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Compliance and Enforcement Committee Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2013 Meeting

333 Guadalupe, Tower III, Room #102
William P. Hobby Building, Austin, Texas 78701

- A.** The Compliance and Enforcement Committee (C&E) meeting was called to order at 2:20 p.m., roll was called and quorum established. C&E members present were Barbara Roeling, PG, Committee Chair, Dr. Thomas Hallmark, PG, Professional Member; Dr. Chris Mathewson, PG, PE, Professional Member; and Justin McNamee, Public Member. Staff members Charles Horton, Executive Director; Molly Roman, Operations Manager; T. Wesley McCoy, PG, Enforcement Coordinator; Alberto Jimenez, PG, Investigator; and Jeanne Nguyen, Enforcement Specialist were also in attendance.
- B.** The minutes from the December 7, 2012 C&E meeting were approved with changes.
- C.** No public comments were made.
- D.** Discussion of comments received from the public for the revisions of the Firm Compliance rule §851.152. Four public comments were received with one supporting the proposed revisions. The Committee disagreed with the three comments which did not appear to understand the impact of the proposed revisions.
- E.** Discussion of Voluntary Relinquishment of Professional Geoscience License process. There was concern over the wording in the first sentence of the Voluntary License Relinquishment form and the use of the Voluntary Relinquishment process to allow PGs to get out of enforcement actions. These concerns will be forwarded to the General Issues Committee, which is reviewing the process.
- F.** Discussion of proposed revisions to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on Board website will be continued and carried over to the next committee meeting.
- G.** The discussion of the possible need for clarification of which activities performed by individuals in the academic community may require license issue was postponed for future discussion.
- H.** Discussion and possible action regarding the revision of the Complaint Standard Operating Procedures was postponed until the next committee meeting.
- I.** Enforcement staff report - Mr. Wesley McCoy provided and reviewed quarterly complaint activity summary data for the period of January 2013 through April and provided updated information regarding the proposed Memorandum of Agreement under consideration with the Texas Department of Transportation. Additionally, an update was given on the new TBPG Guidelines for Employees of State and Local Governments and the outreach for state and local governments regarding the public practice of geoscience. Staff participation at Professional Society meetings and Environmental Trade Fair were also discussed.
- J.** The Committee will decide at a later time the date for the next Committee meeting.
- K.** The C&E meeting adjourned at 3:40 P.M.