

LOUISIANA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

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



REGULAR MEETING OF LBOPG

Tuesday, May 26, 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 1:08 p.m., May 26, 2015.

He then commenced Roll Call.

Present: Madhurendu Kumar, John Johnston, Arthur Johnson, Kelli Hardesty, Lloyd Hoover, and Daisy Pate, Board Members. Ethel Graham, Legal Counsel. Georgeann McNicholas, Executive Secretary. Mag Lockhart, Assistant Executive Secretary.

Absent: William Finley, William Meaney, and Todd Perry, Board Members.

Quorum established. Roll Call sheet was circulated for signatures.

Meeting Minutes: Meeting Minutes of 05/12/2015 were reviewed. Graham noted that the custom of the Board in the past has been that the Treasurer's Report presented at the first meeting of each month has been accepted by a motion, second and approval. This was not done at the meeting held 05/12/2015. Johnson made a motion that the Treasurer's Report of 5/12/2015 be approved. Seconded by Hardesty. Motion carried unanimously. Johnson made a motion that the minutes of the 5/12/2015 minutes be approved. Seconded by Hoover. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Johnson presented the list of checks for payment for the board's information. There was no outstanding or unusual expenses.

Licensing Application Review Committee – Hardesty read the numbers of applicants recommended by the Licensing Application Review Committee for a Louisiana Professional Geoscientist license as follows: 1, 3, 4, 5, 11, 13, 16, 17, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 36, 37, and 38 of the Licensing Review Committee List for May 26, 2015.

Hoover requested explanation as to the issue with 2. Explained that it was a search engine issue where the reviewer could only "see" one reference, not all three. Issue to be rectified following today's meeting. Johnston motioned to accept the recommended list of applicants as read. Seconded by Johnson. Motion carried 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 – Office of Contractual Review requested a written confirmation of our Civil Service exemption status on 5/21/15. McNicholas contacted Graham and requested written confirmation from Jennifer Kennedy, Civil Service Commission Agency Liaison, on 5/21/15. Johnston researched Microsoft's Surface Pro 3 laptop for the office and found

that Costco offered the best price. Johnson asked Johnston prices and if license currently held may be used with second computer. McNicholas to see if Office license may be used with second office computer.

Rules – Discussion ensued regarding the notice of inactivation of application on one-year anniversary of starting an application. McNicholas noted that 98 persons received the email notifying them that their applications would be deleted on the one year anniversary of starting their application. McNicholas reviewed applications and notified those that only required a signature; had not changed their status to “Submit For Review”; were missing a transcript or a reference. Determined manual inactivation, not automatic inactivation, so that McNicholas may review application prior to inactive status. Further decided that it is the applicant’s responsibility to follow-up on their application, notify LBOPG of email address change, etc. Information is not deleted but archived according to Usable Creative. McNicholas will revise the 90-day notice email to state that the application will be “deleted from active status”. It was further decided that once the application is deleted from active status, licensing fee is forfeited and applicant will pay licensing fee again when activating application again. Discussion ensued regarding effect of inactivation of application on applicant’s grandfathered status. Graham stated that grandfathered status is retroactive. Further discussion ensued.

Website – No report.

Legal Counsel’s Comments – Graham reported that the rules are ready to submit to Register’s Office. Review of Texas Regulation 851.29 as alternative method of licensing was presented by Graham. May be added to rules prior to submission to Registrar’s Office without a re-review by Dept. of Justice. Tabled for more information to be gathered and distributed to the Board.

Other Business - (1) Hardesty confirmed that Perry is compiling list of geoscience specific work tasks and will be assisted by herself and Hoover. (2) McNicholas presented the status/dateline of Senator Mike Walsworth’s license plate bill submitted by Perry. It was signed by the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate on 5/21/15. Governor to sign by 8/1/15.

Next meeting will be June 9, 2015, 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of Louisiana Engineering Society Building, 9643 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA. Once the Board has submitted the Rules to the Office of Registrar, meetings will be once a month. If needed, the next meeting in June will be June 23, 2015.

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

Kumar adjourned meeting at 2:10 p.m.