

Nebraska Board of Geologists
Board Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2013

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chairperson Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:30pm and noted the location of the Public Meetings Statutes. Notice of the Meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star and on the Board's website in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

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

Staff Present: Sandra Weaver, Interim Executive Director (ID); Jean Lais, Administrative Assistant (AA)

Public Comment/Appointments

No public comments were made.

A Consent Agenda

Meeting Minutes - The July 11 and 31, 2013, meetings minutes were approved as presented

Organizational Practice – Certificates of Authorization - *None*

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

Weaver joined the meeting at 1:35pm

B Financial Matters

Budget Status Report – July, August, September 2013

Personnel & Financial Center reports were provided for review. ID Weaver informed the Board the first quarters fund allotment had to be adjusted due to the annually ASBOG dues and the Service Contract with the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects (NBEA) both needing to be paid. The allotment will even itself out over the year. There were also some expenses from FY12/13 that were paid in FY13/14.

MTD General Ledger Detail Report – July, August, September 2013

Personnel & Financial Center reports were provided for review.

Fund Summary Report – July, August, September 2013

Personnel & Financial Center reports were provided for review. The Cash Fund is still at a high over the last three years.

Financial Profile FY 2013/2014 – July, August, September 2013

Graph was provided for review.

Other Financial Matters

Revised Travel Policy - A clarification was made in the time allowed to submit expense reimbursements from 60 days to 60 calendar days.

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

Weaver left the meeting at 1:50pm

C Applications

Licensure/Examination

Core Course Equivalency Chart and the Rationale of Core Courses were provided for review.

Applications for Licensure by Reciprocity

Approved: Jennifer Galles, CO; Tara MacHarg, CA

Applications for Licensure Reinstatement - *None*

Applications for Geologist Intern by ASBOG FG Exam – *None*

Applications for Licensure by FG/PG ASBOG Exams - *None*

Applications for Licensure by PG ASBOG Exam – *None*

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

D Compliance

Discussion on Disclosure Questions Response Process on License Renewals

The Board set up a committee with Svingen and Correll as members to review any responses to the disclosure questions during this year's renewal period. They will review and make their recommendations to the board. A licensee may be renewed upon the recommendation of the committee and will be placed on the Consent Agenda of the next scheduled Board meeting for the full Board's approval. If the committee has any reservations, the response will go to the full Board for their review.

Review of Disclosure Questions on License Renewals received to date - None

Action Motion by Link, second by Martin to appoint a committee with Svingen and Correll as members to review disclosure on renewals and make recommendation to the full board. Any approvals may be licensed. Voting Yes: Link, Martin, Svingen, Correll, Grimm, Anderson; Voting No: None; Absent: Maher

E Committee Reports

Officers Report - *None*

ASBOG - *None*

Office/Staff

AA Lais informed the Board that Jon Wilbeck, Executive Director of the NBEA, has resigned his position as of October 4, 2013. The Board has named Sandra Weaver as the Interim Director until a permanent replacement can be hired. ID Weaver will be handling the day to day administration of the NBEA and staff. She also informed the Board that the Staff Assistant has given her notice effective October 18, 2013. Office duties are being re-assigned as needed and the NBEA will be filling both positions as soon as possible.

F Old Business

Governance Issues - None

Geologist Items

North-Central Geological Society of America 2014 Annual Meeting – April 24-25, 2014, Lincoln, NE

At the last Nebraska Geological Society (NGS) meeting, the President requested assistance with the field trip on Wednesday. He asked if Chairperson Anderson and Maher would be willing to do the same trip that was conducted at the ASBOG annual meeting last fall.

Chairperson Anderson requested help on the field trip from the other members.

The Board requested AA Lais to inquire as to the cost of having a table at the meeting as they felt this was a go opportunity for the Board to get some exposure in front of current and future licensees.

Action Motion by Link, second by Svingen to authorize Lais to look into securing a table at the meeting. Voting Yes: Link, Martin, Svingen, Correll, Grimm, Anderson; Voting No: None; Absent: Maher

Formal Board Opinion on usage of ASBOG collected education information draft.

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A draft letter was provided for discussion. This letter will be presented to ASBOG at the annual meeting. Discussion was held as to whether this information should be provided to the institutions for a cost. It was the Board's consensus that this should not be a revenue point, but ASBOG should be able to cover the cost of generating the reports. The letter was approved with the modification of the data being furnished to the institutions at cost.

Action Motion by Link, second by Correll to accept the draft letter with the addition of "cost incurred". Voting Yes: Link, Martin, Svingen, Correll, Grimm, Anderson; Voting No: None; Absent: Maher

G New Business

Governance Issues - None

Geologist Items

Draft of Annual Board Report to ASBOG

A copy of the draft Annual Board Report was provided for review.

Action Motion by Link, second by Correll to accept the Annual Board Report as provided. Voting Yes: Link, Martin, Svingen, Correll, Grimm, Anderson; Voting No: None; Absent: Maher

Approval of ASBOG Slate of Officers

Action Motion by Martin, second by Svingen to accept the 2014 ASBOG Slate of Officers as presented and authorize Martin to vote for the Slate at the annual meeting. Voting Yes: Link, Martin, Svingen, Correll, Grimm, Anderson; Voting No: None; Absent: Maher

Strategic Plan - No discussion or action taken

H General Information

Public Notice publication - Copy of the public meeting notice request sent to the Lincoln Journal Star was provided.

Board meetings and schedule - A copy of the Board's meeting schedule and office calendar was provided.

Roster of Board members - A roster of the current members was provided. Grimm and Martin's term are ending in February 2014. Grimm advise the Board he would be willing to be reappointed if no other interested person came forward. Martin informed the Board he is going through some medical issues at the moment so was unable to commit. He will let the Board know after the first of the year.

Licensing Trends

The Trends in Licensure and Fiscal Activity Reports were provided.

Other

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

Adjournment: Motion by Martin, second by Svingen to adjourn the meeting at 2:13pm.

The next Board of Geologist board meeting will be held on January 9, 2014 at 1:00pm at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska, fifth floor, large conference room.

Board Member



Date

