



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

Application Review Continuing Education Committee Meeting

January 14, 2013, 7:30 a.m.

William P. Hobby, Jr. Building
333 Guadalupe Street, Tower II, Room 500
Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

- A. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m.
- B. Members present were Committee Chair Dr. C. Thomas Hallmark, P.G., Kelly Krenz-Doe, P.G., Barbara Roeling P.G., and Dr. Chris Mathewson, P.G., P.E., Ph.D., was in attendance until Mr. Ulmer arrived at 8:30 a.m.
- C. Regarding public comments: Committee Chair Dr. C. Thomas Hallmark acknowledged that there were no public comments.
- D. The ARC minutes from the August 24, 2012 were unanimously approved as written.
- E. Regarding the request of waivers on the following Exam Requests/Applications for licensure:
 - 1. Iryna Rushnirsky: The Committee unanimously moved to recommend to the full Board Ms. Rushnirsky's request for a waiver of "official" transcript requirement to sit for the ASBOG® Fundamental Examination on March 1, 2013, as well as to be eligible for licensure upon passing the examination.
 - 2. Teresa McMillan: The Committee unanimously moved to recommend to the full Board Ms. McMillan's request for a waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamental of Geology Examination.
 - 3. Chad Cadenhead: The Committee denied Mr. Cadenhead's request for a waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamental and Practice of Geology Examinations.
 - 4. Randy Elder: The Committee unanimously moved to recommend to the full Board Mr. Elder's request for a waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamental of Geology Examination.
- F. Regarding recommendation from the Committee to the full Board on proposed changes to TBPG's rule 851.25(d); the requirement of submitting an official transcript along with a Foreign Transcript Evaluation by a National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) member. The Committee unanimously moved to recommend the amendment to the full Board for adoption.
- G. Regarding recommendation from the Committee to the full Board on proposed changes to TBPG's rule §851.30(i); regarding the permanent expiration of a Geoscience Firm after one year of expiration. The Committee unanimously moved to recommend the amendment to the full Board for adoption.
- H. Regarding public comments received on a possible recommendation from the Committee to the full Board on proposed changes to TBPG's rule §851.45; Relationship of Geoscientists-in-Training Certification to Licensure of Professional Geoscientists. The Committee unanimously moved to recommend the amendment to the full Board for adoption.

- I. Regarding a possible recommendation from the Committee to the full Board on 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. After discussion, the Committee will not be moving forward with 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 possible recommendation from the Committee to the full Board on proposed changes to TBPG's rule §851.32 (Continuing Education Program) regarding the continuing education requirement for the renewal of a license. The Committee directed staff to provide a recommendation on how TBPG will notify new PG's explaining the prorated renewal licensing fees and the prorated continuing education hour's requirement and present at the next Committee meeting. The Committee also suggested that it may also be a good idea to include a section on TBPG's website the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ's) explaining the proration of fees and CE hour requirements. This agenda item to be discussed at the next Committee meeting before making a recommendation to the full Board.
- K. Regarding Gainesville Independent Testing Service's (GITS) proposal to make updates and changes to the Texas Geophysics Examination. The Committee unanimously moved to recommend to the full Board to authorize TBPG to enter into an agreement with GITS to update and make changes to the Texas Geophysics Examination.
- L. Regarding Licensing Data/ASBOG stats. The licensing chart was presented providing the license numbers. The ASBOG chart was also presented providing the ASBOG statistics for Texas examination numbers.
- M. Regarding discussion and possible action on Other TBPG Committee items of interest. No action taken.
- N. Future Agenda items:
 - 1. Item I, proposed changes to TBPG's rule §851.28, add to Board agenda.
 - 2. Item J, proposed changes to TBPG's rule §851.32, add to Board agenda.
- O. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.