

LOUISIANA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS
9643 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809



REGULAR MEETING OF LBOPG
Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 1:00 p.m.
Louisiana Engineering Center Conference Room
9643 Brookline Ave.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comments
4. Review and approval of minutes of the regular meeting held on January 16, 2020
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Reports from Standing Committees – Activities and Goals:
 - a. **Application Review** (Stiegler, Chair) – Application recommendations; update on informational materials to be distributed to universities; questions from a recently certified GIT regarding how part-time work counts toward **experience for a license**:
 - How is part-time work counted? For a year, I worked part-time conducting geological field work for UNO's Earth and Environmental Sciences department. Over the course of three years, I taught nine courses at two universities and a community college.
 - Would my one year (9 months of the calendar year) of teaching high school environmental science count?
 - For the next 8 months, I will be working with a geologist at NOAA. I'm unsure if she's a PG. Does she need to be in order for the time to count?
 - b. **License Examination** (Williamson, Chair) – Update on March 20, 2020 ASBOG examinations
 - c. **Compliance** (Perry, Chair) – Update on 2019 audit responses and new round of audits for 2020; update on continuing education opportunities
 - d. **Office** – Contract renewals due in the state system by May 15: DOJ 3-yr contract; L.A. Champagne contract; office operations update; FARB membership renewal (**needs a motion and approval**)
7. Discussion of the board's authority (report on AG opinion)
Define Geoscience Documents and how they Protect the Public
Review meeting with DNR (Brenda please prepare minutes from the meeting for our review)
How has LAPELS handled fine and penalties? Can we get legislation ready this year if necessary?
8. Legal counsel's comments
9. Other business
Report on FARB conference (Schramm)

Update on policies and procedures document (Macon/Schramm)

Need for geoscience licensure presentation

Continuing Education reporting spreadsheet on the website

Additional comments for ACT 655, report on complaints against the Board

10. New business

a. Budget for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

b. Contract with Department of Justice for legal services

c. Discussion of staff salaries and possible increases

d. Consideration of question from New York:

“I am a consulting geologist and licensed professional geologist in the state of New York. A client has asked us to obtain approval for them to sell their products (lightweight aggregate) manufactured at a plant in Louisiana for use in New York State Department of Transportation projects located only in New York. The geologic parts of this process would be examination and description of the general geology at their mine in Louisiana and preparation of a geologic report. Since the product would only be used in New York, would I need to obtain a license in Louisiana? If so, I assume there is a procedure for obtaining reciprocal rights if licensure is needed for this project.”

e. Consideration of a question about online geoscience programs (accreditation issue?):

“I was looking for an online geoscience program that met the educational requirements for licensing in LA. Would the BS in Geoscience from Southern New Hampshire Univ. fulfill the requirements. I have attached a link. [https://www.snhu.edu/online-degrees/bachelors/bs-in-geosciences.](https://www.snhu.edu/online-degrees/bachelors/bs-in-geosciences)”

11. Next regular meeting date, time, and location (Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at 1 pm, Conference Room, 9643 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana)

12. Adjourn