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Compliance and Enforcement Committee Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2012 Meeting

333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room #500
William P. Hobby Building, Austin, Texas

- A.** The Compliance and Enforcement Committee (C&E) meeting was called to order at 1:07PM., roll was called and quorum established. C&E members present were Barbara Roeling, PG, Committee Chair; Dr. Thomas Hallmark, PG; and Justin McNamee, Public Member. Staff members Charles Horton, Executive Director; Thomas "Wesley" McCoy, PG, Enforcement Coordinator; Molly Roman, Operations Manager; Alberto Jimenez, P.G., Investigator; and Jeanne Nguyen, Enforcement Specialist were also in attendance. Matthew Cowan, was in attendance as a member of the public representing Texas Association of Professional Geologists and Houston Geological Society.
- B.** The minutes from the January 27, 2012 C&E meeting were approved, as is.
- C.** There were no public comments.
- D.** Discussion and possible action regarding review of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientist Compliance and Enforcement and Outreach Plan. The Committee reviewed and made modifications to the Compliance and Enforcement and Outreach Plan.
- E.** Discussion and possible action regarding proposed new frequently asked questions (FAQs) and revisions to existing FAQs on the TBPG website. The Committee reviewed certain current and proposed new FAQs from the agency website and agreed on certain changes and additions. Due to time constraints, FAQs that were unable to be reviewed during this meeting will be discussed at the next C&E meeting. The Committee directed staff to make changes as agreed on those discussed, and post the updated FAQs on the agency website.
- F.** Discussion and possible action regarding the possible need for clarifications of which activities performed by individuals in the academic community require a license. The Committee began discussion related to providing clarity regarding the requirement of licensure for certain consulting work performed by individuals who also work in the academic community vs. research performed by individuals for academic institutions that are exempt from the requirement of licensure under the Texas Geoscience Practice Act. Member Hallmark agreed to work with Member Johnson and individuals in the academic community to develop draft text for review by the Committee at its next meeting.
- G.** Enforcement staff report. Alberto Jimenez provided and reviewed quarterly complaint activity summary data for the period of January 27, 2012 through March 30, 2012.
- H.** Date and discussion topics for next meeting. The Committee agreed to July 13, 2012 or July 20, 2012 for the next Committee date. Topics for next meeting will include continued review of FAQs and further discussion of the requirement of licensure for certain consulting work performed by individuals who also work in the academic community vs. research performed by individuals for academic institutions.
- I.** The C& E meeting adjourned at 3:00PM.