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DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Geologists
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Friday, November 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B, Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	December 5, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Steven M. Smailer, President, Professional Member
William Schenck, Vice-President, Professional Member
Kim McKenna, Secretary, Professional Member
Amos Aiken, Public Member
Lorene Athey, Public Member
Scott Blaier, Professional Member
Patricia Ennis, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Allison Reardon, Deputy Attorney General
Debbie Heinsch, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Smailer called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Mr. Smailer welcomed Mr. Blaier back to the Board.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from the October 3, 2008 board meeting. Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blaier to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Zimdars final denial application should be placed on the December agenda. The motion was unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Newsletter – The Board reviewed the newsletter and made a few changes. Ms. Athey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schenck to approve the newsletter as amended. The motion was unanimously carried. Ms. Heinsch will make the changes and the newsletter will be sent out within a week.

Website Review – The Board reviewed the flow charts. Mr. Smailer will revise the flow chart and send to Ms. Heinsch to be inserted to the website. The Board requested that it be inserted on the new licensure and licensure by reciprocity pages. The Board requested a projector be available at the next meeting to review the website. The Board requested the following changes to the website:

- Add a FAQ – How should I apply?
- If you are not licensed in another jurisdiction, you must apply for new licensure (insert a link) provided you meet those requirements.
- If you meet the following requirements, 1. you are licensed in another jurisdiction with two professional references attesting to two or more years work within that jurisdiction and 2. You were licensed in that jurisdiction prior to June 17, 1998 or have passed the ASBOG examination; you may apply through the application via reciprocity process (insert link).
- On the forms page, the first one is the application to sit for the FG exam. Above that it should read *Application to sit for the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology (FG) Only*.
- Add to FAQ's – How do I get continuing education approved by the Board? Ms. McKenna will develop the proper response.

Ms. Heinsch will email the 2009 meeting calendar, assuring that the meeting dates for March and October do not conflict with the examination dates.

NEW BUSINESS

Review for Licensure by Examination – None

Review for Licensure by Reciprocity –

David Kane – A letter was sent to Mr. Kane in September requesting 2 professional references that document his work in Pennsylvania. The forms received do not document work in Pennsylvania. Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Aiken to send a letter to Mr. Kane indicating that we have received the references, however they do not document 2 years work in Pennsylvania, from which he is applying for licensure (per Section 2.2.1.3 of the Board's Rules and Regulations). The motion was unanimously carried.

James Stuby – Mr. Stuby's license verification indicates his Pennsylvania license is inactive and expired September 30, 2007; therefore he can not apply for licensure by reciprocity. The applicant only has 1 reference that is over 5 years and therefore can not apply for new licensure. Mr. Blaier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Aiken to table the application pending evidence that he has renewed his license in Pennsylvania or he must apply for new licensure and based on review of the application submitted that would require an additional five reference attesting to 5 years of work experience. The motion was unanimously carried.

At the December board meeting the board would like to have a rule interpretation regarding inactive status of licensure. Mr. Smailer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Aiken to allow Ms. Reardon to draft a regulation defining that current licensure does not include lapsed, inactive or expired licensure. The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Continuing Education Applications

A motion was made by Ms. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Aiken to approve the continuing education application for NJAES Office of Continuing Professional Education – Innovative Technologies for Site Remediation for 7 hours. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Ms. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Schenck to table the continuing education application for San Diego State University Department of Geological Science's Geoseminar Series as it was not submitted on the appropriate forms and the title of course and time frame are needed. The Board will not accept emailed requests unless it is on the appropriate form. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Ms. McKenna, seconded by Ms. Athey to table the continuing education application for PADEP Act 2 Technical Training Course: Groundwater Fate & Transport Modeling as it did not include an agenda with the hours. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Ms. McKenna, seconded by Ms. Athey to table the continuing education application for PADEP Act 2 Technical Training Course: Vapor Intrusion as it did not include an agenda with the hours. The motion was unanimously carried.

Correspondence

Mr. Smailer received correspondence against an individual that is licensed in another state. The recommendation was to forward to the Division of Professional Regulation for follow up by the Investigative Unit.

OTHER BUSINESS before the board (for discussion only)

Mr. Schenck reported on the 2008 ASBOG Annual Meeting held in St. Charles, Illinois. They reviewed the exam that was given in October. He thought the exam was difficult. At the 2010 Annual meeting the delegates will be voting on a fee increase. Ms. Heinsch will advise Mr. Collins of this. The Board would like to increase their fees since their increase will likely happen. Mr. Schenck and Mr. Smailer will write a formal submission to the Division of Professional Regulation. Mr. Schenck reported that the foundation is up and running in its first year of existence. They have received some sponsorships. The goal is by 2009 to have \$250,000 in sponsorships, and by 2010 to have \$500,000. At that time they will be self sufficient and can live off of the interest. The foundation will be investing in stable investments. Mr. Schenck said this board has asked for an increase in our boards travel expenses, as they want 2 people to go to the meetings. Every year the other Boards send an Administrative Specialist to the meetings, except Delaware. There is a great benefit to send the Administrative Specialist to the meetings and meet the other Administrative Specialists, to share information, data, and see how they are doing it. He would like to push to get enough travel money to send the Administrative Specialist to these meetings. Mr. Schenck reported that Mississippi University uses the FG exams for an exit exam and they have a high pass rate on the exam. In January they are doing a task analysis survey, a committee will write a survey that is sent out to all Geologists. It will aid in writing the criteria that the examination is based on. The next meeting is in January in Nashville; since the funding is not available Mr. Schenck will request attendance via webinar. In the spring the Counsel of Examiners meeting will be held, and the Board will need to send a representative. Mr. Schenck reiterated the importance of having a say on the examination questions. Mr. Schenck currently sits on the bylaws committee for ASBOG.

The Board considered moving their monthly meetings to the second Friday of each month. This will be added to the agenda for the December meeting and discussed at that time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2008 at 10:00 am in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Ennis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Aiken to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Debra K. Heinsch
Administrative Specialist II
DE Board of Geologists