

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



REGULAR MEETING OF LBOPG
Tuesday, June 13, 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. Public Comments
4. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held on April 11, 2017
5. Treasurer's Report / Proposed Budget for 2017-2018
6. Reports from Standing Committees – Activities and Goals:
 - a. Application Review (Pate, Chair) – PG Application recommendations
 - b. License Examination (Meaney, Chair) – ASBOG testing results; fall testing dates to remember; July meeting to review last-minute exam candidates
 - c. Complaint Review (Perry, Chair) – MOU ad hoc committee progress; committee meeting with LAPELS representatives follows today's board meeting
 - d. Office (Johnston, Chair) – Contract renewal with L.A. Champagne; update on research for online renewal and payment processes; deferred discussion from the April meeting regarding raising the executive secretary's office expense allowance from \$100 to \$200; option for backing up office computers; report on April 29 field trip
7. Legal counsel's comments
8. DOJ contract discussion
9. Other business:
 - a. Vanity plate update
 - b. Report on the April 27, 2017, meeting with Michael Merritt, Southeast Levee and Flood Protection Agency - West (SLFPA-W) board member
 - c. Offer by Bill Schramm, DEQ (retired), to provide an "official" ethics course for licensees
 - d. Questions for discussion:

An e-mail campaign was created on May 1, 2017, and sent to all licensed Professional Geoscientists on May 5, 2017, to announce the planned continuing education audit. Mailing this same announcement to the same 1129 recipients will cost over \$800 in postage and supplies. One alternative would be to mail the announcements only to those licensees for whom we have a hard bounce back from the e-mail campaign. However, the likelihood that we have correct physical addresses for those licensees for whom we do not have correct e-mail addresses is not good. What is the consensus of the board on this matter?

On a related matter, the suggestion has been made that the office staff contact area professional societies in the hope of finding these lost licensees. In the last round of past due renewal notices, we found that fewer than 100 licensees have failed to renew after 60 days or more, but these licensees have not yet been located. What is the protocol for these professional organizations in regard to sharing members' addresses and other contact information? Is that information considered private or proprietary?

Yet another issue that arose after the email announcement is that, currently, licensees can opt to "unsubscribe" to our online mailing system, which means they will not receive our messages if they are sent through the website. At a time when we are attempting to become more efficient by using technology to reach the licensees, should we disable this "unsubscribe" feature?

9. New Business:
 - a. Board library/resource system (Klekamp)
 - b. Election of officers for 2017-2018 to be held during August 8, 2017, meeting; call for nominations
10. Next regular meeting date, time, and location (August 8, 2017, at 1 pm, Conference Room, 9643 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana)
11. Adjourn