

TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

BOARD MEETING

March 17, 2006 1:00 p.m.
The Hilton at the Houston Hobby Airport
8181 Airport Boulevard
Houston, Texas 77061

Summary of Minutes

Per Agenda Item A, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Gordon Ware at 1:00 p.m. March 17, 2006.

Per Agenda Item B, Chairman Ware conducted roll call. Present were Chairman Ware, Vice Chairman Kelly Krenz-Doe, Secretary/Treasurer Rene Pena, Members Shiela Hall, Y. Lynn Clark, Glenn R. Lowenstein, and Danny Perkins, PhD. Dr. Murray Milford was not present. Member Kimberly Phillips arrived late.

Per Agenda Item C, the minutes for the November 18, 2005 Board meeting were approved with one change.

Per Agenda Item D, the Executive Director, Mr. Michael Hess, provided his report. He addressed the recent "Texans for Tomorrow" award bestowed upon CFO and Deputy Executive Director Mr. Vincent Houston. Executive Director Hess also addressed upcoming changes in personnel, the current development of a Strategic Plan and performance standards, the selection of Member Hall as ASBOG® coordinator, recent Outreach activities to several universities, monetary issues, online reporting, and Agency priorities.

Per Agenda Item E, Staff Reports:

- 1) The Compliance and Enforcement Report was given by Mr. Alberto Jimenez, P.G. He addressed current enforcement activities including visiting various state agencies and reviewing all relevant Agency reports containing geoscience information. He also gave the status regarding the mail out to licensees in violation of 851.156 (J) in the rules. For future Board meetings, it was suggested that a flowchart be developed to quantify the enforcement process.

2) The Licensing Report was given by Mr. Ariel Juarez. He gave the results of the ASBOG® exam from October, and the number of exam takers from the March exam. It was suggested that a chart be produced to reflect passing score percentage of ASBOG® test takers.

3) The Finance Report was given by Deputy Executive Director and CFO, Mr. Vincent Houston. Mr. Houston was directed by the Board to provide more information on individual fund sites for future meetings.

Per Agenda Item F, Public Comments came from four individuals: Mr. Richard G. Howe, P.G., Mr. Henry Wise, P.G., Mr. Matthew R. Cowan, P.G., and Mr. Keith Linton, Environmental Scientist.

Per Agenda Item G, Committee Reports and Agendas: These were discussed regarding possible action to be taken.

1) Application Review Committee Report: Discussed Reciprocity of licensure with Boards from other states. This was remanded back to staff for action. The policy of the Board is that no waivers of examination will be granted.

2) Compliance and Enforcement Committee Report: Mr. Alberto Jimenez discussed a recent complaint. It is agreed that this issue is outside our jurisdiction. Staff action is that a flow chart will be developed about the enforcement process. The recommended fine for not having a P.G. seal on file with the TBPG was established and set at \$100 if licensee doesn't respond to notification.

3) There were no Financial Review Committee or Strategic Planning Committee reports.

4) General Issues Committee Report was covered in the items below by Chair Y. Lynn Clark.

Per Agenda Item H, the request for waivers of examination by applicants Lance Overmyer and Kathleen L. O'Reilly were unanimously denied, as Member Lowenstein had recused himself from the vote.

Per Agenda Item I, 22 TAC §851.28: License Renewal and Reinstatement was unanimously adopted by the Board.

Per Agenda Item J, 22 TAC §851.30: Firm Registration was unanimously adopted by the Board.

Per Agenda Item K, 22 TAC §851.31: Temporary Licensing was unanimously adopted by the Board.

Per Agenda Item L, 22 TAC §851.80, Fees: The Firm Registration fees were unanimously adopted by the Board.

Per Agenda Item M, the proposed amendment to 22 TAC §851.30, Firm Registration, was approved for public comment.

Per Agenda Item N, the proposed amendment to 22 TAC §851.32, Continuing Education Program, was approved with changes for public comment.

Per Agenda Item O, the proposed amendment to 22 TAC §851.80, Fees, was approved for public comment.

Per Agenda Item P, the proposed Rule 22 TAC §851.152, Firm Compliance, was approved with changes for public comment.

Per Agenda Item Q, the proposed amendment to 22 TAC §851.156, Geoscientist's Seals, was approved for public comment.

Per Agenda Item R, the next Board Meeting will be held on Friday, August 18, 2006 in Austin, Texas, and the Agenda will include a possible Board election.

Per Agenda Item S, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 4:12 p.m.

Gordon Ware, P.G., Chairman

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