

North Carolina Board for Licensing of Geologists
Minutes
Thursday, November 3, 2022
NC State University Club, Raleigh, NC

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by Board Chair Steve Stadelman. Dr. Stadelman read the conflict of interest statement. Other Board members present included Rachel Kirkman, Dennis LaPoint, Robert Mensah-Biney, Richard Spruill and Kenneth Taylor. Executive Director Barbara Geiger and Jenna Miller, Board Staff were also in attendance. Phillip Reynolds served as Board Counsel. Dr. Taylor noted that, as the State Geologist and employee of the NC Department of Environmental Quality, he would refrain from participating in the deliberation or taking any action by the Board with respect to any matter involving an employee of the Department.

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Minutes

Motion: to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2022 meeting as presented was made by Dr. Spruill, seconded by Dr. LaPoint and carried.

Financial Report

Dr. Taylor presented the first quarter profit and loss statement and balance sheet.

Motion: made by Dr. Mensah-Biney to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kirkman and carried.

Administrative Report

Individual and Corporate Licensees/Renewal Stats

Ms. Geiger reported that there are currently 1091 active individual licenses and 216 active corporate licenses.

Legal Report and Training

Mr. Reynolds reported on NC GS § 89E-24, explaining the Attorney General's service as legal counsel to the Board and options available for seeking private counsel, if desired. Mr. Reynolds provided an overview of the Attorney General's responsibility to the Board to provide guidance and sound advice. The order of agenda items was changed to accommodate Mr. Reynolds' schedule.

Old Business

Environmental Hydrogeologic Consultants (EHC)

Following discussion regarding the matter of EHC, the draft letter prepared by the Board Chair and the Executive Director was reviewed and edited by the Board. Ms. Geiger was instructed to send the letter as edited as soon as possible.

Continuing Education

Approval of Committee Report

Motion: to approve the report of the Continuing Education Committee as presented, approving three activities as submitted, one activity for a different number of hours and denial of one activity, not geological in nature, was made by Dr. LaPoint, seconded by Dr. Taylor and carried.

ASBOG®

Fall Annual Meeting COE/TAS Workshop

Attendees to the Annual Meeting and COE/TAS Workshop, Rachel Kirkman, Dennis LaPoint, Richard Spruill and Steve Stadelman gave an overview of the week including the **Presentation to Students** at UNC-W, the **Annual Meeting**, the **Field Trip**, the **Council of Examiners Workshop**, and the **Task Analysis Survey Workshop**. Highlights included the development of an examination prep course by ASBOG® and Computer Based Testing to begin with the March 2023 administration of the exam. The **Field Trip** and the **Attendee Bags** provided by the Board were well received. The **Casino Night Social and Silent Auction** were successful. Donations for the silent auction included a **Meglandon Shark Tooth** donated by the **Aurora Fossil Museum**. **Motion** was made by Dr. Spruill, seconded by Dr. LaPoint to provide a \$500 contribution to the Museum to be used for educational purposes in support of the knowledge of geology. The motion carried unanimously. Dr. Spruill expressed thanks to Martin Marietta, Jay Holley and Dr. Bill Harris for their assistance and contribution toward the success of the field trip. Dr. LaPoint expressed gratitude on the behalf of the entire Board to Dr. Spruill for all of his efforts in making the field trip successful.

Old Business

Rules Review and Updates: There was discussion regarding the ongoing rules review and updates. Suggestions to consider included the definition of “limited practice” and the development of an Emeritus license status, including a “practicing” Emeritus status. Discussion ensued regarding licensing of full-time academic geologists, noting that major hurdles included responsible charge and the ASBOG® exam.

Meetings & Virtual Presentations: Ms. Kirkman reported that she would be making a AGI-Geologic Online Learning Initiative (GOLI) presentation in the first quarter of 2023 for the Carolinas Chapter of AEG.

New Business

Elections

Dr. Stadelman nominated Richard Spruill as Chairman of the Board. **Motion:** seconded by Ms. Kirkman and carried unanimously. Ms. Kirkman nomination Steve Stadelman as Vice Chairman of the Board. **Motion:** seconded by Dr. LaPoint and carried unanimously. Dr. Stadelman nominated Kenneth Taylor as Secretary Treasurer of the Board. **Motion** seconded by Dr. Spruill and carried unanimously.

Per NC GS § 143-318.11(6), **motion** was made by Dr. Spruill to move into closed session to review applications for license. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mensah-Biney and carried.

Motion: was made by Dr. Taylor, seconded by Dr. LaPoint and carried unanimously to resume the open session.

Motion: to approve eight applications for exam, three of those conditional upon receipt of information, thirteen applications for comity, four of those conditional upon receipt of information, one application for individual reinstatement, one application for corporate reinstatement and four corporate applications was made by Dr. Taylor, seconded by Dr. LaPoint and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, on **motion** and second the meeting was adjourned at 1:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Kenneth B. Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer