

**NCBLG Quarterly Meeting**  
**Monday, November 3, 2025 • 9:00AM**  
**Western Carolina University • Cullowhee, North Carolina**

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am by Board chair Richard Spruill. Dr. Spruill read the conflict of interest statement.

Other Board members present were Dennis LaPoint, Steve Stadelman, and Dwain Veach. Also present were Board counsel Brian McGinn, Executive Director Barbara Geiger, and Assistant to the Administrator, Dawson Mazanek. Emily Klein and Joan Smyth were absent.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Dr. Spruill welcomed Dawson Mazanek as the new Assistant to the Executive Director.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the August 14, 2025 meeting of the Board were presented. **Motion** was made by Dennis LaPoint to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dwain Veach and unanimously carried.

**Closed Session**

**Motion** was made by Steve Stadelman to move into closed session for application review and to discuss of confidential complaint matters, in accordance with NC GS § 143-318.11(6). The motion was seconded by Dennis LaPoint and unanimously carried.

**Motion** was made by Steve Stadelman to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Dennis LaPoint and unanimously carried. Steve Stadelman made the **motion** to approve the applications as acted upon by the Board, with one application for examination being deferred for additional coursework. The motion was seconded by Dennis LaPoint and unanimously carried.

**Financial report**

Barbara Geiger presented the First Quarter Profit and Loss Statement and First Quarter Balance Sheet; **motion** was made by Dennis LaPoint to accept the financial report. The motion was seconded by Dwain Veach and unanimously carried. Dr. Stadelman shared historical financial data with the Board, noting that over the past few years, there had been an increase in expenses, while revenue had decreased slightly. The Board discussed potential opportunities to increase revenue. Ms. Geiger noted that the annual corporate license renewal fee had been \$25 since the Board was established. After discussion, Dennis LaPoint moved to raise corporate renewal fee from \$25 to \$100. Motion was seconded by Stadelman and unanimously carried.

Dr. Stadelman requested that Board staff provide him with the previous annual financial audit reports from fiscal years 2014-2015 to 2024-2025 and that budget items be a standing item on the agenda for all meetings of the Board, moving forward.

Following discussion regarding the Board's investments in certificates of deposit, it was requested that Barry Horne, Financial Advisor with Janney Montgomery Scott, be invited to the next meeting to discuss the specifics of the Board's future financial investments.

### **Administrative Report**

Barbara Geiger reported there were presently 1133 active individual licensees and 208 active corporate licenses.

Dawson Mazanek shared that 113 Continuing Education audits had been conducted from the 2025-2026 license renewal noting that 75 audits were complete and 38 audits, needing further documentation, were still in process.

Barbara Geiger informed the Board that member Emily Klein is retiring from Duke University and will be relocating to New York, noting that Board members must serve until replaced. She also reported that Board members Dennis LaPoint and Steve Stadelman's terms will expire on June 30, 2026. Both have served the maximum number of terms allowed per statute. Ms. Geiger has been in touch with the Governor's Office, NC Boards and Commissions regarding Ms. Klein's resignation and the upcoming expiration of the company and mining geologists' positions and will continue to monitor the situation.

Ms. Geiger shared that the 5-year Certemy contract end date is May 2026. The Certemy system has not worked as expected and staff does not recommend an extension of the contract. Ms. Geiger brought forward the possibility of using Imp Designs to create a license management system, unique to the NC Geology Board, using the software Expression Engine, stating it would cost twenty to twenty-five thousand dollars to create and approximately five-hundred dollars annually for management purposes. Imp Designs built a similar system for the NC Board of Landscape Architects and Ms. Geiger suggested that the Board would benefit from the web developer being able to clone much of the NCBLA site, allowing for a reduction in costs.

**Motion** was made by Dennis LaPoint to engage Imp Designs to develop the license management system. The motion was seconded by Steve Stadelman and unanimously carried.

### **Legal Report**

Assistant Attorney General Brian McGinn reported that there were no legislative updates to bring before the Board and that there had been limited administrative legal activity since the August meeting.

## **Continuing Education Report**

Barbara Geiger presented one continuing education activity for Board review and approval.

**Motion** to approve the continuing education activity was made by Steve Stadelman. The motion was seconded by Dennis LaPoint and unanimously carried.

## **ASBOG®**

Dennis LaPoint gave an overview of the ASBOG® Council of Examiners Workshop and Annual Meeting held in Salt Lake City, Utah, October 14-18, 2025. Dr. LaPoint noted that 2026 would be a year of changes for ASBOG®, as long-time psychometrician Jack Warner would retire, and a new psychometrician would be retained by the Association. Dr. Spruill suggested that ASBOG® Executive Director Deana Sneyd be invited to attend the Spring meeting of the Board.

## **Old Business**

The Board discussed a possible Emeritus or Retired status for senior licensees. Dr. Spruill shared the recent adoption of the Emeritus and Distinguished Texas Board P.G. Recognition status, stating that a similar status would eliminate continuing education requirements for those NC licensees in emeritus status, while retaining the renewal fee. If adopted, those NC licensees who requested Inactive Status when the continuing education requirement was adopted in 2017, would be invited to reinstate their NC license as an Emeritus licensee. The matter was tabled for further discussion at the next Board meeting.

Dennis LaPoint reminded the Board of his proposed pathway for license of academic geologists and Ms. Geiger shared the proposed pathway with the Board. Ms. Geiger shared the letter that Dr. Spruill prepared to be sent to geology departments of the Universities in North Carolina.

**Motion** was made by Dr. LaPoint, seconded by Dr. Stadelman and carried unanimously for the letter to be sent by staff after the first of the year.

Barbara Geiger reminded the Board of the need for a Board investigator. Richard Spruill noted that NC licensed geologist Bill Lyke had expressed an interest to be considered as Lead Investigator for the Board. Ms. Geiger will contact Mr. Lyke regarding the opportunity.

## **New Business**

Barbara Geiger brought forward a request by a licensee for a subcategory of licensure for Geophysicists. Following discussion, the Board determined that a subcategory of Geophysicist was not necessary for protection of the public in the field of geology, since geophysics and geology are closely related fields, but they are not the same

The Board set the 2026 Geology Board Meeting schedule as follows: January 14, 2026, April 13, 2026, August 12, 2026, the final meeting of the year will take place at UNC Charlotte with a November 2026 date to be determined following contact with the University.

There being no further business, motion was made by Dennis LaPoint to adjourn the meeting at 1:16 pm. The motion was seconded by Steve Stadelman and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Geiger  
Executive Director