

Nebraska Board of Geologist
Board Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2011

CALL TO ORDER Time: 1:00pm

The meeting was held at 215 Centennial Mall South, 5th Floor, Large Conference Room, Lincoln, NE. Chairperson Shroder called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and informed the public of the location of the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call: Dennis Anderson, Andrew Grimm, Martha (Marty) Link, Ralph Martin, John (Jack) Shroder, David Svingen; Absent: Thomas Correll; Absent: Emeritus Member Nan Lindsley-Griffin (non-voting)

Election of Officers

Action: Motion by Grimm, second by Svingen to elect Shroder as Chairperson, Anderson as Vice-Chairperson, and Svingen as Secretary. Voting Yes: Grimm, Martin, Anderson, Svingen, Link, Shroder; Voting No: None; Absent: Correll

Public Comment/Appointments - None

Agenda Items

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

A Consent Agenda

Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2011 meetings minutes approved with the correction of times on page 1 - ED Wilbeck and Administrator Weaver joined the meeting at 1:10pm and Grimm joined the meeting at 1:20pm.

Organizational Practice – Certificates of Authorization

Panhandle Geotechnical & Environmental Inc, CAG0059; Pangean-CMD Associates Inc, CAG0060; Tetra Tech Inc, CAG0061; Camp Dresser & McKee Inc, CA0062; Golder Associates Inc, CAG0063

Approval of Consent Agenda

Action: Motion by Martin, second by Anderson to accept the Consent Agenda. Voting Yes: Grimm, Martin, Anderson, Svingen, Link, Shroder; Voting No: None; Absent: Correll

Administrator Weaver joined the meeting at 1:05pm

ED Wilbeck joined the meeting at 1:10pm

B Financial Matters

Anderson did not go to the Spring COE, April 1 and 2, 2011 due to medical and health reasons. He explained the airline would have reimbursed him the airfare if he had been in the hospital at the time of travel. He was released from the hospital on March 30th and his departing flight was on March 31st.

They would only refund in other circumstances if the reservation was cancelled prior to travel. He requested the board to cover the airfare of \$430.60 under the circumstances. Discussion was held that this was already a budgeted expense and the Board should cover the expense.

Action: Motion by Martin, second by Svingen to cover the airfare under the board's expense. Voting Yes: Grimm, Martin, Svingen, Anderson, Link, Shroder; Voting No: None; Absent: Correll.

Budget Status Report – January, February, March 2011

Enterprise One reports provided for review

MTD General Ledger Detail Report – January, February, March 2011

Enterprise One reports provided for review

Fund Summary Report – January, February, March 2011

Enterprise One reports provided for review

Financial Profile FY 2010/2011 – January, February, March 2011

Database report provided for review.

Administrator Weaver provided an updated spreadsheet showing the cash fund with the current and projected expenses and revenue for this fiscal year. She also provided a spreadsheet showing the cash

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fund with an increase in renewal fees to \$80. Expenditures may surpass revenue in 2013 if fees are not increased.

Discussion was held as to the number of times fees had been raised since the inception of the Geologist Act. It was concluded that there had only been one increase in 2007. Link inquired as to whether there was a provision in the statutes or regulations that required the board to cover expenses. There is not. The cash fund is at a point where the board could hold off increasing renewal fees and see where the fund is over the next year or so. It was suggested a semi-annual review be made. An increase would require a change in the rules and regulations. This process can take anywhere from three months to a year. A public hearing must be held and the Attorney General must sign off prior to going to the Governor for final approval. Once approved, the changes are sent to the Secretary of State's office and would go into affect five days later.

Link made the recommendation a committee be put together to review the changes the board is currently looking to make including the renewal increase and report back to the board with their recommendations on which ones to move forward with. Chairperson Shroder asked for two volunteers to make up the committee. Martin and Anderson expressed their interest and Chairperson Shroder appoint them to an adhoc committee to review the changes needed in the statutes and rules and regulations and report back to the board at the next meeting.

Other Financial Matters

Governor's 2011-2013 Biennial Budget Recommendations

A copy of the Governor's Budget Recommendations was provided for review.

Approval of Financial Matters with the except of Contracts

Action: Motion by Svingen, second by Anderson to approve the Financial Matters with the exception of the contracts. Voting Yes: Grimm, Martin, Anderson, Svingen, Link, Shroder; Voting No: None; Absent; Correll

Contract Review and Approval

Administrative Services Contract with the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects

Copy of the contract was provided for review. The contract provides for the administrative services of the Board (NEBOG) to be handled by the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects (NBEA) staff. The contract covers FY 11-12, effective July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012. The contract amount is \$20,758, or \$5,189.50 quarterly. Any additional services not listed on the approved activities list will be billed at \$25.00 per hour and will include a signed approval by both the NEBOG and NBEA prior to any work commencing. The NBEA staff will continue to track all time spent in work performed directly for NEBOG and time spent in time which indirectly benefits both boards. Attachments showing staff time allocation for the period July 1, 2008 to December 5, 2010, the calculation of the weighted hourly rate, operational expenses and final fee, and the services to be provided were included for review. The contract is revisited on a yearly basis.

Approval of Administrative Service Contract with NBEA

Action: Motion by Anderson, second by Martin to approve the Administrative Service Contract with the NBEA. Voting Yes: Grimm, Martin, Anderson, Svingen, Link, Shroder; Voting No: None; Absent: Correll

Examination Proctor Contract with Charles Borcharding

Copy of the contract was provided for review. The contract provides the service of proctoring the ASBOG geologist examination administrations for the FY 11-12. Included in the contract are the hourly wage, terms of payment, frequency of the examinations, and the litigation process.

Approval of the Contract with Charles Borcharding

Action: Motion by Anderson, second by Link to approve the Contract with Charles Borcharding. Voting Yes: Grimm, Martin, Anderson, Svingen, Link, Shroder; Voting No: None; Absent: Correll.

ED Wilbeck and Administrator Weaver left the meeting at 1:40pm.

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C Applications

Licensure/Examination

Core Course Equivalency Chart, Rational for Core Courses, and Course Equivalents were provided for review.

Applications for Licensure by Reciprocity

Approved: Michael Mellin, WY; Jay Snyder, NM; Jerry Taylor, LA; Jeffery Wilson, KS; Walter Weinig, CO was granted conditional approval based on verification the California state exam in March 1999 was equivalent to the current ASBOG exams.

Applications for Licensure Reinstatement

Denied: Linnea Norby, applicant has not successfully taken and passed the ASBOG exams. The applicant was originally licensed in Nebraska under the grandfather clause. Nebraska was her only license.

Applications for Geologist Intern by ASBOG FG Exam

Approved: Jeffery Seymour, NE

Applications for Licensure by FG/PG ASBOG Exams – None

Applications for Licensure by PG ASBOG Exam – None

Approval of Licensure/Examination Applications Discussion

Action: Motion by Anderson, second by Svingen to recommendations on applications as discussed with the exception of Walter Weinig. Voting Yes: Grimm, Martin, Anderson, Svingen, Link, Shroder; Voting No: None; Absent: Correll

Action: Motion by Anderson, second by Link to approve Walter Weinig on verification the California state exam in March 1999 was equivalent to the current ASBOG exams. Voting Yes: Grimm, Martin, Anderson, Svingen, Link, Shroder; Voting No: None; Absent: Correll

D Compliance - None

E Committee Reports

Officers Report – None

ASBOG

Anderson mentioned Nebraska is listed as the host board for the 2012 ASBOG Annual Meeting. He reminded the board they would most likely be responsible for arranging the field trip which is offered on the last day of the meeting. He did mention this to some of the Nebraska Geological Society board members at the last meeting and was informed they would be willing to help coordinate the trip. Anderson will follow up with Sam Christiano at ASBOG to confirm the date and inquire as to the logistics and responsibilities of the board during the meeting. Chairperson Shroder mentioned he can help coordinate the field trip or meeting logistics through the university if needed.

Office/Staff – None

F Old Business – None

G New Business

Governance Issues - None

Board actions – None

Rules and Regulations – None

Statutes – None

Geologist Items - None

Strategic Plan - None

H General Information

Public Notice publication (April 14, 2011-No Quorum)

Public Notice publication (April 26, 2011)

Board meetings and schedule

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Chairperson Shroder will not be able to attend the July 14, 2011, meeting.

Roster of Board members

Certificates of Board Member Appointments

Certificates of reappointment for Marty Link and David Svingen were signed by Governor Hieneman and will expire on February 28, 2016.

Licensing Trends

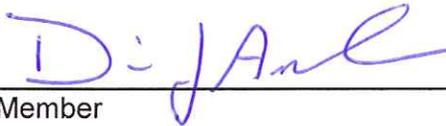
Trends in Licensure and Fiscal Activity Report FY 10-11 – Database reports provided for review.

Other

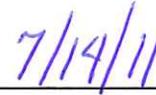
Approved Board Policies – Board Action Summary provided for review.

Adjournment: Motion by Anderson, second by Martin to adjourn the meeting at 2:40pm.

The next Board of Geologist board meeting will be held on July 14, 2011, at 1:00pm at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska, fifth floor, large conference room.



Board Member



Date