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Results of the survey on proposed statutory changes

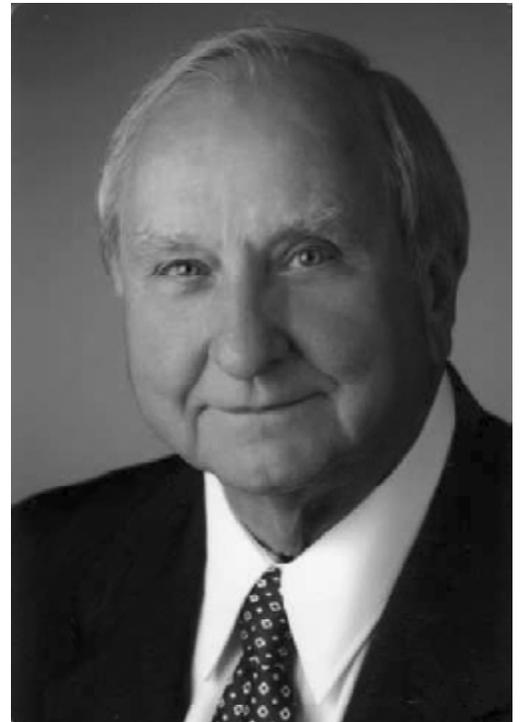
Larry Rhodes

On behalf of the Board I am pleased to report to you the results of the survey the Board conducted regarding proposed changes to KRS 322A during the 2010 Kentucky General Assembly. As you are probably aware, time ran out before the proposed changes could be acted on in the legislative session.

A copy of the survey was mailed with the spring newsletter to all professional geologists registered in Kentucky. An on-line version of the survey was available for completion by geologists and the public. On-line participants were asked to choose a category (i.e., education, industry, state/local government, federal government, citizen, other) that best represented them.

The vast majority of all respondents (88%) were registered to practice geology in Kentucky. More than half of all respondents (56%) were also registered to practice geology in one or more states other than Kentucky. The largest sector responding on line was industry (62%), followed by state or local government (18%). Ten percent of on-line respondents were non-geologists, representing the public at large.

The majority of respondents (74%) were in favor of instituting a maximum \$1,000 fine for violation of KRS 322A. Respondents were evenly divided on the issue of whether to introduce continuing education requirements for professional geologists. The majority (73%) were in favor of eliminating the registration exemption for state and local government employees. Changing registration from an annual cycle to a biennial cycle was overwhelmingly supported (90%). The majority of respondents (69%) were in favor of allowing the state geologist to appoint a representative to attend Board meetings. A summary table of the responses received from May through September is presented on page 2.



Larry Rhodes, PG, Board Chairman

The Board expresses its sincere thanks to all Kentucky professional geologists and citizens who took the time to share their thoughts during this discernment process.

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Calendar

Board 2010 meetings

December 6

The tentative schedule for 2011 will be posted on the Board Web site after the December meeting.

Time

1:30 p.m. (ET)

Location

Division of Occupations & Professions
911 Leawood Drive
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Examination schedule 2011 Examination dates

March 4

September 30

Please check the board Web site or contact the board administrator for exam application deadlines.

ASBOG Annual meeting

November 3 – 5, 2011
San Antonio, TX

Board actions

Complaint review report

No new complaints have been adjudicated since those reported in the June 2009 newsletter.

Board legal actions

The Board entered a Settlement Agreement which revoked the license of John E. McNulty, Jr., Owensboro, Kentucky, effective October 4, 2010, for failure to comply with a prior Settlement Agreement of the Board. This Settlement Agreement set terms and conditions for reinstatement of the revoked license.

Internet Posting of Board Legal Actions

At the October meeting, the Board voted to post on its Web site all adjudicated disciplinary actions that are subject to open records requests. This policy became effective October 4, 2010.

Welcome

New

Registrants!

Professional Geologists

Glenn Amey
Gregory P. Miller
Jody Barker
John P. Boulanger
William L. Brab
Jason W. Brown
Thomas DeVoe
Ricardo Federico
Everett Ferguson
Lee J. Florea
Robert George, Jr.
Joseph Goodwin
Thomas W. Hensel
Joseph Lee Islas
Danita LaSage
Carl Joseph Manning
James McDonald
Ralph Russell
Robert E. Staton
Daniel Sullivan
Ryan Tinsley
Stephen R. Varsa
Elise Venard

Geologists-in-Training

Samuel T. Collins
Christopher Seifert
Wayne Douglas Staggs, II

Summary of Survey Results

Question	Yes	No	Online	Paper	Total
1. Are you registered to practice geology in Kentucky?	243	34	194	83	277
	88%	12%			
2. Are you registered to practice geology in other state(s)?	108	86	194	n/a	194
	56%	44%			
3. Category that best represents you. (See story pg. 1.)			194	n/a	194
4. Do you favor a \$1,000 maximum fine for violating KRS322A?	201	70	191	80	271
	74%	26%			
5. Do you favor CE requirements for registration renewal?	137	140	194	83	277
	49%	51%			
6. Do you favor eliminating exemption for state/local employees?	201	73	191	83	274
	73%	27%			
7. Do you favor biennial registration renewal?	248	28	194	82	276
	90%	10%			
8. Do you favor state geologist appointing a representative to board?	188	86	191	83	274
	69%	31%			

ASBOG exam results

Spring 2010

Fundamentals of geology

Of the 6 who sat for the exam,
5 passed.

Practice of geology

Of the 13 who sat for the exam,
7 passed.

Upcoming geology meetings

March 2011. Date to be announced. **Kentucky Water Resources Annual Symposium**, Lexington, KY. <http://www.uky.edu/WaterResources/events.html>

10 – 13 April 2011. **American Association of Petroleum Geologists 2011 Annual Convention & Exhibition**, Houston, TX. <http://www.aapg.org/houston2011/>

2 – 5 May, 2011. **International Coal Prep: Annual Coal Processing Exhibition and Conference**, Lexington, KY. <http://www.coalprepshow.com/CoalPrep2011/Public/MainHall.aspx>

9 – 12 May 2011. **World of Coal Ash Conference**, Denver, CO. <http://www.worldofcoalash.org/>

27 – 29 June 2011. **Kentucky Oil & Gas Association (KOGA) 75th Annual Meeting**, Lexington, KY. <http://www.kyoilgas.org/pages/posts/kentucky-oil--gas-75th-annual-meeting52.php>

12 – 15 September, 2011. **Pittsburgh Coal Conference**. Pittsburgh, PA.

25 – 27 September 2011. **American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) Eastern Section Meeting**, Arlington, VA <http://www.gswweb.org/aapg/>

9 – 12 October 2011. **Geological Society of America Annual Meeting & Exposition**. Minneapolis, MN. <http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/2011/>

Board panel discussion held at KGS annual seminar

A panel composed of members of the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists answered questions and listened to comments about proposed changes to the registration law at the KGS 50th Annual Seminar, Friday, May 14th, over the lunch hour. In addition, the Board collected written responses to the survey concerning proposed changes to KRS 322A.

The opportunity to contribute thoughts and opinions to the Board was well received. Mike Sanders, PG, said the panel discussion was “an excellent idea as a means for geologists to express firsthand to the Board their concerns pertaining to the public practice of geology in Kentucky.”

In response to the interest and participation in the panel discussion, the Board in cooperation with KGS plans to schedule another panel discussion in association with the KGS Annual Seminar in the spring of 2011. The topic(s) of that discussion are to be determined.



On May 14, 2010, the Kentucky Board of Registration of Professional Geologists held a panel discussion with participants at the KGS Annual Meeting regarding proposed changes to KRS 322A.



Left to right: Lucie Duvall (Board Administrator), Dr. Jim Cobb, PG (Kentucky State Geologist); Marsha Taylor Meyer, PG; Larry Rhodes, PG (Chairman); Steve Wyatt, PE (At Large); and Gil Cumbee, PG (Vice Chairman).



Board Chairman Larry Rhodes presents plaque of appreciation to Tom Ryavec.

Condolences

At the February 1st meeting of the Board, former Chairman Tom Ryavec was honored and presented with a plaque for his years of service. Tom served on the Board from 2005 through 2009. He was Board Chairman in 2008 and 2009.

With great sadness, we report that Tom died on October 18, 2010. In the next issue of the newsletter we will pay tribute to Tom's contributions and dedication to the profession of geology.

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