

LOUISIANA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

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



SPECIAL MEETING OF LBOPG
Wednesday, July 26, 2017, 8:00 a.m.
Louisiana State University
Energy, Coast, and Environment Building
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803

MINUTES

Chairman William Finley called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m., Wednesday, July 26, 2017. He then commenced roll call.

Present: William Finley, Art Johnson, John Johnston, Thomas Klekamp, and Melanie Stiegler, Board Members. Brenda Macon, Executive Secretary.

Absent: Lloyd Hoover, William Meaney, Daisy Pate, and L. Todd Perry, Board Members. Quorum established. Roll call and visitor sign-in sheets were circulated for signatures.

Application Review Committee: Johnson reported that nine new candidates for the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology (FG) and two new candidates for the Practice of Geology (PG) exam were reviewed; all of these were found to be in compliance with LBOPG standards and were recommended for approval. Two licensed Professional Geologists in good standing also applied to take both the FG and PG exams and, per previous board decision in April 2017, were automatically approved. One candidate for the FG exam who did not pass the exam in March was also automatically approved to retake the exam. Finally, two candidates on the list had already been approved at the June 2013 board meeting. He read the total numbers of applicants recommended by the Licensing Application Review Committee to take the FG exam as follows: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15. Johnston moved to approve all candidates on the list who had not already been previously approved; Johnson seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously. Johnson then read the total numbers of applicants recommended to take the PG exam as follows: 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Again, Johnston moved to approve all candidates on the list who had not already been previously approved; Johnson seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Other Business: Johnston reported that a problem had arisen because the credit card had come close to the \$1000 limit and prevented a recurring office expense from being paid. A check for the credit card statement balance had already been written, so Johnston transferred funds from the checking account in the amount of the difference between that check amount and the current balance to allow expenses to be paid. He moved that the board approve raising the credit card limit from \$1000 to \$2500 to prevent a

recurrence of this problem. He explained that, because the regular board meetings have changed from every two weeks to every two months, the needs of maintaining the office during that extended period have changed as well. Macon had recommended raising the limit to \$2000, which Johnston explained was reasonable, but he wanted to add a \$500 “cushion” for unexpected expenses. Johnson, the board treasurer, agreed and seconded the motion. That motion carried unanimously. Johnston volunteered to request that the credit union increase the limit.

New Business: New board member Melanie Stiegler was welcomed to the board.

The next regular meeting of the board will be held in the conference room at 9643 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on Tuesday, August 8, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Johnston. Motion carried unanimously. Finley adjourned the meeting at 8:44 a.m.