



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

General Issues Committee Meeting

February 24, 2017 at 7:30 a.m.
William P. Hobby Building
333 Guadalupe Street, Tower III, Room 102
Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

- A. The meeting of the General Issues Committee was called to order at 7:40 a.m., roll was called, and a quorum was certified. Members present were Committee Chairman Christopher Mathewson, PhD, PG, PE, and Members Lindsey Lee Bradford, and Steven Fleming, PG. Member Bereket Derie, PG, was absent.
- B. The minutes from General Issues Committee meeting held on October 27, 2016 were approved by unanimous consent.
- C. Public comment. No comments were offered from the public.
- D. Consideration and discussion regarding reduction of the annual renewal fee for P.G. license holders age 60 and older. The Committee reviewed the public comments from John Jordan, and Dr. Jonathan Jee, PG, which had been submitted requesting lower fees for license holders. After review and discussion, the Committee unanimously agreed not to recommend a reduction of fees at this time.
- E. Review of statute and rules allowing geoscientists to use power equipment for extraction of soil and geologic samples and placement of piezometers. The Committee reviewed information presented regarding rules and statutes for water well drillers. The Committee unanimously recommended that Committee Chair Mathewson and Executive Director Charles Horton follow up with TBPE and TDLR regarding a resolution to this matter.
- F. Proposal of amendment to 22 TAC §851.30, Firm Registration. The committee unanimously recommended an amendment to the full Board for posting to the Texas Register for public comment, as edited.
- G. Proposal of amendment to 22 TAC §851.10 (9), Definition of Authorized Official of a Firm. The committee unanimously recommended an amendment to the full Board for posting to the Texas Register for public comment, as edited.
- H. Date and agenda items for next meeting. Next meeting date is scheduled for April 27, 2017. Follow up item related to the water well drillers rules and statutes.
- I. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 a.m.