

LOUISIANA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS
9643 Brookline Ave., Ste. 101, Baton Rouge, LA 70809



REGULAR MEETING OF LBOPG

Tuesday, May 12, 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., May 12, 2015.

He then commenced Roll Call.

Present: Madhurendu Kumar, John Johnston, Arthur Johnson, Kelli Hardesty, William Finley, Daisy Pate, Todd Perry, Lloyd Hoover, William Meaney, Board Members. Ethel Graham, Legal Counsel. Mag Lockhart, Assistant Executive Secretary.

Absent: Georgeann McNicholas, Executive Secretary.

Quorum established. Attendance sheet was circulated for signatures.

Meeting Minutes: Meeting Minutes of 04/27/2015 were reviewed. Finley stated that the Board inadvertently recommended #5 for approval from the Licensing Review Committee List of 4/27/2015, and requested to amend the 04/27/15 minutes to delete #5 among the applicants previously approved. Perry made a motion to accept the minutes. Johnston seconded. Minutes of 04/27/15 were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Johnson gave the Treasurer's Report listing of checks for payment. There was no outstanding or unusual expenses.

Licensing Application Review Committee— Hardesty read the numbers of applicants recommended for approval for the professional geoscientist licensing in Louisiana as follows: 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 29, 32, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, and 51 of the Licensing Review Committee List for May 12, 2015. Johnston motioned to accept the recommended list of applicants as read. Seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion ensued regarding the numbers of applicants needing additional information on geoscience work experience. Discussion ensued regarding the number of individuals who submitted a letter of intent before the board materialized, but did not apply to be grandfathered or pay their licensing fee on or before the deadline. Pate noted that extensive advertising was done through the geological societies of the extended deadline and those who submitted their grandfathering application after the deadline had their applications and checks returned. Legal Counsel agrees with the board consensus that the letter of intent does not qualify and is not equivalent to a grandfather application.

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 reported that the Justice Department contract is being signed by the Commissioner this week. Once signed, then the office of the Attorney General Counsel of the Division of Administration will forward same to the Office of Contractual Review for signature.

Website – Finley reported that Useable Creative has completed the email campaign feature on the website. This enables LBOPG to send an email message to notify those applicants who have not completed their application reminding them that they have 90 days from the 1-year date of their application. Otherwise, if their application is not completed by such time, their application will be purged and will not be accessible on the website or be removed from the roster, and applicant will need to reapply. The first mass email blast started on May 5, 2015, and this email campaign notification feature will be sent out automatically on the 5th day of each month. Discussion ensued regarding what purging actually entails. Pate requested a copy of the email sent to the 98 applicants, and confirmation of the Board's approval of the purging date in the minutes for discussion at the next meeting. Legal counsel recommended language concerning this matter to be added to the acknowledgement that the applicant digitally signs. Recommendation made that it also be clearly stated on the website.

Legal Counsel's Comments – Graham reported that the regulations are being reviewed by the director and apologizes for the delay.

Other Business - (1) Compilation of geoscience specific work tasks and differences between a geoscientist and geotech engineer - Discussion ensued concerning the need to clarify definitions of geoscience. Perry offered to provide information. Hardesty and Hoover volunteered to review and assist. To be tabled to next meeting for further discussion. (2) Geoscience License Plate Act - Perry stated that the previous request for revenues to be used for scholarship use is no longer an issue since we have been joined by other entities. The act now for the license plate creation is to include Professional Geoscientist of Louisiana, the Eagle Scouts of Louisiana, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Louisiana, and during the House Committee meeting, Southern University Marching Band was added. It will move onto the House Floor this week or next week and on to the governor for signature on August 1, 2015.

Next meeting will be May 26, 2015, 1:00 p.m. at the LBOPG, in the Conference Room of Louisiana Engineering Society Building, 9643 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA.

Johnson motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Johnston. Motion passed unanimously.

Kumar adjourned meeting at 2:05 p.m.