

LOUISIANA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

9643 Brookline Ave, Ste. 101, Baton Rouge, LA 70809



REGULAR MEETING OF LBOPG

Monday, April 27, 2015

1:00 P.M.

Louisiana Engineering Society Building, Conference Room
9643 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809

MINUTES

Chairman Kumar called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m., April 27, 2015. He then commenced Roll Call.

Present: Madhurendu Kumar, John Johnston, Arthur Johnson, Daisy Pate, Todd Perry, Board Members. Georgeann McNicholas, Executive Secretary. Mag Lockhart, Assistant Executive Secretary.

Absent: Kelli Hardesty, William Meaney, Board Members. Ethel Graham, Legal Counsel.

Late Arrival due to storm traffic: Lloyd Hoover, William Finley, Board Members

Quorum established. Attendance sheet was circulated for signatures.

Meeting Minutes: Meeting Minutes of 04/14/2015 were reviewed. Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes. Perry seconded. Minutes were approved and Motion carried unanimously.

McNicholas requested a motion to revise the minutes of 03/24/2015, under the Rules Committee section, Chapter 9 Sec. 911.F.1, to delete "Delete 3.a." Johnson motioned to accept the revision to the minutes. Johnston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Johnson gave Treasurer's Report listing of checks for payment and all were reasonable and expected. There was no need for vote but for information purposes only.

Licensing Application Review Committee – Pate read the numbers of applicants recommended for approval for professional geoscientist licensing in Louisiana as follows: 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 14, 16, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, and 32 of the Licensing Review Committee List for April 27, 2015. Motion was made by Johnston to accept the recommended list of applicants. Seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Numbers of applicants to be discussed by the Licensing Application Review Committee are as follows: 19 and 31. In addition, to number 25 ready for re-review for next meeting.

Licensing Examination Committee - No progress to report.

Complaint Review Committee – No report at this time.

Hearing Committee – No report at this time.

Comity/Reciprocity – No report at this time.

Office Committee – *Part-time Position*: Johnston presented Mag Lockhart who started work on 4/15/2015. She will work from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. *Justice Dept. Contract* - is back from the Attorney General's office. It will be delivered to the General Counsel of the Division of Administration and then to the Office of Contractual Affairs for final approval. *Applications to date*: 733 licenses have been issued to date. 1340 have applied.

Website – McNicholas reported on items that are being worked on by Usable Creative: 1.) Mass email distribution to notify applicants of their one year anniversary of commencing their licensing application. They will receive notice 90 days in advance of their one year anniversary and that, if application is not completed and submitted for review by that date, their application will be purged. 2.) GIT application is up and running and can be completed online. 3.) Creating database with the Excel spreadsheet of grandfathered applicants and the current licensing roster. 4.) Currently working on the renewal application process.

Legal Counsel's Comments – No Comments due to Legal Counsel's absence.

Other Business – 1.) *License Plate* - Perry provided an update on the professional geoscientist license plate bill. The bill was passed by the Transportation committee and will now go to the Senate for a vote. Discussion ensued regarding Sen. Walsworth's proposed suggested use of revenue. Discussion ensued. Perry proposed and made a motion that the LBOPG would like to see the bill remain as is but, if required and after the \$1500 fee is paid, a consideration of LBOPG would be that revenues may be used for continuing education for licensed geoscientists across the state. Motion carried. 2.) *Temporary License* - McNicholas updated the paper form that was originally created and sent to the possible applicant. Kumar requested seal to be added on the last page. Legal counsel to review and then it would be placed as a pdf on the website. Johnston motioned to approve the temporary license with Legal Counsel's approval. Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at the Louisiana Engineering Society Building Conference Room, 9643 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA. The following meeting will be Tuesday, May 26, 2015.

Johnston motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Kumar adjourned meeting at 1:30 p.m.