



# **TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

## **Application Review and Continuing Education Committee**

April 26, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.  
William P. Hobby Building  
333 Guadalupe Street, Tower III, Room 102  
Austin, Texas 78701

### **MINUTES**

- A. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. Call to order, roll call, and certification of quorum.
- B. The minutes from the February 22, 2018 committee meeting were approved as written.
- C. There were no public comments presented.
- D. Staff Licensing Report: licensing data, TGE exam statistics, and ASBOG® exam statistics.
- E. Jeremiah Bihl: Review of MS degree to determine if the graduate study qualifies for work experience credit. The Committee determined that Mr. Bihl's graduate study qualifies for work experience credit.
- F. Texas Geoscience Practice Act, (1002.256(a)(3)), each year of full time graduate study in a discipline of geoscience that is acceptable to the board constitutes one year of qualifying work experience. After discussion, the Committee directed staff to draft a policy statement to clarify the calculation of qualifying work experience for full time graduate study.
- G. A report on efforts toward a reciprocity agreements with other licensing jurisdictions were presented by Ms. Roman, Operations Manager, regarding the following states:
  - Wyoming Board of Professional Geologists (WBPG)
  - Minnesota Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design (Minnesota Board of AELSLAGID)
- H. Committee recommendation regarding adoption of four-year rule review per Texas Government Code §2001.039 regarding 22 TAC Chapters 850 and 851.
- I. Recommendation for proposal of amendments, repeals and new rules regarding the rule sections assigned to the Committee, including:
  - 851.10
  - 851.20, 851.21, proposed new rule 851.22, 851.23, 851.24, 851.25, 851.26, 851.27, 851.28, 851.29, 851.31, 851.32, 851.35, 851.40, 851.41, 851.43, 851.44
  - 851.80
  - 851.154, 851.155
- J. The next committee meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2018 to include a draft policy statement to clarify the calculation of qualifying work experience for full time graduate study.
- K. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.