

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 4, 2013**

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions on February 4, 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

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

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Cumbee to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2012 meeting, as presented. Motion, seconded by Ms. Meyer, carried.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The financial statements for the months ending December 2012 and January 2013 were presented to the Board for review. The Board acknowledged the financial statement as presented. The Board noticed a payment made to a company by the name of Identysis and asked Ms. Lane to inquire about this payment and what that payment was for.

**REPORT FROM O&P**

Ms. Lane informed the Board that the Operations Section has hired two new employees that will be handling the processing of travel and reimbursement payments as well as the payment processing for licensee applications that is received daily. This will assist in daily work flow and processing of payment to Board members. The Administrative Section is in the process of hiring a new Board Administrator that will fill the vacancy that has been open since December. The office hopes to have the new person hired by March. The Operations section is also advertising for a new Web Administrator. This position will be filled as quickly as possible. The Commonwealth Office of Technology will continue to work with Operations Section Supervisor Susan Ellis on making updates and revisions to the licensee database that the office uses to store and maintain all licensee information. Executive Director Courtney Bourne will be out of the office from mid March until the beginning of May due to maternity leave. If the Board should have any questions or concerns during that time they may contact Section Supervisors Deb Day or Susan Ellis.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Lane informed the Board that she will be proctoring the Spring ASBOG examination on Friday, March 1, 2013 at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Frankfort, KY. Ms. Lane attempted to hold the exam at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet but was unable due to no vacant rooms in the facility on that date. The Board will be required to pay a fee of \$100.00 for the meeting room at the hotel. Mr. Cumbee made a motion to approve the payment of \$100.00 to the Capital Plaza Hotel for the examination. Dr. Cobb seconded that motion and it carried. Mr. Wyatt expressed his thoughts on Board Members observing the exam and how it would not only assist Ms. Lane but would allow them to see how the process works and allow any potential licensee the opportunity to ask questions about the Board and its practices. Ms. Meyer agreed with Mr. Wyatt and volunteered to assist in the afternoon. Mr. Wyatt will assist during the morning portion which begins at 8:00am.

The Board currently provides a Consumer Guide to Geological Services on their website for the public to view. Recently Mr. Rhodes requested the Board review the existing Guide and make some updates and revisions. Dr. Cobb stated that the Geological Survey would take responsibility for revising the Consumer Guide and would update the photos that are shown in the brochure. Dr. Cobb will send out a draft of the new Consumer Guide once it's been completed. The Board will vote on the revised Consumer Guide in its April meeting.

Ms. Lane reported that she will be sending out Cease and Desist letters this week. All renewals were due by September 30, 2012 and were allowed a grace period that extended to December 31, 2012. All letters will be sent by certified mail.

Ms. Lane also reported that she had received some proposed legislation from the state of Georgia concerning the role of their Board. The Secretary of State in Georgia plans to propose legislation that would give the rights of issuing and granting licenses to Director of Professional Licensing that would work within the Secretary of States Office rather than the Board which has been appointed by the Governor or Georgia. The current Georgia State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists believes this bill would negatively impact the Board and is seeking the help and assistance of other states. Since the Board adds geologists based on comity that it holds from other states Mr. Cumbee suggested that the applications committee review standards once more to make sure they are remaining the same. Mr. Grawe of the Attorney General's Office informed the Board that the requirements of the registration process are remaining the same; it's only the make-up and structure of the Board that are changing if in fact this bill passes. Mr. Grawe explained the Board is welcome to write a letter showing their support for another Board but only if they have concerns they feel should be noted. Ms. Meyer made a motion to submit a letter to the Board if appropriate noting their concerns. Mr. Cumbee seconded that motion and it carried. A draft of this letter will be emailed to the Board for review.

Mr. Cumbee reported that he would like to attend the ASBOG Council of Examiners Meeting that is being held in April in Richmond, Virginia. Dr. Cobb made a motion to send Mr. Cumbee to this meeting as a representative of the Board. Ms. Meyer seconded that motion and it carried. Mr. Cumbee will be required to submit a request for the out of state travel with the Office of Occupations and Professions.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Grawe sent a draft of the revised regulations pertaining to the licensure fees. The following draft regulations were presented for the Boards review and were voted to submit by the Attorney General's Office: Fee Regulation, Board Compensation, Applications and Examinations, Renewal Changes (renewing every two years), Professional Conduct, Geologist in Training, Complaints, and Management Process. Ms. Meyer made a motion for each of these to be filed with the Legislative Research Commission. Mr. Cumbee seconded that motion and it carried.

In regards to obtaining Board Counsel, the Board has decided to continue to use the Attorney General's Office. Mr. Grawe introduced the Boards new attorney Brian Judy. Mr. Judy comes to the Board with several years of experience in the legal field and has worked for the Attorney General's Office in the past. Mr. Judy will be permanently serving the Geology Board as Mr. Grawe was temporarily serving as counsel until the vacancy in the office was filled.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

The applications committee reviewed six (6) applications for Registration as Professional Geologists for Dean McCartney, Ankon Basu, Christoph Uhlenbruch, John Lutz, Jerrold Trezzo, James King, and eight (8) applications for a Geologist-In-Training for Christoph Uhlenbruch, Wesley Smith, John Lutz, Steve Martin, Evan Clark, Stephanie Jarvis, Melissa Ditty, and Kathryn Takacs. Mr. Cumbee made a recommendation to approve three (3) applications for Professional Geologists Registration. The remaining three (3) applications are pending the completion and passing scores from the March ASBOG examination. Mr. Cumbee made a recommendation to approve the eight (8) 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 informed the Board that they would be tabling the three pending complaints while they await the reports from the Investigator.

### **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 1:30 p.m. on April 1, 2013 at the Office of Occupations and Professions.

**ADJOURN**

Dr. Cobb made a motion to adjourn at 3:02p.m., having no further items of discussion. The motion, seconded by Ms. Meyer, carried.

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Larry Rhodes, Board Chair