



TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

Application Review and Continuing Education (AR/CE) Committee Meeting

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January 21, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

- A. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.
- B. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Members present were Justin McNamee, Glenn Lowenstein, P.G., and Committee Chair Tom Hallmark, P.G. Member Greg Ulmer was absent.
- C. There were no comments from the public.
- D. The minutes from the October 28, 2010 committee meeting were approved unanimously.
- E. Regarding the following waiver requests per §1002.259:
 - 1) Alan Izard: Request for waiver of ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology exam. Mr. Izard's application materials were not complete. The committee deferred the request until all materials have been submitted.
 - 2) Richard Conolly: Request for waiver of ASBOG® exams. Mr. Conolly's packet was reviewed: he has practiced in Virginia since 1984; he has 20 plus years of experience; his Bachelor's degree was in geology; he was licensed through their grandfathering provision. Per 1002.257, the Board can by rule grant a license as reciprocal. No rule currently exists outside current TBPG reciprocity agreements. The committee determined that the board is generally not in favor of waiving the Practice of Geology exam. At the Board's request, the committee will study the ability of the Board by rule to accept or not accept applicants through comity that have not tested but have years of experience. The committee proposes to recommend to the Board waiving the Fundamentals of Geology for Mr. Conolly due to his many years of experience.
 - 3) Raymond Straub: Request for waiver of educational requirement. Mr. Straub's packet was reviewed: he is a licensed water well driller with extensive experience and he is highly recommended by P.G.s. The committee, in a split decision of 2-1 with Member Lowenstein dissenting, proposes to recommend the waiver of the educational requirement on behalf of Mr. Straub in order for him to obtain a P.G. license.
- F. Regarding reciprocity with Kentucky, it was determined that Kentucky may be interested in setting up a reciprocity agreement with Texas. Not enough information was known, but it was determined that staff continue to pursue an agreement with Kentucky.
- G. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.