

Nebraska Board of Geologists  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 11, 2012**  
**215 Centennial Mall South, Large Conference Room, Lincoln, NE**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was held at 215 Centennial Mall South, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Large Conference Room, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chairperson Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and noted the location of the Public Meetings Statutes. Notice of the meeting was published on the Board's website and in the Lincoln Journal Star in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

**Roll Call:** Present: Dennis Anderson, Chairperson; Martha Link, Vice-Chairperson; Ralph Martin, Secretary; Thomas Correll; Andrew Grimm; David Svingen; Harmon Maher; Absent: None

**Staff Present:** Sandra Weaver, Administrator (AD); Jean Lais, Administrative Assistant (AA); Lisa Mathews, Compliance Officer (CO)

**Open Meetings Act Overview**

Notes taken at an Independent Agency Meeting on the Open Meetings Act were provided.

**Public Comment/Appointments**

No members of the public were present

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**A Consent Agenda**

**Meeting Minutes** – July 12, 2012 meeting minutes approved as presented

**Organizational Practice** – Certificates of Authorization

**Approved** – W&M Environmental Group – Plano, TX, CAG0065; CGRS Inc – Fort Collins, CO, CAG0066; Hahn Water Resources- Evergreen, CO, CAG0067

**Temporary Permits**

**Approved** – Thad Slaughter, Corpus Christi, TX – TG-001

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

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**B Financial Matters**

**Budget Status Report** – July, August, September 2012

Personnel & Financial Center reports were provided for review. AD Weaver indicated the large appropriation is due largely to the anticipated cost of the Service Contract with the NBEA which was much higher than the actual contract amount resulting in a lower expenditure.

**MTD General Ledger Detail Report** – July, August, September 2012

Personnel & Financial Center Reports provided for review.

**Fund Summary Report** – July, August, September 2012

AD Weaver noted the cash fund is at an all time high.

**Financial Profile FY 2010/2011** – July, August, September 2012

Chart provided for review

**Other Financial Matters**

**2013-2015 Biennium Budget Approval**

AD Weaver reviewed the submitted biennium budget. She indicated the revenue amounts are on the conservative side. The overall budget is being reduced by over \$16,000 for both FY14 and FY15. Discussion was held on the possible appointment of special attorney general for future compliance cases and how it would affect the budget. The Board directed CO Mathews to contact the Attorney General's office to inquiry how this would be handled and report back to the board at the next Board meeting.

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

AD Weaver left the meeting at 1:16pm

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**C Applications-** discussed after compliance

**Licensure/Examination**

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

**Applications for Licensure by Reciprocity**

**Approved:** Thad Slaughter, Corpus Christi, TX

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**Applications for Licensure Reinstatement – None**

**Applications for Geologist Intern by ASBOG FG Exam**

**Approved:** Drew Williams, Omaha, NE

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

**Applications for Licensure by PG ASBOG Exam - None**

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

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**D Compliance – discussed prior to applications**

**New Cases - None**

**Pending Cases**

**Executive Session – Commenced at 1:17 p.m.**

**Action** Motion by Link, second by Martin to enter into executive session for discussion of Compliance Case 12.01 not a matter of public information to prevent needless injury to the reputation of those involved. The limitation for going into executive session was restated by Chairperson Anderson. Voting Yes: Correll, Grimm, Link, Maher, Martin, Anderson; Voting No: None; Abstain: Svingen  
Svingen recused himself prior to discussion of Case 12.01

Case 12.01 reviewed in executive session.

**Executive Session – Concluded at 1:19 p.m.**

**Action** Motion by Martin, second by Link to close executive session for discussion of Compliance Case 12.01 not a matter of public information to prevent needless injury to the reputation of those involved. The limitation for going into executive session was restated by Chairperson Anderson. Voting Yes: Correll, Grimm, Link, Maher, Martin, Anderson; Voting No: None; Abstain: Svingen

**Action** Motion by Link, second by Martin to accept the settlement from respondent in Case 12.01 and authorize the chairperson to execute the settlement and close the case. Voting Yes: Correll, Grimm, Link, Maher, Martin, Anderson; Voting No: None; Abstain: Svingen

CO Mathews left the meeting at 1:21pm.

**Compliance Issues – None**

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**E Committee Reports**

**Officers Report – None**

**ASBOG – None**

**Office/Staff – None**

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**F Old Business**

**Governance Issues**

**Statutes**

**Draft of Proposed Revisions**

The Board changed the word "licensure" to "renewal" on page 8, line 4. All other revisions were accepted by the Board.

**Explanation of Estimate for Statement of Intent and Fiscal Impact**

A draft explanation for the Statement of Intent and Fiscal Impact were provide and accepted by the Board.

**Action** Motion by Martin, second by Link to approve the statute revisions and accept the Explanation for the Statement of Intent and Fiscal Impact as discussed. Voting Yes: Correll, Grimm, Link, Maher, Martin, Svingen, Anderson; Voting No: None; Abstain: None

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**G New Business**

**Governance Issues**

**Board Policies - None**

**Rules and Regulations - None**

**Statutes - None**

**Geologist Items**

**2012 ASBOG Annual Meeting and COE Workshop (Omaha-October 31-November 3, 2012)**

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**Field Trip** – The theme of the field trip will be “The Flood of 2011”. First stop will be at Eppley Airfield where Chairperson Anderson will give an introductory talk and then the attendees will visit various sites at the airport to discuss the precautions and measures that were taken during the flood. Second stop will be at one of the levees in Plattsmouth with the Corp of Engineers. Lunch will be at the Lewis and Clark Landing. Boerer Shoots will be the last stop on the trip with possibly one other stop in between.

Chairperson Anderson and Maher are currently putting a book together for attendees to reference during the trip and would like to use Board funds to pay for printing and binding. An estimate has been received from the Copy Center in the amount of \$312.

**Action** Motion by Martin, second by Correll to approve up to \$500 for reproduction costs associated with printing the Field Trip reference guide. Voting Yes: Correll, Grimm, Link, Maher, Martin, Svingen, Anderson; Voting No: None; Abstain: None

**Approve Delegates to the COE Workshop**

Chairperson Anderson and Correll are approved to attend the COE Workshop

**Approve Field Trip Attendees**

Chairperson Anderson, Maher, Svingen, Correll, and Grimm are approved to attend the Field Trip

**Approve Attendees and Voting Delegate for the Annual Meeting**

Svingen is the approved attendee and voting delegate at the Annual Meeting

**Action** Motion by Link, second by Martin to approve the attendees and delegates for the ASBOG COE, field trip and Annual Meeting as discussed. Voting Yes: Correll, Grimm, Link, Maher, Martin, Svingen, Anderson; Voting No: None; Abstain: None

**Proposed amendments to the ASBOG Charter and Bylaws**

Copies of the proposed amendments were provided for review.

**Proposed Slate of ASBOG Officers for 2013**

The slate of proposed officers for 2013 were provided

**Action** Motion by Correll, second by Maher to accept the amendments to the ASBOG Charter and Bylaws and the Slate of Officers as presented. Voting Yes: Correll, Grimm, Link, Maher, Martin, Svingen, Anderson; Voting No: None; Abstain: None

**Board Annual Summary Report Draft**

The following revisions were made:

Change the word “tenured” to “tendered” in the first sentence; Change the date in the third paragraph from 2014 to 2013; Change the last sentence in the second paragraph to read “However, because the Governor is not approving any rules with fee increases...”

**Action** Motion by Correll, second by Martin to accept the Summary Report as revised. Voting Yes: Correll, Grimm, Link, Maher, Martin, Svingen, Anderson; Voting No: None; Abstain: None

**E-Commerce discussion** regarding online application and renewal processing

**Current Credit Card Payment Portal Contract with Treasurer's Office**

Board would like to move forward with discussion with the Treasurer's Office by requesting someone from their office to attend the January 2013 meeting. Further discussion and action were tabled until then.

**Nebraska.gov Initial Project Questionnaire**

AA Lais indicated based on a recent discussion between staff and Nebraska.gov on adding additional applications to the NBEA online services, Nebraska.gov would most likely require a \$3K-\$5K monthly maintenance to host the renewals on their server.

**Strategic Plan** – No discussion held

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**H General Information**

**Public Notice publication** – A public notice request was sent to the Lincoln Journal Star to publicize the July Meeting.

**Board meetings and schedule** – A schedule of board meetings and office calendar was provided

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for review.

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

**Shroder Letter of Resignation** – A copy was provided

**Shroder Letter of Appreciation** – A copy was provided

**Appointment Certificate** of Dr Harmon Maher – A copy was provided. Maher is replacing Shroder and will serve out his term which expires in February 2013 and he will need to request reappointment at that time.

**Licensing Trends**

Trends in Licensure and Fiscal Report were provided.

**Other**

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

**Travel Policy** was provided.

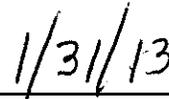
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**Meeting was adjourned at 2:19pm**

The next Board of Geologist board meeting will be held on January 3, 2013, at 1:00pm at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska, fifth floor, large conference room.



Board Member



Date