

Nebraska Board of Geologists
Public Rule Hearing Minutes
April 2, 2015

215 Centennial Mall South, Large Conference Room, 5th Floor, Lincoln, NE

The Nebraska Board of Geologists is holding this hearing to accept comments on proposed changes to Title 171 – Board of Geologists, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapters 1 through 7.

Proposed changes include reduction in the application and licensing fees in Chapter 1, the replacement of Rule 1.7 with 1.4.9 due to changes made in LB363 2013, and revision to language in Rule 3.9.1 to match Statute § 81-3529(3)(a).

PUBLIC HEARING CONVENED

The Public Rules Hearing was convened by Chairperson Link at 1:00pm. The hearing was held at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Notice of the hearing was published in the Lincoln Journal Star and on the Board's website in accordance to the Open Meetings Act. The affidavit of publication was available for review.

Board Members Present: Thomas Correll, Andrew Grimm, Charles Joyce, Martha Link, Harmon Maher, Ralph Martin, David Svingen

1-2 Affidavit of Publication

A Title 171, NAC – Rules and Regulations

A summary of the changes were provided for review. A legislative and clean copy of the proposed amendments and changes to Title 171, NAC were also provided for review. No written testimony or comments were received by the Board prior to the hearing.

B Public Comments

No members of the public were present

C Adoption of the Rules and Regulations

Chairperson Link went over the revisions to be made.

Action Motion by Maher, second by Svingen to adopt the proposed amendments and changes to Title 171, NAC as presented. Voting Yes: Correll, Grimm, Joyce, Link, Maher, Svingen, Martin; Voting No: None

ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Link closed the hearing at 1:07pm



Board Member

7/16/2015

Date

Proposed Fee Schedule

1.4 Fees, Renewals, Late Payment Penalties

1.4.1 The fee schedule and methods of payment shall be set by the Board and are as follows:

Application Fees:

Licensure and <u>Fundamentals of Geology (FG) Exam Application Fee</u>	\$50
<u>Practice of Geology (PG) Exam Application Fee</u>	\$100
<u>Reciprocity License Application Fee</u>	\$100
Certificate of Authorization for Organization Application Fee	\$100

Licensing/Enrollment Fees:

<u>Geologist-intern Enrollment Fee</u>	Included in FG exam application fee
Licensing Fee	Included in PG exam and license application fee \$240
Temporary Permit Fee	\$175
Geologist-intern Enrollment Fee	Included in exam application fee
<u>Emeritus Fee (Lifetime Fee)</u>	\$25

Renewal Fees:

License Renewal Fee	\$75 \$65
Late Renewal Fee	\$7.50 \$6.50 for any month or any part of a month, up to \$75 \$65
Certificate of Authorization Renewal Fee	\$100
Emeritus Fee (Lifetime fee)	\$25

Miscellaneous Fees:

Duplicate Certificate	\$15
Roster Requests	\$25 <u>Varies</u>
Exam <u>Seat</u> Reservation Fee	\$35
Exam Registration Fees	Set by ASBOG

- 1.4.2 The licensing fee for each approved professional geologist applies to the calendar year in which it was approved by the Board. The renewal fee applies to the next calendar year.
- 1.4.3 Certificates of licensure as a professional geologist shall expire at midnight on December 31 of each year, but may be renewed during the following year upon payment of a late fee. The late fee to be paid for the renewal of a certificate after December 31 shall be increased ten percent of the renewal fee for each month or fraction of a month that the payment is delinquent. The maximum renewal fee and late fee for a delinquent renewal shall not exceed twice the amount of the regular renewal fee and no renewal shall be made after one year from the original expiration date. A new application will be required after such date.
- 1.4.4 Certificates of authorization are valid for two years and shall expire at midnight on the date of expiration. An expired certificate may be renewed during the following year upon receipt of the renewal fee. No renewal shall be made after one year from the expiration date. A new application will be required after such date.
- 1.4.5 The fees shall be adjusted as needed to generate the revenue needed to administer the Nebraska Geologists Regulation Act.
- 1.4.6 Submittal of an application authorizes the Board to investigate the information provided on or appended to the application.
- 1.4.7 In addition to fees submitted to the Board, applicants shall be required to pay fees associated with examinations as established by ASBOG® when such examinations are required.
- 1.4.8 All fees are non-refundable.
- 1.4.9 Roster and/or public information request costs will be determined by time required to generate documents per Nebraska Public Records Statute §84-712. Standard roster requests will be free and available within four business days. Mailing list requests by government agencies, political subdivisions of Nebraska or geological societies will be

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issued at no cost to the requesting organization. A roster of licensed professional geologists will be listed on the Board's website for public use.

~~1.7 Mailing Lists and Rosters~~

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Proposed Rule Revision Seal Language

3.9.1 Upon notification of licensure from the Board, the ~~applicant-licensee~~ shall ~~obtain and purchase~~ acquire a seal which bears the licensee's name, his or her license number, ~~the words~~ "State of Nebraska," and ~~the words~~ "Licensed Professional Geologist."