

Nebraska Board of Geologists  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 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. Vice-Chairperson Link called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm 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:** Martha Link, Andrew Grimm, Harmon Maher, Ralph Martin, David Svingen; Absent: Dennis Anderson, Thomas Correll

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

**Public Comment/Appointments**

No public comments were made.

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**A Consent Agenda**

**Meeting Minutes** - The October 10, 2013 Board Meeting and Public Rule Hearing minutes were approved as presented.

**Organizational Practice** – Certificates of Authorization - *None*

**Renewal Disclosures** - *None*

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

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**B Financial Matters**

**Budget Status Report** – October, November, December 2013

**MTD General Ledger Detail Report** – October, November, December 2013

**Fund Summary Report** – October, November, December 2013

**Financial Profile FY 2013/2014** – October, November, December 2013

Payroll & Financial Center reports were provided for review. With 50% of the year elapsed, 55% of the expenses have been expended and 78% of the revenue has come in as of December 31st. Revenue and expenditures are higher than the previous year. Higher expenditures are due to paying mileage to members for Board meetings.

The Administrative Service Contract for FY 2014-15 with the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects (NBEA) will be ready for review next month and will be sent to the members for their review and comment. The final contract will be submitted to the Board at the April meeting for their approval.

**Other Financial Matters** - *None*

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

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**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:** Wesley Janes, CO

**Applications for Licensure by Experience**

**Approved:** Thomas Ferraro, UT; Kirby Smail, UT

**Applications for Licensure Reinstatement**

**Approved:** Daniel Fisher, PA

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

**Approved:** Kyle Kloewer, NE

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**Applications to sit for the FG/PG ASBOG Exams**

**Approved:** Brian Coder, SD

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

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

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**D Compliance - None**

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**E Committee Reports**

**Officers Report**

**ASBOG**

Martin reported on the ASBOG Annual Meeting in October - ASBOG is encouraging board staff to get more involved in the Annual Meeting. They are planning to include several sessions geared more toward board staff at the future meetings.

Louisiana just enacted statute to regulate geologists. Their grandfather period ended on December 31st.

Texas is looking to get other states to enter into reciprocity agreements.

**Office/Staff**

AA Lais informed the Board that the NBEA has hired a new Executive Director, Steve Masters. Masters formerly worked with the City of Lincoln's Public Works Department.

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**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 the booth pricing for the meeting. The Board approved paying for a booth at the \$175 Not-for-Profit price. Deadline for submitting the exhibit space contract is March 15, 2014. This includes one registration to the Meeting. Additional booth workers may be included at \$25 each. The Board approved two additional workers, however, there was a question as whether this includes access to the Meeting sessions. AA Lais will follow up with Dana Divine, the Exhibits Chair, to confirm. If this does not include registration, the members will still need to pay their own registration.

The members would also like to purchase a table cover to use at the booth and on future outreach activities. AA Lais will research pricing and advise the members.

Discussion was held on the type of literature and information the Board would like to have available. Suggestions were: business cards with the Board's contact information, mission statement/steps toward licensure; brochure on the role of geologists in the state. AA Lais will research what is available from past newsletters and send out for review.

**Action** Motion by Maher, second by Svingen to secure a booth at the meeting. Voting Yes: Grimm, Maher, Martin, Svingen, Link; Voting No: None; Absent: Anderson, Correll  
Motion by Maher, second by Martin to approve up to three members to attend the meeting if the \$25 additional booth workers includes registration. Voting Yes: Grimm, Maher, Martin, Svingen, Link; Voting No: None; Absent: Anderson, Correll.

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**G New Business**

**Governance Issues - None**

**Geologist Items**

Approval of Delegate to ASBOG COE Workshop, April 4-5, 2014, Buffalo, NY

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The Board approved the cost of one member to attend the Workshop.

**Action** Motion by Maher, second by Martin, to approve one member to attend the ASBOG COE Workshop in Buffalo, NY on April 4 and 5, 2014. Voting Yes: Grimm, Maher, Martin, Svingen, Link; Voting No: None; Absent: Anderson, Correll

**Strategic Plan**

No discussion or action taken

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**H General Information**

**Public Notice publication** - Notice of the meeting as sent to the Lincoln Journal Star to publicize the January meeting.

**Board meetings and schedule** - A copy of the board meeting schedule and office calendar was provided for review.

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

**Re-appointment certificates** for Martin and Grimm - Copies of the re-appointment certificates were provided for review. Both members were re-appointed until February 23, 2019.

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

**Other**

**October 2013 ASBOG Exam Results** were provided for review

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

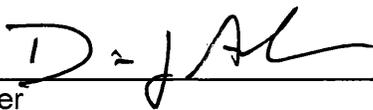
**Board Travel Policy** was provided for review

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**Adjournment** Motion by Martin, second by Svingen to adjourn the meeting at 1:50pm

The next Board of Geologist board meeting will be held on April 3, 2014 at 1:00pm at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska, fifth floor, large conference room.

Board Member



Date

