

NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF GEOLOGISTS
Meeting Minutes - Monday, September 19, 2005
Nebraska State Office Building - 301 Centennial Mall South
Nebraska Board of Geologists Board Room, 6th Floor - Lincoln, Nebraska
Phone: 402-471-8383

Board Members

Richard L. Ehrman, Chairperson, Lincoln; John (Jack) Shroder, Vice-Chairperson, Omaha; David J. Becker, Secretary, Omaha; Dennis J. Anderson, Omaha; Andrew E. Grimm, Public Member, Omaha; Jeffrey S. Johnson, Lincoln; Susan Olafsen Lackey, Winside; Nan Lindsley-Griffin, Emeritus Member, Lincoln; Sandra Weaver, Administrative Assistant, Lincoln

Call to Order

Chairperson Ehrman called the meeting of the Nebraska Board of Geologists to order at 2:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Richard L. Ehrman, Chairperson, Professional Geologist – Lincoln
Dr. John (Jack) Shroder, Vice-Chairperson, Educational Member, Professional Geologist – Omaha:
David J. Becker, Secretary, Professional Geologist – Omaha - **Absent**
Dennis J. Anderson, Professional Geologist – Omaha
Andrew E. Grimm, Public Member – Omaha - **Absent**
Jeffrey S. Johnson, Professional Geologist – Lincoln
Susan Olafsen Lackey, Professional Geologist – Winside
Dr. Nan Lindsley-Griffin, Emeritus Member (Non-Voting), Professional Geologist – Lincoln
Sandra J. Weaver, Administrative Assistant – Lincoln

Old Business

1. Submittal of Rules and Regulations

Chairperson Ehrman reported the Rules and Regulations would be submitted by next week to Assistant Attorney General, Leslie Donley, for a courtesy reading. Additional feedback was requested for the latest draft of the Rules and Regulations.

Anderson questioned whether *Temporary Licensing Fee* in the fee schedule on page 1-3, should be worded *Temporary Permit Fee* since Permit was used elsewhere in the Preliminary Rules and Regulations. After discussion, the Board agreed wording should be consistent with the statutes.

On page 1-4, 003.06, it was decided to delete the sentence, “The Board shall assist applicants in need of examination in submitting appropriate fees to ASBOG,” because of possible legal ramifications. Since ASBOG sets the fees for examinations, Ehrman stated the fee amounts had been removed from an earlier draft of the Rules and Regulations. The Attorney General’s office indicated that examination fees should be paid to ASBOG instead of the Board.

The Board reviewed the payment for renewal fees. The fee was increased from \$55 to \$60 at the April 2005 Board meeting. On page 1-4, the late renewal penalty was changed to \$6.00 for any month or any part of a month, up to \$60.

On page 3-4, application requirements were added for clarification for geologist-intern enrollment, which became operative January 1, 2005, with the passage of LB890.

Weaver asked for clarification of requirements listed for “Emeritus Status” on the renewal form. The Board reviewed Revised Statute § 81-3508 and policies and procedures for granting Emeritus status. According to statute, an Emeritus member is a professional who relinquishes or does not renew his/her license and is approved by the Board to receive publications and use the honorary title. Motion by Johnson to strike out the line, “Retired and working less than half time in their profession” in the *Policies and Procedures for Granting Special Licenses* document and to change the sentence beginning with, “To be eligible,.....” on the license renewal form to state, “To be granted Emeritus status, you must be approved by the Board.” Second by Olafsen Lackey. Voting aye on the motion: All. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Legislative Direction For Striking the State Permit Exemption

Ehrman reported that he had spoken with Jody Gittins from the Legislative Council and it would be mid to late October before she would have any extra time. The Board was in consensus to proceed with the original plan to obtain a lobbyist. Johnson relayed that Laurel Marsh suggested appointing a committee to select a lobbyist. A meeting could be held at a later date to approve the selection. Ehrman asked for volunteers and left the floor open for ideas. Shroder and Johnson volunteered to be on the selection committee. Ehrman and Lindsley-Griffin offered to help as time permitted. Ehrman assured the committee that other Board members would be available to assist. Questions were thrown out for the committee to ask when interviewing candidates. The committee will coordinate the meetings for the interviews. Johnson reported that Don Wesley had offered his services as a lobbyist to the Board. Any suggestions for lobbyists should be directed to the committee. Ehrman noted that Senator Ed Shrock had indicated concerns that preparation would be important since there would be a short legislative session in 2006. The Board considered waiting until the long session but decided immediate action was essential since Senator Shrock is term limited and a large number of the 49 senators will be termed out in another year. Striking the exemption clause for state approved work is the first plan of action although the language could be reworked if numerous concerns are raised. Legislation could cause possible conflict with ag industries as well as municipalities.

Weaver reported that a memo and forms for the 2006 Deficit Budget Requests were received from the State Budget Administrator. Any necessary changes to the budget should be submitted to the Nebraska Information Technology Commission with appropriate explanation for consideration by Friday, October 28, 2005. A completed form will be presented to the Board at the October meeting for approval before submission.

3. Completion of 2005 Newsletter

A goal for mailing the newsletter was set for the first week in November. There are still some articles to be completed which should be turned in by the end of October.

Ehrman stated he would like to invite Marv Carlson from CSD to attend the next meeting for 15 to 20 minutes to visit about establishing more effective communication between the Board and the Nebraska Geological Society. The agenda will be checked before the meeting to make sure time is available. Duane Eversoll will attend the October meeting to inform the Board about the COE/Task Analysis Survey (TAS) Funding Options since annual membership dues will be voted on at the ASBOG Annual meeting in November.

Adjournment

Motion by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 3:03 p.m. Second by Shroder. Voting aye on the motion: All. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Board Meeting Dates

Friday, October 21, 2005, 1:00 p.m., Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, 6th Floor, Lincoln, Nebraska. (The Board is invited for lunch and informational meeting with the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects at 12:00 p.m. in the Department of Education Board Room on 6th Floor.)

Thursday, January 5, 2006, 1:00 p.m., Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, 6th Floor, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Board Member

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