

LOUISIANA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

9643 Brookline Ave, Ste. 101, Baton Rouge, LA 70809



REGULAR MEETING OF LBOPG

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

1:00 P.M.

Louisiana Engineering Society Building, Conference Room
9643 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809

MINUTES

Chairman Kumar called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., February 10, 2015. He then commenced Roll Call.

Present: William Finley, John Johnston, Madhurendu Kumar, Lloyd Hoover, Arthur Johnson, William Meaney, Daisy Pate, Todd Perry Board Members. Ethel Graham, Legal Counsel.

Absent: Kelli Hardesty, Board Members. Georgeann McNicholas, Executive Secretary to the Board.

Quorum established. Roll Call sheet was circulated for signatures.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes of 01/27/2015 were reviewed. Graham noted that a revision needed to be made concerning checking with Civil Service regarding the salary for the part-time position. The words “stated that it is not a salaried position but an hourly position and” were removed. With that revision, a motion was made by Johnston to accept the minutes, seconded by Finley. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Johnson presented the Treasurer’s report. He also reported that the Office of Risk Management determined that the Board is not required to buy insurance from them for our office equipment. Johnson brought up Authorize.net and PayPal. He suggested that the Board continues to accept checks for now but in the future, continue to look into alternative internet payment through the LBOPG website. Discussion ensued. Deferred to next month.

Licensing Application Review Committee – Finley, acting as Temporary Chair in Hardesty’s absence, read the numbers of applicants recommended for approval for professional geoscientist licensing in Louisiana as follows: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, and 42 of the Licensing Review Committee List for February 10, 2014. Motion was made by Johnston to accept the recommended list of applicants. Seconded by Finley. Motion passed unanimously.

Licensing Examination Committee - No report at this time.

Complaint Review Committee – No report at this time.

Hearing Committee – No report at this time.

Comity/Reciprocity - No report at this time.

Office Committee – Johnston made a motion that the part-time position must have the same qualifications as the Executive Secretary position i.e. 20 years of office administration experience. Seconded by Johnson. Motion passed. Johnston made a motion to advertise in The Advocate and The Reveille. Seconded by Mr. Meaney. Motion passed.

Johnston suggested that the Office Committee review all of the applications and narrow it down to the top three. Additionally, he suggested the Board advertise the position beginning in June.

Rules Committee – No report at this time.

Website – Finley reported some time delays and other issues with the website and Usable Creative is looking into it. Johnson reported he has had issues seeing all the references. Finley said he has encountered blank pages. Meaney said he has found when there is an issue using the new dashboard, he has gone in the old way and everything was there.

Legal Counsel's Comments – No comments other than awaiting Ryan's approval of the Rules.

Other Business – 1.) Hoover was contacted by an engineer who has been denied a professional geoscientists license. Discussion ensued concerning applicant's lack of requirements and other applicant's lack of geology education and/or geoscience work experience to be licensed as a professional geoscientist in Louisiana. Discussion ensued concerning what is geoscience work and what is not. Graham suggested that any board member who receives a complaint concerning licensing should advise such applicant to write to the Board. 2.) Finley presented a CE log to be provided on the website for licensed professional geoscientists to use to track their CE credits. Discussion ensued. Revisions were suggested by Pate and Johnston. Pate presented three ways the CE logs could be submitted. Hoover and Graham both stated that it was their understanding that the CE logs were not going to be submitted by a Louisiana professional geoscientist but may be audited periodically. The Board concurred. 3.) Johnson had a newly licensed PG asked about CE credits for in-house training. Discussion ensued concerning in-house training. Meaney moved to remove "in-house" from section 4. Seconded by Perry. Motion carried. 4.) Kumar asked about the Code of Ethics. Finley said he drafted one. The Board will look at the draft and it will be finalized. 5.) Hoover asked if there is an "inactive" status. Discussion ensued. 6.) Kumar brought up one person who submitted a letter of intent but did not submit a grandfathering application and the licensing fee by the second deadline of December 31, 2014. Discussion ensued.

Next meeting will be at 1:00 p.m., February 24, 2015 at the Louisiana Engineering Society Building Conference Room, 9643 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA. The following meeting will be March 10, 2015. Meaney will not be at the February 24, 2015 meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Meaney, seconded by Johnston. Motion passed unanimously. Kumar adjourned meeting at 2:35 p.m.