

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 5, 2013**

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held at the Kentucky Geological Survey on August 5, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS STAFF

Lindsey Lane, Board Administrator

OTHERS

Brian Judy, Office of the Attorney General

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Larry R. Rhodes, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Cumbee to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2013 meeting, as presented. Motion, seconded by Mr. Wyatt, carried. Mr. Cumbee made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2013 special meeting as presented. Motion, seconded by Dr. Cobb, carried.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The financial statements for the months ending June and July 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 Matt Osborne, the new Executive Director for O&P began working with the office on July 1, 2013. Mr. Osborne comes to the office from the Transportation Cabinet where he served as the Legislative Director and an Executive Advisor. Mr. Osborne will be visiting with all Boards to begin understanding how each operates with the O&P office.

Interviews are currently being conducted to hire a new Administrative Specialist III. The office hopes to have that position filled as quickly as possible.

The Commonwealth Office of Technology has begun meeting with Board Administrators to go over the new renewal procedure that will take place with the online renewal system they are creating. This will hopefully go live in December.

**LEGAL COUNSEL**

Mr. Judy had no report for this meeting. He will attend Regulation Hearing with Board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Cumbee informed the Board that he has some concerns with the Cabinets use of Architect and Engineer Contractors on state projects. Mr. Cumbee currently does some work with the Director of Waste Management and explained work is being done on Capital Construction projects. Mr. Cumbee thinks they should understand the Geologists are of a separate entity. The Board decided maybe the Division of Waste Management should be invited to the October meeting.

Mr. Rhodes informed the Board that the ASBOG Annual Meeting would be held in Knoxville, Tennessee this year from October 30-November 2, 2013. Dr. Cobb made a motion to send Mr. Cumbee, Ms. Lane, and Mr. Rhodes to represent Kentucky. Mr. Wyatt seconded that motion and it carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Rebecca Wang with the University of Kentucky gave a report on all updates that have been made to the Roster that will be available for review from the Boards website to the Geological Surveys website. Once the registrant's information has been placed in the roster they will be able to update the information at any time should their areas of practice or contact information change. A new feature that was recently added is a list of all areas of practice where the public may check a box, and view all registrants that meet those qualifications, making it easier to narrow the list of over a thousand down to what services you're looking for. The KGS plans for this to go live by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Board reviewed a letters Ms. Lane drafted regarding the new renewal fee change from an annual fee of \$50.00 per year to a biennial fee of \$100.00 due every odd numbered year, and an areas of practice list going to all registrants for the renewal roster that is being created.

The Board will be attending a Regulation Hearing today at 1:00pm at the Legislative Research Commission regarding the changes to the renewal fees. The Board will report back to O&P at 2:30pm to discuss items left on the agenda and how the Regulation Hearing went.

Dr. Cobb made a motion to suspend the meeting until 2:30pm where the Board will reconvene at the Office of Occupations and Professions in Frankfort, KY. Mr. Wyatt seconded that motion and it carried.

The Board reconvened at 1:53pm.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

The applications committee reviewed six (6) applications for Registration as Professional Geologists for Richard Ruffolo, Daniel Distler, Daniel Skillman, Kathryn Takacs, Mark Strevels and Boniface Okech. There were three (3) applications for a Geologist-In-Training for Mark Strevels, Corrina Bissell, and Corey Burkett. Mr. Cumbee made a recommendation to approve two (2) applications for Professional Geologists Registration. The remaining four (4) applications are pending the completion and passing scores from the October ASBOG examination. Mr. Cumbee made a recommendation to approve the three (3) applications for Geologist-In-Training pending passing scores from the

Fundamentals of Geology 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:

#2010-02 – place letter of sentencing in file, and revisit if he ever reappplies. Board also needs to send letter to complainant notifying them of the license termination. Mr. Wyatt made a motion to accept the committee’s recommendation. Mr. Cumbee seconded that motion and it carried.

#2011-01 – issue subpoena for records. Dr. Cobb made a motion to accept the committee’s recommendation. Mr. Wyatt seconded that motion and it carried. Mr. Cumbee recused himself from the vote.

#2012-01 – letter was sent, no request for appeal. This case is officially closed.

## **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 October 14, 2013 at the Office of Occupations and Professions. The meeting was originally scheduled for October 7, 2013 but due to scheduling conflicts Mr. Cumbee made a motion to change the date of the meeting to October 14, 2013. Mr. Wyatt seconded that motion and it carried.

## **ADJOURN**

Dr. Cobb made a motion to adjourn at 2:39p.m., having no further items of discussion. The motion, seconded by Mr. Wyatt, carried.

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Larry Rhodes, Board Chair