

Nebraska Board of Geologist
Annual Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2012

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at 215 Centennial Mall South, 5th Floor, Large Conference Room, Lincoln, NE. Vice-Chairperson Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:04pm and informed the public of the location of the Open Meeting Act.

Roll Call: Dennis Anderson, Thomas Correll, Martha (Marty) Link, Ralph Martin, David Svingen; Absent: John (Jack) Shroder, Andrew Grimm

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

Public Comment/Appointments

No members of the public were present

Agenda Items

No adjustments were made to the agenda

A Consent Agenda

Meeting Minutes - October 13, 2011, meeting minutes approved as presented.

Organizational Practice – Certificates of Authorization- *None*

Action Approval of Consent Agenda

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

B Financial Matters

Budget Status Report – October, November, December 2011

EnterpriseOne Reports provided for review. AD Weaver pointed out the budgeted amount includes the additional funds for the Service Contract with the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects (NBEA) which due to the renegotiating, will not be needed. Taking this into account the board is at about 50% of projected expenses with 50% of time for the fiscal year elapsed. The revenue amount includes license renewals through December 31st. As of today, there are 17 who have not renewed.

MTD General Ledger Detail Report – October, November, December 2011

EnterpriseOne Reports provided for review.

Fund Summary Report – October, November, December 2011

EnterpriseOne Reports provided for review.

Financial Profile FY 2010/2011 – October, November, December 2011

Database report provide for review. AD Weaver informed the board that the last quarter's service contract with the NBEA was not paid until December so the chart shows a dip were there usually is not one.

Other Financial Matters

Proposed Service Contract with the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects (NBEA)

A copy of the proposed service contract with the NBEA for administrative services was provided for review. The contract provides for the administrative services of the Board (NEBOG) to be administered by the NBEA staff. The contract covers FY 12-13, effective July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013. The contract amount is \$14,450 or \$3,612.50 quarterly. Any additional services not listed on the approved activities list will be billed at \$17.50 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 on 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 18, 2011, the calculation

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of the weighted hourly rate, operational expenses and final fee. The contract is revisited on a yearly basis. AD Weaver noted one reason for the lower contract amount, is the historic time records included the time when the Geologists were added to the current database in which there was a lot of staff and IT time involved. Now that the bulk of the work is done, less time is being used to perform routine tasks and maintenance. Overall staff time is lower; therefore, the bottom line is lower.

Contract Review and Approval – None

Action Approval of Financial Matters

Motion by Link, second by Martin to approve the Financial Matters as represented. Voting Yes: Correll, Martin, Svingen, Link, Anderson; Voting No: None; Absent: Grimm, Shroder

AD Weaver left the meeting at 1:20pm

C Applications

Licensure/Examination

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

Applications for Licensure by Reciprocity

Approved: David Colvin, CO; Kevin Tautkus, CO; Eugene Murray, TX

Applications for Licensure Reinstatement – None

Applications for Geologist Intern by ASBOG FG Exam

Approved: David Masciale, NE; Sarah Pistillo, NE

Applications for Licensure by FG/PG ASBOG Exams – None

Applications for Licensure by PG ASBOG Exam

Approved: Jeffrey Seymour, NE **Defer:** Allbaugh – until has gained the five years of necessary experience. The board granted applicant one year of experience for his time as a Teacher's assistant and his graduate research at South Dakota School of Mines & Technology.

Motion by Martin to extend experience of one year for graduate work to Allbaugh and allow to sit for the Fall 2012 exam. Motion was withdrawn for lack of a second.

Action Setting of Policy for Experience for Graduate Education

Motion by Correll, second by Martin to institute a policy for granting one year of experience for a Master's degree in geology and two years of experience for a PhD in geology. An example was given to clarify, a student obtaining a Masters and/or PhD and working during that time can only gain experience under either his education or work experience, but not both. Voting Yes: Correll, Martin, Svingen, Link, Anderson; Voting No: None; Absent: Grimm, Shroder

Action Approval of Licensure/Examination Applications as discussed

Motion by Martin, second by Svingen to approve the recommendations of the applications as discussed. Voting Yes: Correll, Martin, Svingen, Link, Anderson; Voting No: None; Absent: Grimm, Shroder

D Compliance – None

E Committee Reports

Officers Report - None

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ASBOG

Vice-Chair Anderson reported on the ASBOG COE and Annual Meeting held October 5-November 5, 2011 in San Antonio, TX. ASBOG had a net loss of approximately \$100K for FY 2011. The bulk of revenue comes from when a new state joins ASBOG at a cost of approximately \$30K. There have not been any new members in several years. Annual dues for a state to be a member are currently set at \$4500. The only feasible way to raise revenue is to raise the individual board's annual dues. Most of the states that are going to join have already done so. There are only a few states left that may possibly join in the next year or two depending on their proposed legislation. The ASBOG Foundation has not been able to raise the funds needed to help subsidize travel to the meetings as anticipated.

Participation in the COE is dwindling due to restrictions placed on boards for out of state travel. This in turns makes it difficult to come up with a sustainable exam. Ethics was to be included for the first time on the Spring 2012, however, at the COE, all the questions were eliminated due to the difficulty in writing the questions.

However, employment numbers in the geology fields remain steady.

Office/Staff – *None*

F Old Business

Geologist Items

2012 ASBOG Annual Meeting (Omaha-October 31-November 3, 2012) Field Trip Discussion
The last NGS meeting was cancelled so discussion did not take place as planned. Anderson has made inquires and contacts to make a stop at Eppley Air Field to discuss the flooding from last summer.

He expressed concern that this issue needs to get some serious attention starting now.

Svingen agreed to insure there is a NGS meeting in February even if the field trip is the only discussion topic.

Possible stops mentioned were Weeping Willow, Desoto Bend, Bawer Shoots, CSO, and the Omaha/Lincoln water field.

G New Business

Governance Issues

Board actions – *None*

Rules and Regulations

A copy of the proposed changes to Rules and Regulations were provided for review.

The changes included a fee increase as follows:

License Renewal from \$75 to \$85; Certificate of Authorization Application from \$100 to \$200; Certificate of Authorization Renewal \$100 to \$150; Late Renewal Penalty from \$7.50 to \$8.50.

A provision was added to the Code of Practice that Geologist shall not engage in any illegal conduct involving moral turpitude. A tentative date of February 16, 2012 was set for the Public Hearing at 3:00pm.

Action Approval of Proposed Changes to Rules and Regulations

Motion by Link, second by Martin to approve the Proposed Changes to the Rules and Regulations. Voting Yes: Correll, Martin, Svingen, Link, Anderson; Voting No: None; Absent: Grimm, Shroder

Statutes – *None*

Geologist Items

2012 ASBOG COE Workshop – April 13-14, Louisville, KY – selection and approval of Board

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representative – Anderson will attend. Martin will check his schedule and will attend if able to do so. He will let AA Lais know of his decision as soon as possible. Link agreed to attend if Martin is not able to do so.

Action Approval of COE Workshop Representative

Motion by Svingen, second by Correll to approve Anderson and either Martin or Link to attend the ASBOG COE Workshop, April 13-14, 2012, in Louisville, KY. Voting Yes: Correll, Martin, Svingen, Link, Anderson; Voting No: None; Absent: Grimm, Shroder

Retention Schedule 159

Copies of the current schedule and the draft schedule were provided for review. The retention schedule was last updated in August 2004. The draft schedule brings the retention up to date with current practices and procedures and brings the board schedule in line with the State wide schedule (124). A copy of the proposed list of documents to be included in the electronic work files once files are scanned was also included for review.

Action Approval of Draft Retention Schedule and Documents for Electronic Work Files

Motion by Martin, second by Link to approve the Draft Retention Schedule and Documents for Electronic Work Files. Voting Yes: Correll, Martin, Svingen, Link, Anderson; Voting No: None; Absent: Grimm, Shroder

Strategic Plan - None

H General Information

Public Notice publication

Board meetings and schedule

Roster of Board members

Correll's term will be expiring in February. He will seek to be reappointed for an additional term.

Licensing Trends

Trends in Licensure and Fiscal Activity Report FY 11-12 – Database reports provided for review.

Other

Approved Board Policies – Board Action Summary provided review.

ASBOG September 2011 Exam Results provided for review.

Adjournment: Motion by Correll, second by Link to adjourn the meeting at 2:47pm

The next Board of Geologist board meeting will be held on April 26, 2012, at 1:00pm at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska, fifth floor, large conference room.

Board Member



Date

4/26/12