 1:00pm.

The Board discussed the two new Board brochures that were created by Dr. Cobb and newsletter creator Judith Hower. The Consumer Guide has been revised and looks great. The Board asked Ms. Lane to go ahead and place the new guide on the Boards website. The Geological Survey will place the order for these and in turn send the invoice to the Board to pay for them. Ms. Meyer made a motion to order three thousand (3000) color copies of this brochure for the Board to give to licensees and anyone else that may show an interest in receiving one. Mr. Cumbee seconded that motion and it carried. The Board also reviewed its new Board brochure that was created by Dr. Cobb to allow the consumer a better understanding of what the Board does each month and different facts about their law and how the profession works. Ms. Meyer made a motion to accept the brochure and place it on the Boards website. Mr. Cumbee seconded that motion and it carried.

Mr. Hower and Dr. Cobb also presented a History of Board Members that they would like published on the Boards website. Ms. Meyer made a motion to post the listing on the Boards website. Mr. Cumbee seconded that motion and it carried.

The Board would like to review the website at their Special Meeting to go over some areas that they would like to revise and add more information for the general public. The Special Meeting has been set for Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 10:00am at the UK Core Barn in Lexington, KY.

The Board is working to create a roster that will remain on the website concerning each licensee, their contact information and their area of expertise. Dr. Cobb informed the Board that he would work with some of the web administrators with the Geological Survey to get this process started. The Board will place this on their agenda for the Special Meeting to work on.

The Board discussed their desire to make a final decision on who will be serving them as legal counsel. In 2012 the Board lost their legal counsel of many years due to retirement from the Attorney General's Office. Former Assistant Attorney General Mark Brengelman later came to the Board and offered his legal services through a contractual agreement that the state has the option to pursue if they choose for private counsel. In January 2013 the Attorney General's Office filled Mr. Brengelman's vacancy with Brian Judy who has served the Board since he came on staff at the AG's office. Ms. Meyer made a motion to continue working with the Attorney General's Office and use the services of Brian Judy. Mr. Cumbee seconded that motion and it carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The applications committee reviewed three (3) applications for Registration as Professional Geologists for Stephen Gosselin, Paul Naman, and Jimmy Whitmer. Mr. Cumbee made a recommendation to approve two (2) applications for Professional Geologists Registration and approve one (1) pending proof of licensure in another state. Dr. Cobb moved to accept those recommendations submitted by the Applications Committee.

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

The Complaints Committee informed the Board of the following:

- 2010-02 – the Committee will wait until the April 24, 2013 sentencing to make further decisions on this case
- 2011-01 – the committee would like to wait on the Investigator to work on this case
- 2012-01 – a letter will be written (with Mr. Rhodes signature) that the Board will not be renewing the license at this time and the licensee may re-apply once their probationary period is over.

Mr. Wyatt made a motion to accept these recommendations. Mr. Cumbee seconded that motion and it carried.

The Board would also like to add the contract between the Board and Stephen Curley to their Special Meeting agenda.

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 Dr. Cobb, carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on June 3, 2013 at the Office of Occupations and Professions.

ADJOURN

Ms. Meyer made a motion to adjourn at 3:15p.m., having no further items of discussion. The motion, seconded by Dr. Cobb, carried.

Larry Rhodes, Board Chair