



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

Application Review and Continuing Education (AR/CE) Committee Meeting

*333 Guadalupe St, Tower 1, Room 1264
Austin, Texas 78701*

November 18, 2011 7:30 a.m.

MINUTES

- A. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.
- B. Roll was called and a quorum was certified. Members present were Member Ulmer, Member Johnson and Committee Chair, C. Thomas Hallmark, P.G., Ph.D. Member Roeling expected to arrive late. Member Krenz-Doe was absent.
- C. There were no comments from the public.
- D. The minutes from the August 12, 2011 Application Review Committee meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Member Roeling arrived at 7:45 am.

- E. Regarding P.G. Application requests, the Committee decided the following:
 - (1) Mr. Brad Biggerstaff took the Idaho exam pre ASBOG®, the Committee determined that the Idaho exam is comparable and approved Mr. Biggerstaff for licensure.
 - (2) Mr. Jeffery Humenik took the Florida exam pre ASBOG®, the Committee determined that the Florida exam is comparable and approve Mr. Humenik for licensure.
- F. Regarding the requests to take the ASBOG® Practice of Geology exam without meeting all the requirements. The Committee decided the following:
 - (1) Mr. Norman Meyers request to take the ASBOG® Practice of Geology exam without meeting the work experience requirement, the Committee unanimously declined the request. The Committee determined that Mr. Meyer did not have the required five (5) years of post graduate work experience. They would approve his request after he gained another year of post graduate work experience and re-apply to take the ASBOG® Practice of Geology exam.
 - (2) Mr. Seth Pollack's request to take the ASBOG® Practice of Geology exam without the meeting the education coursework requirement, the Committee determined that his education demonstrated fulfillment of the academic requirement to take the exam, therefore will allow him to sit for the exam.
- G. Regarding public comments for proposed TBPG amendments:
 - 1) 851.32 – Continuing Education: The Committee considered all the comments received and recommended to the full Board to not move forward with the proposed amendment.
 - 2) 851.108 – Criminal Convictions: The Committee recommended that this proposed amendment be referred to the General Issues Committee.

- H. Regarding the pursuit of reciprocity agreements and licensing data; no additional information was provided regarding reciprocity agreements. The Licensing data spreadsheet with current number were provided. Nothing was mentioned regarding the amendment for “cooperative licensure”.
- I. Regarding the California Geophysics Exam, The Committee decided:
 - 1) The California Professional Geophysicist Examination is considered substantially similar to the licensing examination(s) required for licensure of a Professional Geoscientist in the Board’s rules in Texas Administrative Code §851.21. An applicant who has submitted proof of having passed the California Professional Geophysicist Examination meets the examination requirements for a PG license in Texas.
 - 2) The Committee agreed that the agency should respond to the California Board of Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists administrative request to explore the feasibility of “sharing” an examination for Professional Geophysicists with TBPG. The Committee expressed a concern that the agency provide information related to the legal impact (increased/decreased liability) of any proposal. The Committee also discussed that Member Krenz-Doe would be the best person to work on behalf of Texas along with staff on the issue.
- J. Regarding the discussion and summary of other TBPG Committee items of interest; this item was not discussed.
- K. The meeting adjournment at 8:55 a.m.