



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

Application Review and Continuing Education (AR/CE) Committee Meeting August 22, 2014

MINUTES

- A. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. Members present were Committee Chair, Dr. C. Thomas Hallmark, P.G., Joseph P. DeWoody, Kelly Krenz-Doe, P.G., and Member W. David Prescott, II, P.G.
- B. Dr. Hallmark, Committee Chair, acknowledged that Mr. Bryan Boyd, applicant for PG licensure, was present to address the Committee regarding his waiver request later listed on the agenda (Item E).
- C. Approval of minutes from the February 14, 2014 committee meeting were approved with minor edits.
- D. Regarding the hearing on rule review per Texas Government Code §2001.039 (Administrative Procedure Act—agency four-year rule review) regarding rule sections assigned to the Committee; no comments at this time, the comment period is still open to the public.
- E. Regarding the discussion and possible action on the following requests:
 - 1. Donald Goddard: PG applicant for licensure requesting a waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology and Practice of Geology Examinations. The Committee moved to recommend to the full Board Mr. Goddard's request to waive the ASBOG® Fundamentals examination only.
 - 2. Julie Bruhn: PG applicant for licensure requesting to sit for the ASBOG® Practice of Geology Examination without meeting the five year work experience requirement. The Committee unanimously approved Ms. Bruhn's request.
 - 3. Cesar Abeigner: PG applicant for licensure requesting a waiver of the Texas Geophysics Examination. The Committee unanimously denied Mr. Abeigner's request.
 - 4. Bryan Boyd: PG applicant for licensure requesting to substitute experience for the education requirement in order to be eligible to sit for the ASBOG® Fundamentals and Practice Geology Examinations. The Committee unanimously approved Mr. Boyd's request to sit for the exams; specifying that once Mr. Boyd passes the exams he may go forward with his request to substitute his work experience for the education requirement.
 - 5. Jared Russell: PG applicant for licensure requesting that the committee consider his work experience prior to graduation as meeting the five year work experience in order to be eligible to sit for the ASBOG® Practice of Geology examination. The Committee unanimously denied Mr. Russell's request.
- F. Regarding the discussion and possible action regarding Education Code Chapter 57: Guaranteed Student Loans. Section §57.491: Loan Default Ground for Nonrenewal of Professional or Occupational License. The Committee unanimously moved to recommend proposed language, as edited, to the full Board for posting to the Texas Register for comments.

- G. Regarding discussion and possible action regarding Family Code Chapter 232: Suspension of License. Section §232.003. The Committee unanimously moved to recommend proposed language, as edited, to the full Board for posting to the Texas Register for comments.
- H. Regarding the discussion and possible action on the proposed modification to the TBPG forms. The Committee directed staff to continue modifying TBPG forms with emphasis on detailed instructions to applicants on completing the forms.
- I. Regarding the discussion and possible action regarding proposed changes to the template used by the TBPG for reciprocity agreements. The Committee directed staff to work with the AAG for guidance to determine whether the Board needed to consider a “protection” clause in the agreement.
- J. Regarding the discussion and possible action regarding a possible reciprocity agreement with Ordre des géologues du Québec (Province of Québec Geologist Registration Program). After discussion, the Committee determined that there is a disadvantage to Texas licensees to enter into an agreement and does not think it should be pursued any further.
- K. Regarding the discussion and possible action regarding the progress of the Texas Geophysics Examination. An update on the status of the Texas Geophysics Examination was given by Chairman Hallmark, he indicated that the process of the exam updates is stagnated right now and hope to make progress in the next few weeks.
- L. Regarding the discussion and possible action on Licensing Data and Equilibrium Number. The licensing chart was presented providing the license numbers. The Equilibrium Number data was also presented.
- M. Regarding discussion and possible action regarding the Continuing Education Audit Program. The Committee directed staff to modify its template letters to reflect the actual status of the audit and update the policy and procedure manual.
- N. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2014
- O. The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.