

LOUISIANA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

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



REGULAR MEETING OF LBOPG

Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 1:00 P.M.

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

MINUTES

Chairman John Johnston called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 8, 2016. He then commenced Roll Call.

Present: John Johnston, Art Johnson, Madhurendu Kumar, Lloyd Hoover, William Meaney, Board Members. Thomas Klekamp, NOGS board member nominee. Harry Vorhoff, Legal Counsel. Georgeann McNicholas, Executive Secretary.

Absent: William Finley, Daisy Pate, Todd Perry, Board Members.

Quorum established. Roll Call sheet was circulated for signatures.

Meeting Minutes: Meeting Minutes of 02/10/2016 were reviewed. Motion made by Johnson to accept the minutes, seconded by Kumar. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Johnson presented the March 2016 Treasurer's Report. He noted that the AT&T bill arrives immediately after the board meeting and is due before the next board meeting. It is usually about \$120.00 per month. Renewals are at approximately 85% to 90%. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Meaney, seconded by Kumar. Motion carried unanimously.

Licensing Application Review Committee – Johnson read the numbers of applicants recommended by the Licensing Application Review Committee for a Louisiana Professional Geoscientist license as follows: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the Licensing Review Committee List for March 8, 2016. Meaney motioned to accept the recommended list of applicants as read. Seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Licensing Examination Committee – In Finley's absence, McNicholas reported that she will be administering the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology exam to two people and the ASBOG Practice of Geology exam to one person on Friday, March 18, 2016. She further presented a draft letter to be sent to all Louisiana universities and colleges that offer geology courses explaining the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology exam and the Geologist-In-Training certification offered through the LBOPG.

Complaint Review Committee – No complaints have been received.

Office Committee – *Executive Orders:* Johnston reported that the office had received copies of HR16 and HR46 Executive Orders and had requested an opinion of legal counsel whether LBOPG is effected by these orders. It was determined that LBOPG is not effected under these orders as LBOPG is a self-funded agency. *Personnel:* Johnston presented the Office Committees recommendation that the current Assistant

Executive Secretary's contract not be renewed and that termination be effective today with pay through April 9, 2016. Discussion ensued. Meaney made the motion that the Assistant Executive Secretary's contract be terminated today with pay through April 9, 2016. Seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously. Hoover made a motion that the Office Committee find a replacement for the Executive Secretary leaving December 2016. Discussion ensued. Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. *Journal*: McNicholas reported that the Journal had been revised and re-posted to the website. Additionally, she is in the process of creating an electronic mailing list of licensees to send the Journal and other information as needed.

Legal Counsel's Comments – Comments regarding when Executive Sessions are permissible under the Public Meeting law.

Executive Session began at 1:12 p.m. to discuss investigation of potential misconduct as it relates to a missing/found item. Johnson motioned to close the executive session at 1:20 p.m., seconded by Kumar. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business – *Reciprocity*: McNicholas reported that she followed up with Mississippi and Georgia. Mississippi is expected to sign the agreement at their next board meeting. No response from Georgia at this time. *ASBOG Spring COE meeting field trip*: Unknown at this time what was decided by ASBOG. McNicholas to follow-up with Deana Syned, ASBOG's Executive Director. *PG license plate*: No action at this time. *Louisiana Government Agencies Policies re: PG signoff*: Tabled to April LBOPG meeting. *New Business*: Klekamp asked if a person submitted the grandfathering application and paid the licensing fee but have not applied for their license, are they still eligible to apply for their license. McNicholas affirmed they are still eligible to apply. Johnson noted that whenever in doubt, have them contact the LBOPG office. Johnston is giving a presentation at the Groundwater, Surface Water and Water Resources Symposium March 24 & 25 and the same presentation on March 11 for the Baton Rouge Geological Society. He requested McNicholas be present to answer questions concerning LBOPG. McNicholas suggested that an LBOPG information sheet be developed to include in registrants materials for conferences attended by geoscientists. Klekamp noted that the New Orleans Geological Society has placed LBOPG information in their NOGS Log. Johnson said that he had talked to student that either graduated or were to graduate about taking the ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology exam. Determined that when McNicholas attends geoscience events to disseminate LBOPG information, she will submit an expense report and be reimbursed by LBOPG.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Johnson motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Kumar. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnston adjourned meeting at 1:38 p.m.