TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

General Issues Committee Meeting

1000 Louisiana, Suite 2000
Houston Texas 77002

October 28, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

A. The meeting was called to order at 3:28 p.m.

B. Roll was called and a quorum was certified. Members present were Kelly Krenz-Doe, P.G., Charles Knobloch, P.G., J.D., Ron Kitchens, and Committee Chair Y. Lynn Clark, P.G.

C. Comments were presented by Mr. Paul Moore, P.G., was present to answer questions regarding his request for an Advisory Opinion on the sealing requirements of Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) reports. He described risks to the public if these types of reports are performed by non-Professional Geoscientists. Mr. Matthew Cowan, P.G., representing Texas Association of Professional Geoscientists (TAPG) and Houston Geological Society (HGS), commented on the issues regarding the use of P.G. seals and Phase II ESA reports, and the issue of defining "public" practice of geoscience.

D. The minutes from General Issues Committee on August 12, 2010 were approved unanimously as written.

E. Regarding the draft Advisory Opinion Request #3 (10-003) regarding the issue of "Responsible Charge", no public comments were received. The committee unanimously recommended that the draft opinion be brought before the board for adoption as written.

F. Regarding Advisory Opinion Request #4 (10-004), the Committee determined that the question can be answered by reference to the Texas Geoscience Practice Act, Sections 1002.002 (6)(A)(iii) and 1002.002(6)(B).

G. Regarding P.G. seal issues related to Texas Administrative Code §851.156, the committee unanimously approved recommending to the Board the removal of the following sentence from the rule: "A seal must be added on such work if required by the entity receiving the work; otherwise it may be added at the Professional Geoscientist's discretion."

H. Future meeting date and agenda items. No items or dates were confirmed.

I. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.