

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

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



**REGULAR MEETING OF LBOPG**

Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 1:00 P.M.

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

**MINUTES**

Chairman Madhurendu B. Kumar called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

He then commenced Roll Call.

Present: Madhurendu Kumar, John Johnston, Arthur Johnson, William Meaney, Lloyd Hoover, and Daisy Pate, Board Members. Harry Vorhoff, Legal Counsel. Georgeann McNicholas, Executive Secretary. Mag Lockhart, Assistant Executive Secretary.

Absent: William Finley, Kelli Hardesty and Todd Perry, Board Members.

Quorum established. Roll Call sheet was circulated for signatures.

Dr. Kumar welcomed LBOPG's new legal counsel, Asst. Atty. General Harry Vorhoff.

Meeting Minutes: Meeting Minutes of 08/11/2015 were reviewed. Motion made by Meaney to accept the minutes, seconded by Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Johnson presented the Treasurer's Report for August 2015. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Johnston, seconded by Meaney. Motion carried unanimously.

Licensing Application Review Committee – Pate read the numbers of applicants recommended by the Licensing Application Review Committee for a Louisiana Professional Geoscientist license as follows: 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, and 40 of the Licensing Review Committee List for September 8, 2015. Johnston motioned to accept the recommended list of applicants as read. Seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously. Johnston made a motion that Pate replace Hardesty as the Chairman of the Licensing Application Committee. Motion was seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Licensing Examination Committee – Pate presented that, until this time, there has been no activity of this committee because LBOPG could not join ASBOG until the rules were approved. Now that the rules are in the final stages, the Board needs to consider attendance at the ASBOG Annual meeting in November in Delaware. Additionally, with the pending resignation of a board and committee member, another LBOPG member will need to be assigned to this committee. Johnson reported that The New Orleans Geological Society is in the process of recommending a nominee to the Board to the Governor. Pate suggested that she, as Chairman of the Licensing Examination Committee, and McNicholas, as the one who will be administering the ASBOG exams and dealing on a day-to-day basis with ASBOG, should attend the ASBOG Annual Meeting, November 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>. Information will be obtained and discussed further at the October board meeting.

Complaint Review Committee – No report at this time.

Hearing Committee – No report at this time.

Office Committee – No report at this time.

Rules – McNicholas reported that there were no comments during the publication period ending August 10, 2015. A Summary Report together with the Notice of Intent was submitted to the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the House Commerce Committee and the Senate Commerce Committee. If no comments are made between now and October 20, 2015, they will be submitted on October 20, 2015 to be published.

Legal Counsel's Comments – Great job so far.

Other Business –

*Election of LBOPG Officers for 2015 – 2016* - Kumar discussed LBOPG accomplishments from 2011 to present. Legal Counsel confirmed that nominations and election of officers must be by voice only. Nominations were opened by Kumar. Hoover nominated Johnston for Chairman. Pate nominated Finley for Chairman. Johnston stated he has been Vice-Chairman for two years and would like to be Chairman for one year and then step down. Johnson moved to close the nominations. Johnston seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kumar called for the vote by hand. Majority votes for Johnston. Johnston accepted the position of Chairman. Meaney nominated Johnson for Vice Chairman. Johnson advised that he would prefer serving in his current capacity as Secretary and Treasurer another term. Meaney withdrew the nomination. Johnston nominated Finley for Vice-Chairman. Johnston moved to close nominations. Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Finley, in absentia, accepted the position of Vice-Chairman. Johnston nominated Johnson for Secretary and Treasurer. Hoover moved to close nominations. Meaney seconded. Johnson accepted the positions of Secretary and Treasurer.

*Auditors Report* – Auditors said the report would be later this year.

Meaney moved to recess for Licensing Application Review Committee to meet to discuss applicants that required discussion of the Licensing Application Review Committee.

Recess taken at 1:51 p.m.

Meeting was call to order again at 2:07 p.m. by Kumar.

Continuation of Licensing Application Review Committee – Pate read the numbers of applicants recommended by the Licensing Application Review Committee for a Louisiana Professional Geoscientist license as follows: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 11 of the Licensing Review Committee List 2 for September 8, 2015. Johnston motioned to accept the recommended list of applicants as read. Seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Next board meeting will be Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Johnson motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Johnston. Motion carried unanimously.

Kumar adjourned meeting at 2:10 p.m.