

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

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



**REGULAR MEETING OF LBOPG**

Tuesday, December 23, 2014

1:00 P.M.

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

**MINUTES**

Chairman Kumar called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m., December 23, 2014, noting that this is the last meeting for the year 2014.

Present: William Finley, Madhurendu Kumar, Lloyd Hoover, Arthur Johnson, John Johnston, , Board Members. Georgeann McNicholas, Executive Secretary to the Board.

Absent: Kelli Hardesty, William Meaney, Daisy Pate, and Todd Perry, Board Member. Ethel Graham, Legal Counsel.

Quorum established. Roll Call sheet was circulated for signatures.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes of 12/09/2014 were reviewed. Motion made by Johnson to accept the minutes, seconded by Finley. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Johnson presented the list of checks to be paid for review by the Board.

Licensing Application Review Committee – Finley, acting as Temporary Chair in Hardesty's absence, read the numbers of applicants recommended for approval for professional geoscientist licensing in Louisiana as follows: 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, and 65 of the Licensing Review Committee List for December 23, 2014. Motion was made by Johnston to accept the recommended list of applicants. Seconded by Johnson. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion ensued concerning applicants requiring further information, to be discussed and those denied. Johnson noted that 56 license applications were approved today and that as fast as the applications are complete and submitted for review, the Licensing Application Review Committee is reviewing them. Kumar presented Hardesty's request for a temporary replacement as Chair of the Licensing Application Review Committee for the months of January and February 2015 due to work requirements during those months. Kumar appointed Finley as Temporary Chair of the Licensing Application Review Committee for the months of January and February 2015, and Johnson volunteered to serve as a temporary committee member to provide a committee quorum. Board approved. Hardesty will still be available for reviewing applications.

Licensing Examination Committee - No report at this time.

Complaint Review Committee – No report at this time.

Hearing Committee – No report at this time.

Comity/Reciprocity - No report at this time.

Office Committee – Banking: Account was closed a JPMorgan Chase on Monday, December 22, 2014. Balance \$151,212.42 was deposited into Campus Federal Account. Online banking was set up with McNicholas as Administrator with limited access. She cannot transfer or withdraw funds. Credit card applications are completed. Credit Card in the name of Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists with a \$1,000.00 limit. McNicholas can pay annual Payroll fee of Quickbooks and pay for the Norton AntiVirus annual fee. Office Closed: Governor declared state holidays for the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 28, 2014, the day after Christmas, Friday, Dec. 26, 2014 and the day after New Year’s Day, Friday, Jan. 2, 2015. Part-Time Position: McNicholas will make an appointment with the Social Security Administration for a meeting after January 1, 2015.

Rules Committee – Johnston queried if Legal Counsel had approved the draft Finley provided and if there was a January 1, 2015 deadline. Discussion ensued. Board will proceed with the Rules as quickly as possible to enable LBOPG to join ASBOG. Finley clarified that, after the Board has made final revision today, it will go to Legal Counsel for final review and then through the public notice, and additional processes. Before discussion of the Rules, Finley prepared, distributed and explained a handout of definitions which he proposed be added to the website because of the number of applications received that do not meet the qualifications to be a licensed PG in Louisiana. The handout quotes R.S. 37:711.2.’s definitions of “Geoscience”, “Geoscientists” and “Practice of geoscience” and from the proposed Rules, the definitions of “Geology”, “Geoscience”, “Professional Geoscience”, “Professional Geoscience Services” or “Professional Geoscientific Services”. Discussion ensued. McNicholas proposed that at the bottom of the webpage containing these definitions, applicants must acknowledge that they have read these definitions before they may begin an application. Discussion ensued. Johnston made a motion that applicant must acknowledge that they have read and understand the definitions before applicant may continue with the application. Seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously. Finley noted that comments provided to Finley by Meaney and Johnson have already been incorporated into the proposed Rules. Discussion ensued concerning revisions proposed by Board members. The following revisions were made:

- Page 22, paragraph 3, “Seal Use”. Delete (a.)(b.) and (i) so it reads: “3. Seal Use - The licensee shall affix...”;
- Page 2 – Legal Counsel to determine what should go there;
- Page 4 – “Executive Director” changed to “Executive Secretary”;
- Page 4 and 5 – Remove “physiography”, “geomorphology”;
- Page 7, Paragraph A. - Add “from the LBOPG” to paragraph A.2. “Geoscience License Not Required” so it now reads “2. Geoscience License Not Required from the LBOPG”;
- Page 7, Paragraph B. - Revise to read “Non Geoscience Disciplines not requiring a LBOPG License when not practicing Geoscience”;
- Page 8 , paragraph 2.b. - Revise to read “...maintain order during Board/Committee meetings.”;
- Page 11, Paragraph E.1. - Revise “any” to “a” so it reads “... the Board may waive a licensure requirement...”;
- Page 13, Paragraph B – Strike B.1. and renumber so B.1. is “Official transcripts shall be forwarded directly to the Board...”
- Page 24, 25, 26, and 27, through Sec. 908. – Replace “Executive Secretary” with “Board’s Complaint Review Committee” where applicable;
- Page 30 – Replace “panel” with “committee” and “five” with “three”.

Johnston made a motion for Finley to make the decided revisions to the Rules, to forward to McNicholas for review and comparison to notes taken in today’s meeting, and McNicholas to send to the Attorney General’s office for final review. Seconded by Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Website – In the interest of time, McNicholas will provide a report via email.

Legal Counsel’s Comments – None.

Other Business – None.

Next meeting will be at 1:00 p.m., January 13, 2015 at the Louisiana Engineering Society Building Conference Room, 9643 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA. The following meeting will be January 27, 2015.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Johnston, seconded by Johnson. Motion passed unanimously. Kumar adjourned meeting at 2:35 p.m.