



# **TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

## **Application Review and Continuing Education Committee**

February 23, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.  
William P. Hobby Building  
333 Guadalupe Street, Room 102  
Austin, Texas 78701

### **MINUTES**

- A. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Members present were Committee Chair W. David Prescott, II, P.G., Board Chairman C. Thomas Hallmark, PhD, P.G., Christopher Mathewson, PhD, P.G., PE, and Bereket Derie, PhD, P.G.
- B. Minutes from the October 17, 2016 committee meeting were approved as written.
- C. Committee Chair W. David Prescott acknowledged that Mr. Cullen was present to address the committee regarding his request for waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology examination. Mr. Hollingshead was also present to discuss his request for waiver of the education requirement for licensure. Both request to be discussed during agenda item F.
- D. The report on Licensing Data and exam statistics was presented.
- E. Process clarification: review of applications for which the applicant has a deficiency in the education requirement. No action taken. The Committee to continue discussion at the next committee meeting.
- F. Applications for P.G. license or exam requests received:
  - a. Stuart Stothoff: Applicant for P.G. license requesting a waiver of the education requirement for PG licensure. No waiver required; Mr. Stothoff met the education requirement for licensure.
  - b. David Cullen: Applicant for P.G. requesting a waiver ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology examination. The Committee did not recommend to the full Appointed Board a waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology examination at this time. The Committee would re-evaluate Mr. Cullen's request after passing the ASBOG® Practice of Geology examination scheduled for October 6, 2017.
  - c. JJ Hollingshead: Applicant for P.G. license requesting a waiver of the education requirement for PG licensure. No waiver required; Mr. Hollingshead met the education requirement for licensure.
  - d. Sharma Dronamraju: Applicant for P.G. license requesting a waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology and ASBOG® Practice of Geology examinations. The Committee moved to recommend to the full Appointed Board Sharma Dronamraju's request to waive the ASBOG® Fundamentals and Practice of Geology Examinations for P.G. licensure.
  - e. Sharles de Cruz Martins: Applicant for P.G. license requesting a waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology and ASBOG® Practice of Geology examinations. The Committee moved to recommend to the full Appointed Board Mr. Martin's request to waive the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology Examinations for P.G. licensure. The Committee did not recommend a waiver of the ASBOG® Practice of Geology examination.

- f. Scott Ikard: Applicant for P.G. license requesting a waiver ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology examination. The Committee did not recommend to the full Appointed Board a waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology examination.
  - g. Ogochukwu Ozotta: Foreign trained applicant presents a NACES educational equivalency evaluation for Canada (not the United States) to sit for the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology examination. The Committee determined that the NACES equivalency evaluation for Canada is an acceptable educational evaluation to sit for the ASBOG®.
- G. Development of consumer information/publications to be available on the website and general distribution in other settings. Staff is working with Vice Chair Prescott and Member Christopher Mathewson to update and refine its consumer information/publications.
  - H. The TBPG's "Texas Geophysics Examination Candidate Handbook" has been finalized and available on the Boards' website.
  - I. Proposal of amendment to 22 TAC §851.80, Fees. The Committee moved to recommend to the full Appointed Board the proposed rule amendment for posting to the Texas Register for public comments.
  - J. Report on activities related to possible reciprocity agreements. Staff is continuing its efforts in working with other State licensing Boards on obtaining reciprocity agreement requests.
  - K. The date for the next committee meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2017. Future agenda items will include process clarification (Item E) and development of consumer information/publications (Item G).
  - L. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.