



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

General Issues Committee Meeting

October 15, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.
333 Guadalupe Street, Room 102
Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

- A. The meeting of the TBPG General Issues Committee was called to order at 1:04 p.m. on October 15, 2015. Roll was called and a quorum was certified. Members present were Committee Chair Christopher Mathewson, P.G., P.E., PhD, Member Kelly Krenz-Doe, P.G., and Member Joseph P. DeWoody (alternate member). Member Charles Knobloch, P.G., JD, was absent.
- B. The minutes from General Issues Committee meeting held on July 16, 2015 were unanimously approved as edited.
- C. Public comment. No public comments were given.
- D. Status of Attorney General Opinion Request submitted to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) regarding whether the TBPG has the authority to accept a license resignation and whether the TBPG may impose conditions on a license resignation. Executive Director Charles Horton mentioned that the draft is being finalized by the Assistant Attorney General and it will then be submitted to the OAG.
- E. Review of license statuses and recommendation to the full Board regarding how they should be displayed on the TBPG website. The Committee unanimously recommended that the TBPG follow the Professional Engineers procedure for listing only current licenses on the TBPG online license search. This item was recommended by the Committee to go before the full Board for approval.
- F. Proposal of amendment to 22 TAC §851.156 Professional Geoscientist Seals and Geoscience Firm Identification for recommendation to full Board for posting to the Texas Register for public comment. The Committee unanimously recommended the proposal of amendment to go before the full Board as edited for approval for posting to the Texas Register for public comment.
- G. Review and recommendation of response to the Appointed Board regarding Advisory Opinion Request #13, received September 17, 2015, regarding the requirements of firm registration on a firm located in Texas that does not perform geoscience in Texas. The Committee unanimously recommended a draft Advisory Opinion to go before the full Board for approval for posting to the Texas Register for public comment.
- H. Review and update of applicable Frequently Asked Questions on TBPG website. The Committee tasked members to review the FAQs for possible edits and submit them to staff to compile for review by the Committee at the next meeting.
- I. Date and agenda items for next meeting. The next Committee date and agenda items were not determined.
- J. The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.