

Nebraska Board of Geologists
Annual Board Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2014

215 Centennial Mall South, Large Conference Room, Lincoln, NE

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at 215 Centennial Mall South, 5th Floor, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chairperson Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and noted the location of the Public Meeting Statutes. Notice of the meeting was published on the Board's website and in the Lincoln Journal Star in compliance to the Open Meeting Act.

Roll Call: Dennis Anderson, Martha Link, Andrew Grimm, Harmon Maher, David Svingen; Absent: Thomas Correll, Ralph Martin

Staff Present: Sandra Weaver, Administrator (AD); Jean Lais, Administrative Assistant (AA)

Election of Officers

Board Policy G-P13.01 outlines the process of electing and succession of the Board's officer; Vice-Chairperson will become the Chairperson and the Secretary will become the Vice-Chairperson. A Secretary will be elected from the remaining members.

Action Motion by Maher, second by Link to nominate Svingen as Secretary. Voting Yes: Maher, Svingen, Grimm, Link, Anderson; Voting No: None; Absent: Correll, Martin

Action Motion by Maher, second by Link to elect Svingen as Secretary. Voting Yes: Maher, Svingen, Grimm, Anderson; Voting No: None; Absent: Correll, Martin

Public Comment/Appointments

A Consent Agenda

Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2014, meeting minutes were approved as presented
Renewal Disclosures - *None*

Action Motion by Maher, second by Svingen to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Voting Yes: Maher, Svingen, Grimm, Link, Anderson; Voting No: None; Absent: Correll, Martin

B Financial Matters

Budget Status Report – January, February, March 2014

MTD General Ledger Detail Report – January, February, March 2014

Fund Summary Report – January, February, March 2014

Financial Profile FY 2013/2014 – January, February, March 2014

Reports were provide for review.

Other Financial Matters

Administrative Services Contract FY 2014/2015

Time and cost worksheets were provided to the board for review. The proposed new weighted hourly rate for FY14/15 is \$18.08. The proposed contract amount for FY14/15 is \$14,045 or \$3,511.25 per quarter. The contract was approved by the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects at their February 14, 2014, meeting. This is an increase of \$228.00 over the previous contract. The contract includes the services to be provided.

ASBOG Exam Proctor Contract FY 2014/2015

A copy of the contract was provided for review. The contract provides for the service of proctoring the ASBOG geologist examination administrations for the FY14/15. Included in the contract are the hourly wage (\$17.00/hr), terms of payment, frequency of the examinations, and the litigation process.

Approval of Fee Schedule FY 2014/2015

A copy of the current fee scheduled as posted on the Board's website was reviewed and approved. Due to revisions to the Public Records Statutes through LB 363 prohibiting the

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charge for records retrievals involving less the four hours of staff time, the fee for the "Licensee Listing" will be changed to "Contact Office".

Action Motion by Maher, second by Link to approve the Financials Matters as presented. Voting Yes: Maher, Svingen, Grimm, Anderson; Voting No: None; Absent: Correll, Martin

Action Motion by Svingen, second by Maher to approve the Contracts & Fee Schedule with the elimination of the "Licensing Listing" as presented. Voting Yes: Maher, Svingen, Grimm, Link, Anderson; Voting No: None; Absent: Correll, Martin

Weaver left the meeting at 1:20p

C Applications

Licensure/Examination

Core Course Equivalency Chart and the Rational for Core Courses and Equivalentents were provided for review.

Applications for **Licensure by Reciprocity**

Approved: Bruce Manchon - TX

Applications for **Licensure by Experience** - *None*

Applications for **Licensure Reinstatement** - *None*

Applications to sit for the **ASBOG FG Exam**

Approved: Matthew Coan - NE

Applications to sit for the **FG/PG ASBOG Exams** - *None*

Applications to sit for the **PG ASBOG Exam** - *None*

Action Motion by Link, second by Maher to approve the Applications as reviewed and discussed. Voting Yes: Maher, Svingen, Grimm, Link, Anderson; Voting No: None; Absent: Correll, Martin

D Compliance - *None*

E Committee Reports

Officers Report

Chairperson Anderson expressed interest in running for the ASBOG Executive Committee. It is a revolving appointment starting with Secretary and moving through President. This requires a nomination from the Board.

Action Motion by Maher, second by Link to nominate Anderson for ASBOG Secretary. Voting Yes: Maher, Svingen, Grimm, Link; Voting No: None; Abstain: Anderson, Absent: Correll, Martin

ASBOG

Chairperson Anderson reported on the TAS and COE which occurred April 3-5th in Buffalo, NY. The March exams were statistically the most defendable ASBOG has administered, setting the ground work for future exams.

The Task Analysis process has just begun. The questionnaire has been revised to be simpler to complete which will hopefully result in a higher return. The return of questionnaires has been as low as 2% in some states. The more responses received, the easier it is to defend the exams as this shows a more accurate percentage of working being done in each geological area.

Office/Staff - *None*

F Old Business

Governance Issues - *None*

Geologist Items

North-Central Geological Society of America 2014 Annual Meeting – April 24-25, 2014, Lincoln, NE

AA Lais provided a copy of the table cover proof and copies of the materials received from

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ASBOG. Discussion was held as to what should be used.

Vice-Chairperson Link will man the booth on Thursday (24th). Chairperson Anderson will man the booth on Wednesday night (23rd) during the Welcome Reception and Friday (25th).

Anderson has also enlisted the help of former Board Member Eversoll to assist with manning the booth. AA Lais will set up the booth on Wednesday before the meeting.

G New Business

Governance Issues - None

Geologist Items

Website Redesign

Discussion began on the redesign of the Board's website this summer. AA Lais provided print outs of the current NBEA and NSBLA home pages as samples. Draft page narrative was also provided for the members review and comment. Chairperson Anderson requested all members to review and bring any comments and/or suggestions to the July meeting. This includes the use of colors, graphics, pictures, etc.

Strategic Plan - No Discussion

H General Information

Public Notice publication - Notice as sent to the Lincoln Journal Star to publicize the April meeting

Board meetings and schedule - A copy of the Board meeting schedule and office calendar was provide for review. Maher informed the Board he may not be available for the July meeting. AA Lais will send out a notice the beginning of June to insure the July 17th works for the majority of the members. Maher also expressed interest in going to the ASBOG Fall COE and Annual Meeting in November.

Roster of Board members - A roster of the current members was provided.

Licensing Trends

The Trends in Licensure and Fiscal Activity Reports were provided for review.

Other

Approved Board Policies & Record of Board Action to Change Statutes and Rules & Regulations were provided for review.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm

The next Board of Geologist board meeting will be held on July 17, 2014 at 1:00pm at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska, fifth floor, large conference room.

Board Member



Date

