



TBPG Newsletter

Spring 2017

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Current Licensing Numbers

March 2017 Licensing Numbers
4117 Professional Geoscientists
342 Registered Geoscience Firms
124 Geoscientists-in-Training

Highlights from the February 24, 2017 Board Meeting

Review of TBPG FY 2016 performance measures data. The Legislative Budget Board works with each state agency to establish Performance Measures and targets for attainment to measure each agency's performance on key tasks (timely review of applications, timely investigation and adjudication of complaints, dissemination of agency information to the public, etc.). Operations Manager, Molly Roman, reported TBPG's performance measure data for fiscal year 2016, from September 1, 2015-August 31, 2016. TBPG met or exceeded the targets for its performance on most of its measures.

The Appointed Board reviewed the following applications for P.G. license received from the following individuals:

1. Sharma Dronamraju: The Board reviewed the Committee's recommendation regarding this applicant's request for waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals and Practice of Geology examinations. The Board unanimously approved the waiver requests in a vote of 7-0.
2. Charles de Cruz Martins: The Board reviewed the Committee's recommendation regarding this applicant's request for waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology examination. The Board unanimously approved the waiver request in a vote of 7-0.

Application Review and Continuing Education Committee's recommendation to the full Board regarding proposal of amendment to 22 TAC §851.80, Fees. The Board proposed by unanimous consent an amendment to 22 TAC §851.80, for posting to the Texas Register for public comment, as edited.

General Issue Committee's recommendation for proposal of amendment to 22 TAC §851.30, Firm Registration. The Board proposed by unanimous consent an amendment to 22 TAC §851.30, for posting to the Texas Register for public comment, as edited.

General Issue Committee's recommendation for proposal of amendment to 22 TAC §851.10, Definition of Authorized Official of a Firm. The Board proposed by unanimous consent a proposal of amendment to 22 TAC §851.10, for posting to the Texas Register for public comment, as edited.

Compliance and Enforcement Committee's recommendation to the full Board regarding proposal of amendment to 22 TAC §851.157, Complaints and Disciplinary Actions. The Board proposed by unanimous consent an amendment to 22 TAC §851.157, for posting to the Texas Register for public comment.

Complaints recommended for dismissal by TBPG's Complaint Review Teams.

- Complaint Case No. 2014043 was dismissed by unanimous consent, with Members Mathewson and Hallmark recused.
- Complaint Case No. 2016046 was dismissed by unanimous consent, with Members Mathewson and Bradford recused.
- Complaint Case No. 2016055 was dismissed by unanimous consent, with Members Mathewson and Bradford recused.
- Complaint Case No. 2014024 was dismissed by unanimous consent, with Members Hallmark and Mathewson recused.

Proposed Agreed Board Orders. Agreed Board Orders for Complaint Cases 2015053 and 2016021 were adopted by unanimous consent with Member Mathewson recused. Agreed Board Orders for Complaint Cases 2016045, 2016048, 2016052, 2017002, 2017005, and 2017006 were adopted by unanimous consent with Members Bradford and Mathewson recused.

Disciplinary actions taken by the Appointed Board may be found on the website under the Enforcement/Disciplinary Actions link.

Officer elections. For the office of Chairman of the TBPG, C. Thomas Hallmark, PhD, PG, was unanimously re-elected by acclamation. For the office of Vice-Chairman, W. David Prescott, II, PG, was unanimously re-elected by acclamation. For the office of Secretary-Treasurer, Becky Johnson, PG, was unanimously re-elected by acclamation.

Upcoming Meetings

Application Review/Continuing Education Committee - April 27, 2017
Compliance/Enforcement Committee - April 27, 2017
General Issues Committee - April 27, 2017
TBPG Board Meeting - April 28, 2017

Appointed Members of the Board

C. Thomas Hallmark, PhD, PG, *Chairman*- Hearne

W. David Prescott, PG, *Vice-Chairman*- Amarillo

Becky Johnson, PG, *Secretary/Treasurer*- Fort Worth

Lindsey Lee Bradford, *Public Member*- Edna

Bereket M. Derie, PhD, PG, *Professional Member*- Round Rock

Steven Fleming, PG, *Professional Member*- San Antonio

Christopher Mathewson, PhD, PG, PE, *Professional Mbr*- College Station

Gregory Ulmer, JD, *Public Member*- Houston

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