

Nebraska Board of Geologists
Board Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2015
215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chairperson Link called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and noted the location of the Open Meetings Act. Notice of the meeting was published on the Board's website and in the Lincoln Journal Star.

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

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

Public Comment/Appointments

No members of the public were present.

A Consent Agenda

Meeting Minutes

October 30, 2014, meeting minutes were approved as presented

Certificates of Authorization Approvals

Approved: Huff & Huff Inc, CAG0078 - Oak Brook, IL; Exploration Resources International Geophysics LLC, CAG0079 - Vicksburg, MS; Subsurface Technology Inc, CAG0080 - Houston, TX

Renewal Disclosures - None

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

B Committee Reports

Officers Report

Anderson's term expires on February 28, 2015, and he will not be seeking reappointment. Chairperson Link presented him with a plaque of recognition for his service to the board.

ASBOG

Anderson reported on the Annual meeting which was held in November 2014 in Indianapolis, In. New York has now joined ASBOG and passed legislation regulating the profession and requiring the exams.

In an attempt to cut costs, discussion was held regarding to the Annual meeting. This meeting typically costs ASBOG approximately \$90,000. Starting this year, the meeting may be held via video conferencing. In addition of cutting costs, this would allow states who have not been able to attend due to travel restrictions to participate.

Anderson also reported that Sam Christiano, who had been the Executive Director, is no longer with ASBOG. Deana Sneyd, has been named the Interim Executive Director until a permanent replacement can be hired. The ASBOG office has been moved from South Carolina to Georgia. With the above changes the executive committee has rearranged the priorities of the organization. The original purpose of ASBOG was to provide a national exam to the member states. Emphasis over the next year or so will be in increasing the number of participants at the COE Workshops and strengthening the exam.

Office/Staff - None

C Old Business

Governance Issues - None

Geologist Items

Website Redesign Discussion

No discussion/No Action

D New Business

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Governance Issues

Proposed Rules Language Revisions

A copy of the proposed rule revisions was provided. A copy of the final approved revisions are attached to these minutes. The public hearing will be held prior to the April 2, 2015, board meeting. It is the hope of the board to have these effective for the 2015/2016 fiscal year.

- Action** Motion by Grimm, second by Martin to approve the Fee Rules revisions as discussed.
Voting Yes: Maher, Svingen, Anderson, Correll, Grimm, Martin, Link; Voting No: None
Motion by Anderson, second by Correll to approve the Seal Rule revision as discussed.
Voting Yes: Maher, Svingen, Anderson, Correll, Grimm, Martin, Link; Voting No: None

Geologist Items

Approve Delegates to the Spring ASBOG COE Workshop - April 10-11, 2015 - Tampa, FL

The Board approved Maher and Martin to be the delegates to the Workshop. If neither is able to attend, Chairperson Link may approve another member.

- Action** Motion by Svingen, second by Martin to approve Maher and Martin to be the delegates to the Spring ASBOG COE Workshop. Voting Yes: Maher, Svingen, Anderson, Correll, Grimm, Martin, Link; Voting No: None

Strategic Plan

No Discussion/No Action

E Compliance - None

F Applications

Licensure/Examination

Core Course Equivalency Chart And Rational for core courses were provided for review.

Applications for **Licensure by Reciprocity**

Approved: Dagon, Matthew-IN; Longtine, Mark-WA

Applications for **Licensure by Experience**

Approved: Martella, Thomas-CO

Applications for **Licensure Reinstatement - None**

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

Approved: Pickett, Laura-NE

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

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

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

Weaver entered the meeting at 1:55p

G Financial Matters

Budget Status Report – October, November, December 2014

MTD General Ledger Detail Report – October, November, December 2014

Fund Summary Report – October, November, December 2014

Financial Profile FY 2014/2015 – October, November, December 2014

AD Weaver reported that with 50% of the year elapsed just over 50% of budgeted expenses have been spent. This is largely in part to paying our ASBOG dues in October. A little over 82% of the projected revenue has been received. The Cash Fund is at almost \$81,000.

Expenses are tracking very close to last year and revenue to date is slightly lower.

Other Financial Matters - None

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

Weaver left the meeting at 2:10p

H General Information

Public Notice publication as submitted to the Lincoln Journal Star provided for review

Board meetings and schedule provided for review

Roster of Board members provided for review

Licensing Trends

Trends in Licensure and Fiscal Activity Reports provided for review.

Other

October ASBOG Exam Results were provided for review.

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

Adjournment: Chairperson Link adjourned the meeting at 2:25p

The next Board of Geologist board meeting will be held on April 2, 2015 at 1:00pm at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska, fifth floor, large conference room.

Board Member



Date

