

LOUISIANA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

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



REGULAR MEETING OF LBOPG

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

1:30 P.M.

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

MINUTES

Chairman Kumar called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., October 28, 2014.

Present: William Finley, Madhurendu Kumar, Kelli Hardesty, Lloyd Hoover, Arthur Johnson, John Johnston, and Todd Perry, Board Members. Ethel Graham, Legal Counsel, and Georgeann McNicholas, Executive Secretary to the Board.

Absent: Daisy Pate and William Meaney, Board Members.

Quorum established. Roll Call sheet was circulated for signatures.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes of 10/14/2014 were reviewed. Motion made by Finley to accept the minutes, seconded by Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Johnson presented the checks for authorization and moved they be accepted. Perry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Licensing Application Review Committee – Johnston moved to approve numbers 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 24, 25, 26, 31, 33, 34, 38,41,42,43,44,45,47,48, 51, 52, 54, 55, 56, 57, and 60 on Licensing Review Committee List for October 28, 2014. Seconded by Johnson. Carried unanimously. Finley will re-review number 61 of list dated October 28, 2014 and number 24 of list dated September 9, 2014 to determine time needed to meet work experience requirement. Hoover questioned what grandfathering included. Board confirmed that it only means that the applicant does not have to sit for the ASBOG exam. Discussion ensued regarding the work experience required when education requirements are insufficient. Notification is provided to the applicants of what is lacking in their application and given opportunity to re-enter information. Discussion ensued regarding geoscience course requirements. Applicant's may provide further information through writing and a hearing.

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 on the opening of the account at Campus Federal. Checks ordered through Sam’s Club and checks are now in use. Anticipate closing JP Morgan Chase account November 30, 2014 if all checks have cleared at that time. Office of Contractual Review is back logged. McNicholas is contacting weekly concerning the Usable Creative contract. Public Records request form has been drafted for Board review. Graham noted that “Geoscientist” need to be revised to “Geoscientists” and the email address space be lengthened. Johnston recommended that we charge the .25 per page. Graham confirmed that is the maximum amount allowed by statute. Fax line is now working. Cox credited account back to date of initial installation. Finley suggested the Public Records request form be a PDF that may be accessed from the website. Graham confirmed we must have the original signature. Finley noted that it must be sent by certified mail. Dr. Kumar noted that the letterhead has not been updated to reflect Arthur Johnson as Secretary/Treasurer.

Rules Committee – No report at this time. Kumar requested an update of where we are at this time. Finley explained that he has not had an opportunity to go through Graham’s draft and revisions. Graham explained what she submitted to Finley. Kumar confirmed that it will be provided in full for Board review.

Website – McNicholas reported one glitch is that the status should not be able to be changed once it is “Submitted For Review” status. We have had a few candidates that have “Approved” status change back to “Submitted For Review”. Usable Creative has been notified and is working to correct this problem. Discussion of the status of Usable Creative contract at the Office of Contractual Review ensued.

Legal Counsel’s Comments – Nothing further than what has been discussed.

Other Business – None.

Next meeting will be November 11, 2014 at the Louisiana Engineering Society Building Conference Room, 9643 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA. November 28, 2014 will be the next meeting after November 11, 2014 meeting. December meetings will be on the 9th and 23rd. Graham will not be here for the meeting on December 23rd but she will have someone from the Attorney General’s office to cover the meeting. Finley brought up the request for the meeting time which was tabled at the last meeting. Discussion ensued. Johnston moved meeting time be moved to 1:00 p.m. Seconded by Finley. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Finley, seconded by Johnston. Motion passed unopposed. Kumar adjourned meeting at 2:25 p.m.