



# **TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

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

August 16, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.

William P. Hobby Building  
333 Guadalupe Street, Tower III, Room 102A  
Austin, Texas 78701

- A. The meeting was called to order at 11:08 a.m. Members present were Committee Chair Christopher Mathewson, PhD, P.G., PE., Board Chairman C. Thomas Hallmark, PhD, P.G., Steven Fleming, PG and Bereket Derie, PhD, P.G.
- B. Minutes from the April 26, 2018 committee meeting were approved as written.
- C. No public comments.
- D. The Licensing data, ASBOG<sup>®</sup> exam statistics, TGE exam statistics, and updates regarding reciprocity agreements were presented.
- E. Review of the following applicants:
  - a. Lisa Marinangel: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a review of the education coursework to determine if she meets the education requirement for licensure; applicant has also submitted a request for waiver of the education requirement for consideration if it is determined that applicant does not meet the education requirement. The Committee did not support recommending to the full TBPG Appointed Board her request to waive/substitute the education requirement.
  - b. Steve Wells: Applicant for PG licensure requesting to substitute work experience for the education requirement. The Committee recommended his request to the full Board for consideration.
  - c. Rex Crick: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG<sup>®</sup> Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations. The Committee recommended his request to the full Board for consideration.
  - d. Daniel Gorski: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG<sup>®</sup> Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations. The Committee recommended his request to the full Board for consideration.
  - e. Jesus M Gallegos: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG<sup>®</sup> Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations. The Committee did not support recommending to the full TBPG Appointed Board to waive the ASBOG<sup>®</sup> Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations.
  - f. Keith Linton: Applicant for licensure in Soil Science discipline does not meet the education requirement. He requested to be authorized to sit for the Council of Soil Science Examiners' Fundamentals of Soil Science Examination and Practice of Soil Science Examination in order to request a waiver or substitution of education requirement for licensure. Applicant also requested that the Board Consider his request for waiver or substitution contingent upon passing the examinations. The request for substitution of the work experience for the education and the authorization to sit for the CSSE examinations was not recommended to the full Board for consideration.
  - g. Geoffrey Leking: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG<sup>®</sup> Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations. The Committee recommended his request to the full Board for consideration.

- h. Dr. Patrick Friend: Applicant for PG licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology examination. The Committee recommended his request to the full Board for consideration.
- F. A Policy Statement regarding the implementation of Texas Occupations Code §1002.256(a)(3) and §1002.256(c) was provided to staff as guidance to clarify the calculation of qualifying work experience for full time graduate study in a discipline of geoscience that is acceptable to the Board.
- G. The Committee determined that based on the information received, that the MS degree for Jason Young, GIT, qualifies for 1.5 years of graduate study for work experience credit.
- H. Committee Chair Christopher Mathewson, PhD, P.G., PE. was assigned the task to work with Gainesville Independent Testing Services (GITS) on the administration of Texas Geophysics Examination (TGE) 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition to discuss any potential actions to strengthen the TGE, the Angoff scoring method, and the item bank.
- I. The Committee moved to recommend proposed amendment to 22 TAC §851.43 to the full Board for posting to the Texas Register for public comment, regarding renewal of an expired Geoscientist-in-Training certification.
- J. The Committee moved to recommend for adoption of amendments and new rules regarding the rule sections assigned to the Committee, in 22 Texas Administrative Code, including sections:
  - 851.20, 851.21, 851.22, 851.23, 851.24, 851.25, 851.28, 851.29
  - 851.32, 851.40, 851.41, 851.43
  - 851.80
- K. The next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2018.
- L. The meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.