

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS
9643 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809**



**REGULAR MEETING OF LBOPG
Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 1:00 p.m.
Louisiana Engineering Society Conference Room
9643 Brookline Ave.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809**

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held on February 14, 2017**
- 4. Treasurer's Report**
- 5. Reports from Standing Committees – Activities and Goals:**
 - a. Application Review (Pate, Chair) – PG Application recommendations**
 - b. License Examination (Meaney, Chair) – Report on March 17, 2017, testing**
 - c. Complaint Review (Perry, Chair) – Complaint and Disciplinary Hearing Procedure review progress**
 - d. Office (Johnston, Chair) – Update on office equipment purchases, authorization for Macon to attend NOGS field trip on April 29, etc**
- 5. Legal counsel's comments**
- 6. Other business:**
 - a. Progress on MOU Between LBOPG and LAPELS**
 - b. Vanity plate**
 - c. Questions for discussion:**
 - i. Some companies bring in experts in a variety of areas to present information on new techniques, equipment, and research to their employees. The question has arisen again whether these “lunch-and-learn” activities can count as continuing education. Does the board stand by its statement that licensees can choose to record activities such as these as continuing education but that they must prove that the activities are professionally worthwhile if the licensees are audited? Or does the board dismiss these activities, regardless of content, as not being worthy of being counted as continuing education?**
 - ii. If an applicant's work experience has been spent almost exclusively working for small engineering firms that have only one geoscientist**

(the license applicant) on staff and has met all other requirements for licensure, are the licensed engineers for whom he/she works allowed to serve as references? Keep in mind that any references speak for the character, ethics, and competence of the license applicant and not for specific geoscience expertise.

- iii. (from Tom Klekamp) In a recent conversation with the executive secretary, these questions arose:

First, if we allow applicants to use an electronic signature to sign their initial applications for licensure, could we also allow licensees to sign the acknowledgment of completing the continuing education requirements electronically? If licensees don't have to send a paper acknowledgment, that acknowledgment can then be filed digitally and not as a paper copy, which will cut down on file space.

And if licensees can sign the acknowledgment electronically, then can we also allow them to pay online? The ability to pay online is the #1 request (at a rate of about six renewing licensees each week) from licensees to the executive secretary. Usable Creative has approached the executive secretary about ways to enable online payments at little or no cost to LBOPG.

- iv. At a recent BRGS meeting, a licensee requested information on taking the ASBOG exams despite already being licensed. He would like to have the ASBOG scores so that he can more easily apply for licensure in states with which we don't have reciprocity. Bill Meaney, chair of the License Examination Committee has indicated that this is a reasonable request, but we are wondering what the procedure for applying to take the exams should be for those who have already been approved and licensed in Louisiana. Does the board waive the requirement that such an individual be specifically approved by the full board? Should he simply send in a request form and the applicable proctoring fees, at which point, we would send him the ASBOG request form for him to send to ASBOG? And what if he fails the exam? What happens then?

7. New Business
8. Next meeting date, time, and location (June 13, 2017, at 1 pm, Conference Room, 9643 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana)
9. Adjourn