

**North Carolina Board for Licensing of Geologists**  
**Minutes**  
**Friday, April 19, 2024**  
**NC State University Club, Raleigh, NC**

The meeting was called to order at 9:28 am by Board Chair Richard Spruill. Dr. Spruill read the conflict of interest statement. Other Board members present included Dennis LaPoint, Kenneth Taylor, and Steve Stadelman. Executive Director Barbara Geiger, Assistant to the Executive Director Jenna Miller, and Christine Ryan, Board Counsel were also in attendance. Rachel Kirkman and Emily Klein joined the meeting via Zoom. 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**

Dr. Spruill welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Dr. Spruill shared a geological project that he has been involved with regarding getting water to areas without access to water, in the Dominican Republic.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2024 meeting as presented was made by Dr. LaPoint, seconded by Dr. Stadelman and carried.

**Financial Report**

Dr. Taylor presented the third quarter profit and loss statement and balance sheet. Following discussion regarding exam income and expenses and investments, **Motion** was made by Dr. LaPoint to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Stadelman and carried. Ms. Geiger will report back to the Board at the April meeting regarding potential investment opportunities.

**Administrative Report**

**Individual and Corporate Licensees Stats**

Ms. Miller reported that there are 1147 active individual licensees and 221 active corporate licenses. Ms. Miller presented a presentation regarding NCBLG License Metrics Through Time. The presentation included graphs showing the number of licenses issued by year, along with statistical information regarding license renewal and age demographics. That presentation is part of these minutes.

The Board discussed the data presented and job availability on the National level. There was discussion regarding a survey of licensees regarding job type and area of practice. Staff noted that these types of questions had previously been part of license renewal. It was decided that reintroduction of those questions should take place during the next renewal, and if possible, the upcoming 2024-2025 license renewal.

Staff reported that the 2024-2025 license renewal would launch by April 30, 2024, once requested reports have been received from Certemy.

Board members were reminded that the November 6, 2024 meeting would be held at the geology department of UNC-Charlotte. Dr. Spruill asked about a visit to Western Carolina. Dr. Spruill will contact the head of the geology department there regarding a potential meeting.

**Motion** was made by Steve Stadelman and seconded by Dennis LaPoint to accept the administrative report. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Legal Report and Training**

Board Counsel Christine Ryan reviewed the complaint process for a licensee as outlined in 21 NCAC 21 .0501. She covered the steps that must be taken, based on the rules, noting that the Board cannot initiate a complaint against a licensee. Ms. Ryan reminded Board members that if they have knowledge of a complaint, that they must recuse themselves from any discussion or vote concerning the matter.

### **Periodic Review of Existing Rules**

Ms. Ryan reported that the Periodic Review of Existing Rules was in process and that the current rules had been submitted to the Rules Review Commission as being necessary. The Public Comment Period began on April 12 and will go through June 18, 2024.

### **Continuing Education Report**

#### **Approval of Committee Report**

The Committee reviewed a total of 14 activities. Of those, five activities were approved as submitted and two activities were approved for a different number of hours. Seven activities were denied as they were not geological in nature. **Motion** was made by Dr. Stadelman and seconded by Dr. Taylor to approve the report of the Continuing Education Committee as presented. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. It was noted that Ms. Kirkman is the current chair of the CE Committee. Dr. Stadelman agreed to assume that position upon expiration of Ms. Kirkman's term on June 30, 2024.

### **ASBOG®**

Ms. Kirkman gave a summary of the business of ASBOG®, including the retirement of Jack Warner, long-serving psychometrician for the ASBOG® exam. She discussed the Task Analysis Survey and the distribution of that survey to academicians in conjunction with promotion of the Curriculum Performance Assessment Tool (CPAT). Ms. Kirkman shared that the FG Prep Course was successful and that as a result, ASBOG® would be making more GOLI (Geologic Online Learning Initiative) webinars, using a professional.

### **ASBOG® COE Workshop - April 5-6, 2024 - Dallas, Texas**

Ms. Kirkman reported on the COE Workshop held April 5-6 in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Spruill expressed his appreciation to ASBOG® and the COE for their work in making the ASBOG® exam the best that it can be.

## **Old Business**

### **Curriculum Issues • License of Academic Geologists**

The Board continued discussion of changes in the geologic curriculum and the licensing of academic geologists. Dr. LaPoint suggested a letter to those in geology departments of NC Universities and possible visits to those departments to encourage licensure.

## **New Business**

There was discussion regarding the 2025 GSA Southeastern Section Meeting to be held in Harrisburg, VA in March 2025. Ms. Geiger was asked to check with ASBOG® regarding the possibility of sharing a booth during the conference.

### **GSA 2024 Southeastern Section Meeting, April 14-16, 2024 – Asheville, NC**

Dr. Taylor informed the Board that he and staff members from the NC Geological Survey had attended the meeting in Asheville. Dr. Stadelman also attended.

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

**Motion** was made by Ms. Kirkman to resume the open session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Stadelman and carried unanimously. **Motion** to approve six applications for exam, ten applications for comity, two applications for reinstatement and one application for corporate license, was made by Dr. LaPoint, seconded by Dr. Klein and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, on **motion** by Dr. Stadelman and second by Ms. Kirkman, the meeting was adjourned at 3:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Kenneth B. Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer