

DELAWARE BOARD OF GEOLOGISTS

MINUTES – JANUARY 14, 2005

Approved February 4, 2005

The Delaware Board of Geologists held a meeting on Friday, January 14, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room A of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

PRESENT:

William S. Schenck, Professional Member, President, Presiding
Steven M. Smailer, Professional Member, Vice President
Jerome Cooper, Public Member
Stephen Williams, Professional Member
Eric Trinkle, Professional Member
Allison Reardon, Deputy Attorney General
Kay Warren, Deputy Director, Division of Professional Regulation
Caitlin Mears, Administrative Specialist II
Allen S. Blank, Registered Professional Reporter

ABSENT:

Dana Long, Public Member
Theodore Ressler, Public Member

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Schenck called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Smailer made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2004 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cooper and unanimously carried.

No members of the public were present at the time scheduled for the public hearing. Mr. Schenck reordered the agenda to delay the public hearing for approximately 15 minutes to allow additional time for members of the public to appear.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Schenck made a motion to table discussion of the requirements to sit for the ASBOG examination until the February 4, 2005 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trinkle and carried unanimously.

The Board of Geologists will begin a thorough review of the licensing requirements of other states. They will begin with the eight states thought to have requirements substantially similar to those of Delaware and expand their review to the other states. As listed below, each professional member will review the licensing requirements as stated in the statute and rules and regulations of two states and present their findings to the Board at the next meeting:

Mr. Williams	Illinois and Indiana
Mr. Trinkle	Kentucky and Maine
Mr. Smailer	North Carolina and South Carolina
Mr. Schenck	Pennsylvania and Tennessee

PUBLIC HEARING

After due notice, the Delaware Board of Geologists held a public hearing to consider the list of crimes felt to be substantially related to a person's fitness or ability to perform one or more of the functions of a geologist as required by Senate Bill 229. This proposed change to the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Geologists was published in the Delaware Register of Regulations on December 1, 2004 and in the Wilmington News Journal and the Dover Post on December 12, 2004.

Mr. Schenck opened the public hearing at 10:22 a.m. There was no written comment and no verbal comment. The public hearing was closed at 10:25 a.m.

The Board found that the proposed changes fulfilled the statutory requirement of Senate Bill 229. Mr. Smailer made a motion to adopt the rule without change. The motion was seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously.

The court reporter was excused. Ms. Reardon advised that the order would be published in the Delaware Register of Regulations February 1, 2005 and become effective February 10, 2005.

NEW BUSINESS

Continuing Education Audit

At the October 1, 2004 meeting of the Delaware Board of Geologists, 15.5 credit hours of continuing education were approved for Raymond Duchaine. Additional documentation supports another 8.5 credit hours. Mr. Schenck made a motion to approve the continuing education and renew Mr. Duchaine's license. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cooper and carried unanimously.

Mr. Schenck opened discussion of the lack of substantive documentation received from many of the licensees in response to the continuing education audit. In preparation for the next renewal period, he suggested that a letter be written to current licensees outlining the types of continuing education documentation that is acceptable to the Board. The members of the Board concurred with this suggestion. Mr. Schenck will draft a letter for review at the next meeting.

Evaluation of Credentials for Education Received Outside of the U.S.

The current statute addresses the evaluation of credentials for education received outside of the United States for applicants seeking licensure through reciprocity only.

Mr. Schenck made a motion to table discussion of this issue for a future meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Williams and carried unanimously.

Notice of Persons Working as Geologists with Supervision

As required by statute, John T. Barndt has advised the Board that Joshua W. Kasper, Scott A. Strohmeier, and Todd A. Keyser are working as geologists under his supervision.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Schenck recommended that, in 2005, the Board not meet in the months of April and July. Members of the Board concurred with his suggestion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room B.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Cooper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schenck and unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlin Mears
Administrative Specialist II