

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

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



**REGULAR MEETING OF LBOPG**

Tuesday, November 25 2014

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., November 25, 2014.

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

Absent: William Finley, Board Members.

Quorum established. Roll Call sheet was circulated for signatures.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes of 11/11/2014 were reviewed. Motion made by Johnson to accept the minutes, seconded by Johnston. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: List of checks reviewed and authorized. Proposed 2014 – 2015 FY Budget discussed. Kumar suggested addition to postage/office supplies to balance the budget. Motion made by Johnston to accept the budget with proposed addition to postage/office supplies, seconded by Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Licensing Application Review Committee – Hardesty read the numbers of applicants recommended for approval for professional geoscientist licensing in Louisiana: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13,14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, and 64 of the Licensing Review Committee List for November 25, 2014. Motion was made by Johnston to accept the recommended list of applicants. Seconded by Johnson. Motion passed unanimously. Johnson requested a Licensing Application Review Committee meeting be held on December 9, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.

Licensing Examination Committee - No report at this time.

Complaint Review Committee – No report at this time.

Hearing Committee – Johnson stated that a letter was received requesting a hearing. McNicholas is to respond that his request is under consideration and re-review of his application is ongoing. Meaney mentioned the drop down list of majors on the website and that are not geoscience degrees and that this may be a source of confusion.

Comity/Reciprocity - No report at this time.

Office Committee – Banking – Check numbers 1111 in the amount of \$200.00 payable to Robert W. Gaddis on 10/8/2014 and check number 1112 in the amount of \$200.00 payable to James C. Herin on 10/8/2014 have not cleared the JPMorgan Chase account as of November 21, 2014. McNicholas has sent email requesting they cash or deposit the checks or notify her if there is an issue. No response as yet. Once these checks clear, we can close the account. McNicholas to follow up with telephone calls. Status of Licensing Process –1822 Grandfathered Applicants to date: 1617 in 2013, 220 in 2014. 901 applications have been started, 291 have been approved, 12 denied, 598 pending. New Building Security – The new building security system is almost complete. Anyone entering the building must call the office they wish visit and be buzzed in. Kumar suggested that we notify all the states to put a notice in their website of the grandfathering period ending December 31, 2014. Johnson noted that we are averaging 100 approval a month and when the reviewers report page is available, the number should increase. McNicholas has contacted the Civil Service Office regarding part-time assistance but has received no response.

Rules Committee – No report at this time.

Website – McNicholas will request a timeline for the reviewer’s report to be completed. Pate mentioned that she is receiving questions concerning when enforcement of requirements will commence. Graham to produce language to go on website regarding the enforcement requirements effect on applicants. Kumar clarified that grandfathering application receipt date is the date to be used for commencement of application process.

Legal Counsel’s Comments – Graham said she has had no response from Civil Service regarding part time assistance. Graham presented the proposed contract between LBOPG and the Dept. of Justice noting that a revision to the signature line is required and will be done after the meeting. Kumar will sign, then DOJ and returned to McNicholas to process through the Office of Contractual Affairs. Graham pointed out other revisions that were made. Johnson moved to accept the contract with the noted revisions. Johnston seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business – None

Next meeting will be at 1:00 p.m., December 9, 2014 at the Louisiana Engineering Society Building Conference Room, 9643 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA. December meetings will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Quorum was confirmed for the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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