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Compliance and Enforcement Committee Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2016 Meeting
333 Guadalupe, Room 1250A, Tower II
William P. Hobby Building, Austin, Texas

- A.** The Compliance and Enforcement Committee (C&E) meeting was called to order at 3:20 PM., roll was called and quorum established. C&E members present were Becky Johnson, PG, Committee Chair; Christopher Mathewson, PhD, PG, PE, Professional Member; Thomas Hallmark, PhD., P.G., Professional Member, and David Prescott., P.G., Professional Member. Staff members Charles Horton, Executive Director; Molly Roman, Operations Manager; Wesley McCoy, PG, Enforcement Coordinator; and Valerie Arnold, Enforcement Specialist were also in attendance.
- B.** The minutes from the October 15, 2015 C&E meeting were approved, as submitted.
- C.** No members of the public were present. No public comments were made.
- D.** Discussion regarding the availability of current license holders as technical experts to assist in reviewing enforcement cases. Motion made, seconded, and passed to have staff research the Texas Board of Professional Engineers' policy and procedures regarding technical experts and report back to the C&E committee.
- E.** Discussion of the responsibility of P.G.s to report violations of other laws and statutes to the appropriate agency. This item was postponed until the next C&E in order to get an opinion from the AAG.
- F.** Discussion of whether the TBPG should consider developing/posting specific professional standards of care for possible adoption into TBPG's Board rules. No action taken.
- G.** Review of staff revisions to the Frequently Asked Questions section on the TBPG web site. Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the revisions and direct staff to publish the revisions on the web site.
- H.** Discussion of the revisions to the Complaint SOP. Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve the Complaint SOP as revised and present the document at the 2/5/16 Board meeting.
- I.** Discussion of the revisions made to the Complaint SOP Sanctions Table. Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve Sanctions Table with revisions and to keep the Sanctions Table as part of the Complaint SOP.
- J.** Staff report on implementation of changes under TGPA §§1002.201 – 1002.207, as amended by SB-138, 83rd Legislative Regular Session 2013.
- K.** Staff enforcement report: current enforcement numbers, Complaint Review Team meeting highlights, and outreach opportunities
- L.** The Committee set April 28, 2016, as the next committee meeting date.
- M.** The Compliance and Enforcement Committee meeting adjourned at 5:14 PM.