

LOUISIANA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

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



REGULAR MEETING OF LBOPG

Tuesday, April 14, 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 1:05 p.m., April 14, 2015. He then commenced Roll Call.

Present: William Finley, Arthur Johnson, John Johnston, Madhurendu Kumar, Lloyd Hoover, William Meaney, Board Members. Ethel Graham, Legal Counsel, Georgeann McNicholas, Executive Secretary.

Absent: Kelli Hardesty, Todd Perry, and Daisy Pate, Board Members.

Quorum established. Roll Call sheet was circulated for signatures.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes of 03/24/2015 were reviewed. Finley made a motion to accept the minutes. Johnston seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Johnson gave Treasurer's Report. Discussion ensued regarding tax payment, bank balance, renewals. Hoover moved to accept. Meaney seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 48, 50, 51, 52, 54, 55, 56, 58, and 59 of the Licensing Review Committee List for April 14, 2015. Motion was made by Johnston to accept the recommended list of applicants. Seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously. A request for re-review received from applicant this morning and distributed to Licensing Application Review Committee for re-review or hearing date to be set. Licensing Application Review Committee reported on hearing held prior to Board meeting.

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 – Finley presented overview of the various states comity/reciprocity requirements received to date. Finley noted that Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia and Texas's requirements that are equal to or greater than Louisiana's PG requirements. Graham clarified language of 711.17 of the Louisiana Professional Geoscience Act. Discussion ensued.

Office Committee – Part-Time Position – Johnston stated that the part-time position has been filled. Johnston presented the proposed hours and salary for the part-time position. Motion was made by Johnston to hire Maggie Lockhart at

\$18.00 per hour for 560 hours per year for a total of \$10,080.00 per year. Meaney seconded. Motion passed with Johnston abstaining from the vote. *Justice Dept. Contract* - Returned for addition of default clause and signature of General Counsel of Department of Administration. Contract has been revised, executed by Dr. Kumar and resubmitted to the Dept of Justice for execution by the Attorney General.

Website – McNicholas reported that the PG to GIT designation has been corrected. Continued problem with reverting status of transcripts, signatures and certification status received. McNicholas submitted a list to Usable Creative of applications where this had happened. Usable Creative is still working on this issue. They have started work on Phase 3 - notification of purging of applications started but not completed within one year and renewal notifications. CE log and sample is on website under Resources tab. Johnston gave information regarding CE log add on. Discussion ensued. Finley will work with Usable Creative.

Legal Counsel's Comments – Contract language requested has been added and is pending Attorney General's signature. Old contract is to be voided and kept in LBOPG records. Rules - The Dept. of Justice's deletions were implemented to make it easier for the Board. Additions were based on required language. Discussion ensued as to the process going forward. Legal Counsel requested a draft incorporating the approved or declined revisions from the Board. Meaney stated that at the last Board meeting LBOPG voted on what was to be approved or declined with the exception of 15. Seal, because it had language added that the LBOPG has not had an opportunity to review. Kumar said that at the last meeting the Rules should be finalized. Graham concurred.

Other Business – 1.) Temporary License request has been received. The temporary licensee must provide proof of license, good standing for two years, and fees. McNicholas will request the needed information and stamp. Discussion ensued regarding what the applicant for a temporary license must provide before LBOPG may approve. 2.) Graham offered to make the final revised draft of Rules but requested that LBOPG provide any further additions that need to be incorporated.

Next meeting will be at 1:00 p.m., April 28, 2015 at the Louisiana Engineering Society Building Conference Room, 9643 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA.* The following meeting will be May 12, 2015.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Hoover, seconded by Johnston. Motion passed unanimously. Kumar adjourned meeting at 2:00 p.m.

* Following the meeting, Dr. Kumar changed the date to Monday, April 27, 2015. The meeting will be held at the Department of Justice, Conference Room.