



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

Application Review and Continuing Education (AR/CE)

Committee Meeting

November 21, 2013

333 Guadalupe St, Tower I, Room 1250A

Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

- A. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.
- B. Members present were Committee Chair, Dr. C. Thomas Hallmark, P.G., Joseph P. DeWoody, Kelly Krenz-Doe, P.G. Member W. David Prescott, II, P.G., arrived at 2:57 p.m.
- C. Dr. Hallmark, Committee Chair, acknowledged that Ms. Amanda Miller was present to ask the Committee to reconsider her previous request to consider the pre-grad experience as qualifying work experience to meet the experience requirement for licensure. After discussion, the Committee considered Ms. Miller's internship as qualifying work experience and therefore she is eligible to sit for the ASBOG® Practice of Geology Examination.
- D. The AR/CE minutes from the August 9, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved as written.
- E. Regarding the hearing on Committee rule review per Texas Government Code 2001.039 (Administrative Procedure Act—agency four-year rule review). Dr. Hallmark, Committee Chair, presented comments received on behalf of the Texas Geophysics Examination workshop held October 23-25, 2013 in Houston, TX.
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 - 851.20-29
 - 851.31-46
 - 851.80
- F. Regarding public input on rules under committee review per Texas Government Code 2001.039 (Administrative Procedures Act—agency four-year rule review). The Committee reviewed and discussed staff recommendations regarding the following rules.
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 - 851.20-29
 - 851.31-46
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- G. Regarding Stanley L. King: PG applicant for licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology and Practice of Geology Examinations. Due to his extensive experience and previous licensure, the Committee unanimously moved to recommend to the full Board Mr. King's request to waive the ASBOG® Fundamentals and Practice of Geology Examinations.
- H. Regarding the promotion of licensure (exam prep) & GIT Mentoring Program. After discussion, the Committee directed staff to abolish any reference to the GIT Mentoring Program from its website, flyers, brochures, and forms.

- I. Regarding the renewal of a P.G. license and identifying whether a P.G. is operating as a sole proprietor. After discussion, the Committee determined that this agenda item would be more suitable for the General Issues Committee and would present to Mr. Knobloch, Board Chairman, at the full Board Meeting.
- J. Regarding negative reference statements received from reference providers for PG applicants for licensure. The Committee determined that all negative references are to be brought before the Committee for discussion upon approval for licensure. Dr. Hallmark, Committee Chair, directed Mr. Horton to discuss with attorney George Noelke regarding any legal standing required of the TBPG. The Committee also determined that reference statements expire after one year.
- K. Regarding consideration of an “inactive” status of a license with a reduced fee. The Committee decided not to consider an “inactive” license status.
- L. Regarding consideration of a reduced fee for individuals with a documented medical hardship. The Committee did not consider any additional deductions in reduced fees for medical hardship.
- M. Regarding the Continuing Education Audit Policy. After discussion, the Committee made no changes to the current Continuing Education Audit Policy.
- N. Regarding the progress of the Texas Geophysics Examination. An update on the status of the Texas Geophysics Examination was given by Member Krenz-Doe.
- O. Regarding Licensing and Equilibrium Number Data. The licensing chart was presented providing the license numbers. The Equilibrium Number data was also presented.
- P. Regarding discussion and possible action on Other TBPG Committee items of interest. No action taken.
- Q. Regarding future agenda items:
 - 1. Rule review per Texas Government Code 2001.039 (Administrative Procedure Act—agency four-year rule review)
 - 2. Education Code Chapter 57, Guaranteed Student Loans
- R. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.