

**Nebraska Board of Geologists
Board Meeting Minutes
July 31, 2008, Lincoln, Nebraska**

1:00 p.m. - CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

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

Roll Call: Jack (Jack) Shroder, Dennis Anderson, Robert (Steve) Kemp, Thomas Correll, David Svingen, Andrew Grimm. Absent: Susan Olafsen Lackey. Emeritus Member Present: N. Lindsley-Griffin. **Staff Present:** Melinda Pearson, Executive Director (ED); Jon Wilbeck, Compliance Officer (CO); Sandra Weaver, Administrator (AD); Karen Schamp, Administrative Assistant (AA); DeMaris Johnson, Legislative Aid (LA)

Public Comment/Appointments

No public attendance for this meeting.

Agenda Items

Approval or Adjustment of the Agenda

No adjustments made.

Public Notice Publication

A Consent Agenda

1 Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2008 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

2 ASBOG®

None at this time.

3 Licensure/Examination

Certificate of Authorizations: RDG Geoscience & Engineering Inc CA0040-G; SS Papadopoulos & Associates Inc CA0041-G; AquAeter, Inc CA0042-G

Approval of Consent Agenda

Action

Motion by Anderson, second by Kemp to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting Yes: Anderson, Kemp, Correll, Svingen, Grimm, Shroder. Voting No: None. Absent: Susan Olafsen Lackey

B Financial Matters

1 Budget Status Report, April, May, June 2008

AD Sandra Weaver discussed the upcoming 2010-2011 budget with the Board. Exact figures are needed by September 2008. The Board should decide if they want a cash reserve fund as they do not have one at present. ED Melinda Pearson suggested the Board have a Policy on cash reserve. AA Karen Schamp will prepare a draft of a cash reserve policy similar to the Board of Engineers and Architects for the Board of Geologists to review at their October 30, 2008 meeting.

2 General Ledger by Business Unit Report, April, May, June 2008

The NIS report was reviewed.

3 Fund Summary Report, April, May, June 2008

The NIS report was reviewed.

4 Financial Profile History, FY 07/08, April, May, June 2008

The NIS report was reviewed.

5 Fiscal Activity Report, FY 07/08 (to date)

The NIS report was reviewed.

6 NEBOG Biennium Budget Spreadsheet

The spreadsheet was reviewed.

7 Biennium Budget Narrative 2009-2011

The Board reviewed the Biennium Budget Narrative which included a detailed description on the wide array of activities performed by Geologists.

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- 8** **Revised Travel Policy**
The mileage rate increased to \$0.585 as of July 1, 2008.
- Action** Motion by Kemp, second by Svingen to approve all financial reports as presented. Voting Yes: Correll, Svingen, Grimm, Anderson, Kemp, Shroder. Voting No: None. Absent: Olafsen Lackey
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C Applications

- 1** **Licensing Requirement Checklist**
Even though only two Board members are required to review and approve applications, three lines were added to the Application Overview sheet in case the first two members disagree on whether or not to approve the application.
- Core Course Equivalency List**
Secretary Kemp recommended that the rationale used to determine the equivalencies for core courses be made available so questions raised regarding the qualifications of a core course on the list do not have to be revisited. Kemp also suggested the list of core courses be published on the Board's website. Chairperson Shroder asked Emeritus Member Lindsley-Griffin to put together a list of core courses and their rationale, suitable for publication on the website, for his review.
- 2** **Licensure/Examination Applications**
- Licensure by Reciprocity**
Approved: 08-004 Luca DeAngelis, 08-005 Mark Hutson, 08-006 William Hahn, 08-008 Terry Cochran, 08-009 Andrew Limmer, 08-010 Paul Shipp
- Licensure by ASBOG® FG & PG Examination -**
None at this time.
- Geologist-Intern Enrollment by ASBOG® FG Examination**
None at this time.
- FG/PG Exam Applications**
Approved: Gregory Etter - APP # 08-007 - Both FG and PG examinations
- 3** **Pending Cases**
None at this time.
- Action** Motion by Anderson, second by Kemp to approve all applications for licensure by reciprocity and FG/PG examinations. Voting Yes: Svingen, Grimm, Anderson, Kemp, Correll, Shroder. Voting No: None. Absent: Olafsen-Lackey
- 4** **Appeals**
None at this time.
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D Compliance Cases

- 1** **New Cases**
None at this time.
- 2** **Ongoing Cases**
Inquiry and response letters were reviewed by the Board. CO Jon Wilbeck will send follow-up letters to help determine if activities are exempt per Statute 81-3541 and also to determine if Certificates of Authorizations are required for their companies.
- 3** **Closure of Cases**
None at this time.
- 4** **Compliance Issues**
The possible licensed-Geologist practice-violation presented is not under NEBOG's authority to handle.
- Action** Motion by Grimm, second by Correll to have Compliance Officer, Jon Wilbeck, send follow-up letters to the two individuals in ongoing cases with intention of determining whether or not a Certificate of Authorization is needed for both individual's companies. Voting Yes: Grimm, Anderson, Kemp, Correll, Svingen, Shroder. Voting No: None. Absent: Olafsen-Lackey.
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E General Information / Committee Reports

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1 General Information

2008 - 2009 Schedule

No additional changes.

Roster - Board Members

No additional changes.

David Svingen Appointment to the Board

June 11, 2008 Governor Dave Heineman appointed David Svingen as member of the Nebraska Board of Geologists

2 Legislative Update

DeMaris Johnson - Arrived 1:23 p.m.

Legislative Aid, DeMaris Johnson, said that Legislature is working on new requirements for the position of Director of the Natural Resources District. NEBOG members expressed an interest in sending a representative to the fall meeting in Lincoln in order to present information to the Natural Resources Commission on why a geologist, as well as an engineer, would make a qualified candidate for Director. Chairperson Shroder asked LA Johnson to gather background data so that pertinent information may be utilized in preparation for attending the Natural Resources Commission meeting. One or two examples showing how a geology background could offer additional insight or perspective to a situation will be used. On other topics, LA Johnson noted that areas of particular interest for the upcoming legislative year will be consolidation of government and combining boards. With newcomers to the legislature there may be an increase in new bills being submitted. LA Johnson has also heard from people out West that they need representation on water issues.

3 ASBOG FG/PG Exams

National Geology Examination Results Memorandum/Score Reports

The Board reviewed FG/PG Score Reports and Passing Rates. Discussion took place on attending the annual fall meeting where ASBOG members meet to take current exams and determine if changes are needed to improve the exam questions. Chairperson Shroder recommended that the two newest board members, Thomas Correll and David Svingen, attend the annual ASBOG meeting in November 2008. Dennis Anderson said he would only attend the Council of Examiners workshop part of the November 2008 ASBOG annual meeting.

4 Emeritus Board Member Term Expiration

Action Motion by Anderson, second by Kemp to renew Nan Lindsley-Griffin as Emeritus Board Member. Voting Yes: Anderson, Kemp, Correll, Svingen, Grimm, Shroder. Voting No: None. Absent: Olafsen Lackey

5 Letters of Appreciation

The Board presented a letter of appreciation and recognition plaque to Sandra Weaver to thank her for all her years of excellent service to the Nebraska Board of Geologists. Sandra was recently promoted to Administrator for the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects. The Board also reviewed a copy of a thank you letter which accompanied a recognition plaque sent to former Board member Jeffrey Johnson who resigned to move to Idaho this summer.

F New Business

1 Officer Report

2 ASBOG®

Memo on ASBOG Forum

Board Members may contact ASBOG to obtain a password to access the online Forum to share ideas with members across the country.

3 Professional Geologist Registration or Intern Enrollment Form

The Board voted to replace the word Registration with the word Licensure on the application form geologist's use to apply for licensure, internship, or examinations.

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4 Board of Geologist Letterhead

The Board voted to leave their employment information on the letterhead. Doing so will show the Board members' diversified backgrounds proving the Board is well-represented.

Action Motion by Anderson, second by Kemp to leave employment information on the Board's letterhead. Voting Yes: Correll, Svingen, Grimm, Anderson, Kemp, Shroder. Voting No: None. Absent: Olafsen

Adjournment

Action Motion by Anderson, second by Svingen to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m. Voting Yes: Svingen, Grimm, Anderson, Kemp, Correll, Shroder. Voting No: None. Absent: Olafsen Lackey

Board Member Signature