**Application Review and Continuing Education Committee**

August 17, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.

William P. Hobby Building

333 Guadalupe Street, Tower III, Room 102A

Austin, Texas 78701

**MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 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..
2. The minutes from the April 27, 2017 committee meeting were approved as written.
3. No public comments received.
4. The Licensing Data, exam statistics, CSSE examination Sunset Review status, draft licensing process flow diagram, and efforts to enter into reciprocity agreements with other jurisdictions were presented.
5. Applications for P.G. license or GIT certification and/or exam requests received:
	1. Dr. John M. Seeley: Review of applicant’s request for waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology and Practice of Geology examinations. The Committee moved to recommend to the full Appointed Board Dr. Seeley’s request for waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations.
	2. Jimmy Hall: Review of applicant’s request for waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology and Practice of Geology examinations. The Committee moved to recommend to the full Appointed Board Mr. Hall’s request for waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations.
	3. Madelyn A. Flannagan: Review of applicant’s request for waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology examination. The Committee moved to recommend to the full Appointed Board Ms. Flannagan’s request for waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology examination.
	4. Donnie Windland: Review of applicant’s request for waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology and Practice of Geology examinations. The Committee did not recommend Mr. Windland’s request to the full Appointed Board.
	5. Meghan Espinoza: Review of applicant’s request for waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology examination. The Committee did not recommend Ms. Espinoza’s request to the full Appointed Board.
	6. Chad Copeland: Review of applicant’s request for licensure by reciprocity with the Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists, a formal request for waiver of the education requirement for licensure, and request for waiver of the Council of Soil Science’s Fundamentals and Practice of Soil Science examinations. The Committee determined that Mr. Copeland does not meet the education requirement for PG licensure. In addition, Mr. Copeland does not qualify for reciprocity with the Louisiana Board. The Committee directed staff to submit a request to CSSE to authorize Mr. Copeland to sit for the CSSE Fundamentals of Soil Science Examination, just for the purpose of potential licensure with TBPG.
	7. Edward Borden: Review of applicant’s education coursework for PG licensure. The Committee determined that Mr. Borden meets the education requirement for PG licensure.
	8. Tim Harlow: Review of applicant’s education coursework to sit for the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology examination. The Committee determined that Mr. Harlow does not meet the education requirement and would need an education waiver for PG licensure.
	9. Cristian Astorga: Review of applicant’s requests for considerations available under Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 55 (Benefits for Military Veterans) and/or waiver requests. The Committee moved to recommend to the full Appointed Board that Mr. Astorga meets the requirements for licensure based on his alternate demonstration of competency for a license.
6. Regarding amendment to 22 TAC §851.21, Licensing Requirements-Examinations. The Committee moved to recommend to the full Appointed Board the proposed rule amendment as presented for posting to the Texas Register for public comments.
7. The Committee moved to recommend the amendments to Appointed Board regarding adoption of the following:
	* 22 TAC §851.20, Professional Geoscientist Licensing Requirements and Application Procedure
	* 22 TAC §851.23, Qualifying Experience Record
	* 22 TAC §851.25, Education
	* 22 TAC §851.80, Fees
8. Regarding an additional ASBOG® Examination administration site in the West Texas area. The Committee directed staff to continue its efforts of the feasibility in offering the ASBOG® examinations in West Texas. Specifically, the number of exam participants located in the West Texas and New Mexico area who have sat for the last couple of exam administrations.
9. Regarding development of consumer information/publications. Committee Chair David Prescott addressed the development of consumer information/agency publications for general distribution.
10. The date for the next Committee meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2017.
11. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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