



# **TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

## **General Issues Committee Meeting**

*April 18, 2013 4:00 p.m.*  
333 Guadalupe Street, Room 102  
Austin, Texas 78701

### **MINUTES**

- A. The meeting of the General Issues Committee was called to order at 4:07 p.m. on Thursday April 18, 2013 in room 102 of the William P. Hobby building. Board Members present were Christopher Mathewson, PG, PE, PhD, Justin McNamee, and Board Chairman Charles Knobloch, PG, JD. Committee Chair Krenz-Doe was running late to the meeting; Board Chairman Knobloch chaired the meeting during her absence. A quorum was certified. Committee Chair Krenz-Doe arrived to the meeting at 4:20 p.m.
- B. The minutes from the General Issues Committee meeting held on December 7, 2012 were approved as written.
- C. No members of the public were present at the meeting; no comments were given.
- D. Regarding public comments and recommendation for adoption of amendment to 22 TAC §851.30, regarding Firm Registration, which clarifies that a Professional Geoscientist supervising geoscientific work must be licensed by the State, must be an employee of the Geoscience Firm in question, and that verification of employment would be provided by the Geoscience Firm if requested by the Board, the Committee unanimously recommended the item to be brought before the full Board for adoption.
- E. Regarding a recommendation for proposal of amendment to 22 TAC §851.156, regarding a Professional Geoscientist's Seal, and including the use and format of electronic Professional Geoscientist's Seals; the committee reviewed Dr. Mathewson and Kevin Coleman's suggested changes, and recommended that it be presented to the full Board for discussion as edited.
- F. Regarding the voluntary relinquishment of a P.G. license, the Committee determined that TBPG rules do not support a voluntary relinquishing of a license, and that the license holder's option would be to allow his/her license to expire.
- G. Regarding trends in the number of individuals that have become licensed in the geophysics discipline versus other disciplines over the past several years, and future licensing projections, the Committee determined that the updating of the Geophysics exam may increase interest in Geophysics licensure. The Committee did not take action on this item.
- H. No dates were set for the next General Issues meeting.
- I. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.