



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

General Issues Committee Meeting (Krenz-Doe, Knobloch, Mathewson, McNamee)

February 14, 2014, 3:00 p.m.
333 Guadalupe Street, Room 225
Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

- A. The meeting was called to order at 3:17 p.m., roll was called and a quorum was certified. In attendance were Committee Chair Kelly Krenz-Doe, P.G., Charles Knobloch, P.G., J.D., Christopher Mathewson, P.G., P.E., and committee alternate Joseph P. DeWoody. Member Justin McNamee was absent.
- B. The minutes from General Issues Committee meeting held on October 11, 2013 were approved as written.
- C. No public comments were given at this time. Two members of the public were in attendance, Henry Wise, on behalf of American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG-TX), and Matthew Cowan, on behalf of himself and the Texas Association of Professional Geoscientists (TAPG) and as an observer for the Houston Geological Association (HGA).
- D. Regarding the public hearing on rule review per Texas Government Code 2001.039 (Administrative Procedure Act—agency four-year rule review) regarding rule sections assigned to the Committee, public comments were offered from Mr. Cowan related to 851.156, Professional Geoscientists Seals. He inquired how sections 851.156 (q) and (r) related to the Compliance and Enforcement Committee’s proposed changes.
- E. Regarding the rule sections assigned to the Committee for the four year rule review required under Texas Government Code §2001.039 (Sections 850.1, 850.10, 850.60 – 65, 850.100-105, 851.10, 851.30, 851.80, 851.112 – 114, 851.153, 851.156), and the Committee’s recommendation to the full Board to readopt, readopt with changes, or repeal the rules under its purview, and post to the Texas Register for public comment, the Committee held discussion regarding its previously suggested recommendations, and also common usage of terms like “TBPG”, “Appointed Board”, “Staff”, “Agency”. The Committee postponed its consideration of this item until its next meeting.
- F. Regarding P.G. license holders also working as Sole Proprietors, this item was postponed until the Committee’s next meeting.
- G. Regarding licensure of environmental professionals, the Committee accepted comments from Mr. Wise and Mr. Cowan regarding licensure of environmental professionals. After discussion, no action was taken.
- H. Future meeting date and agenda items. The Committee scheduled its next meeting for February 26, 2014. Items for consideration at the next meeting include the Committee’s recommendation to the Board for the four-year rule review, and P.G.s working also as sole proprietors.
- I. The Committee adjourned at 6:18 p.m.