



# **TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

## **Application Review and Continuing Education (AR/CE)**

### **Committee Meeting**

(Hallmark, Krenz-Doe, DeWoody, Prescott)

**August 9, 2013**

*Time: 7:30 a.m.*

**333 Guadalupe St, Tower I, Room – 1250A**

Austin, Texas 78701

### **MINUTES**

- A. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 a.m.
- B. Members present were Committee Chair, Dr. C. Thomas Hallmark, P.G., Joseph P. DeWoody, W. David Prescott, II, P.G., Becky L. Johnson, P.G. (Alternate), and Member Kelly Krenz-Doe was absent.
- C. Dr. Hallmark, Committee Chair, acknowledged that there were no public comments.
- D. The AR/CE minutes from the April 19, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved as written.
- E. Discussion and possible action on the following requests:
  - 1. Chad Cadenhead: The Committee unanimously moved to recommend to the full Board Mr. Cadenhead's request for a substitution of relative work experience for the education requirement for licensure.
  - 2. Timothy Wentreck: The Committee unanimously approved Mr. Wentreck's request to sit for the ASBOG® Fundamentals and Practice of Geology Examination.
  - 3. Joseph Collins: The Committee unanimously approved Mr. Collins request for a waiver to substitute experience for the education requirement in order to be eligible to sit for the ASBOG® Fundamentals and Practice of Geology Examinations on October 4, 2013.
  - 4. Christine Peach: The Committee denied Ms. Peach's request for a waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology Examination.
  - 5. Gebremeskel Tesfa: The Committee unanimously approved Mr. Tesfa's request to waive the requirement his foreign "official" transcript and NACES evaluation that was conferred on his US degree transcript to sit for the ASBOG® Fundamentals and Practice of Geology Examination on October 4, 2013, as well as to be eligible for licensure upon passing the examinations.
  - 6. Christopher Johnson: The Committee unanimously moved to recommend to the full Board Mr. Johnson's request for a waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology Examination.
  - 7. Amanda Miller, GIT: The Committee denied Ms. Miller's request for a waiver is to sit for the ASBOG® Practice of Geology Examination without meeting the five year's work experience.
  - 8. Sheyore John Omovie: The Committee approved Mr. Omovie's request of his US institution recognizing his foreign degree in lieu of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES).

- F. Regarding public comments received regarding the proposed changes to TBPG's rule §851.28 (Professional Geoscientist License Renewal and Reinstatement) regarding the first renewal of a license and the late renewal of a license: no public comments were received. The Committee unanimously moved to recommend the amendment to the full Board for adoption.
- G. Regarding public comments received regarding the proposed changes to TBPG's rule §851.32 (Continuing Education Program) regarding the continuing education requirement for the renewal of a license: no public comments were received. The Committee unanimously moved to recommend the amendment to the full Board for adoption.
- H. Regarding public comments received regarding the proposed changes to TBPG's rule §851.20 (Professional Geoscientists Licensing Requirements and Application Procedure) regarding the first renewal of a license: no public comments were received. The Committee unanimously moved to recommend the amendment to the full Board for adoption.
- I. Regarding the renewal of a P.G. license and identifying whether a P.G. is operating as a sole proprietor: After discussion, the Committee will not be moving forward with a recommendation at this time. This agenda item to be discussed at the next Committee meeting before making a recommendation to the full Board.
- J. Regarding the re-fresh of Texas Geophysics Examination. An update on the status of the exam was given by Mr. Horton.
- K. Regarding possible reciprocity agreements with other state geoscience regulatory jurisdictions. A chart was presented providing the status on the communication between TBPG and other licensing regulatory boards.
- L. Regarding the promotion of licensure (exam prep) & GIT Mentoring Program. After discussion, the Committee will continue discussion at the next Committee meeting.
- M. Regarding Licensing Data. The licensing chart was presented providing the license numbers.
- N. Regarding other TBPG Committee items of interest. No action taken.
- O. Future agenda items:
  - Item I; P.G. license renewal and identifying whether a P.G. is operating as a sole proprietor
  - Item L; Promotion of licensure and GIT Mentoring Program
- P. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.