



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

Application Review Continuing Education Committee Meeting

August 24, 2012, 7:30 a.m.

William P. Hobby, Jr. Building
333 Guadalupe Street, Tower 1, Room 1250A
Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

- A. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.
- B. Members present were Committee Chair, Dr. C. Thomas Hallmark, P.G., Kelly Krenz-Doe, P.G, Becky Johnson, P.G. Members Barbara Roeling, P.G. and Greg Ulmer, J.D., was absent.
- C. Regarding public comments: Committee Chair, Dr. C. Thomas Hallmark acknowledged that Ms. Dunaway, TCEQ and Mr. Meyer, Zara Environmental, were in attendance and indicated that they would present their case to the Committee when their item (E) was up for discussion. Dr. Chris Mathewson, P.G., P.E., Ph.D., was also in attendance and arrived at 8:30 a.m.
- D. The minutes from the May 18, 2012 were approved as written.
- E. Regarding the request of waivers on the following Exam Requests/Applications for licensure:
 1. Yuliya Dunaway: The Committee unanimously granted approval for Ms. Dunaway to sit for the ASBOG® Fundamental Examination as well as to be eligible for the GIT certification upon passing the examination. The Committee directed staff to note the record that Ms. Dunaway's "official" transcripts were provided; therefore, no waiver request required.
 2. Dipakkumar Patel: The Committee unanimously granted approval of Mr. Patel's request to sit for the ASBOG® Fundamental Examination, as well as to be eligible for licensure upon passing the examination. Mr. Patel's original transcript had been provided to Foreign Transcript Evaluation by a National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES); therefore, no waiver was required.
 3. Norman Meyer: The Committee unanimously granted approval of Mr. Meyer's waiver request of pre-graduation work experience internship be counted towards the five (5) year work experience requirement to sit for the ASBOG® Practice of Geology Examination on October 5, 2012.
- F. Regarding 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 approved recommending proposed changes to the full Board for approval for posting to the Texas Register for public comments.

- G. Regarding recommendations from the Committee to the full Board on the following P.G. applications for licensure:
1. Anol Mukhopadhyay: The Committee unanimously denied Mr. Mukhopadhyay's waiver request of the licensure requirement of ASBOG® Practice of Geology Examination.
 2. Alan Izard: The Committee recommend approval to the full Board Mr. Izard's waiver request of the ASBOG® Fundamental of Geology Examination, however, denied his waiver request of the licensure requirement of ASBOG® Practice of Geology Examination.
- H. Regarding comments/suggestions of the Texas Geophysics Exam: The Committee evaluated the comments made on test items missed by the examinee; however the items in question would not affect the score of the examinee. Member Krenz-Doe will respond to the applicants' comments regarding the Committee's decision. The Committee also directed staff to contact the Gainsville Independent Testing Services for a proposed cost to make updates, changes, etc. to the examination. In addition, the Committee will consider a workgroup to re-write and/or update certain questions on the examination.
- I. Regarding 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 approved recommending proposed changes to the full Board for approval for posting to the Texas register for public comment.
- J. Regarding proposed changes to TBPG's rule §851.45; Relationship of Geoscientists-in-Training Certification to Licensure of Professional Geoscientists. The Committee unanimously approved recommending changes to the full Board for approval for posting to the Texas Register.
- K. The licensing data chart was presented providing the licensing numbers.
- L. Regarding other TBPG Committee items of interest: No discussion/action was taken.
- M. Future Agenda items:
1. California Geophysics Exam: No action taken.
- N. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.