



## **TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

### **General Issues Committee Meeting**

(Derie-Committee Chair, Varhaug, Hallmark, Stowers)

January 31, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.  
William P. Hobby Building  
333 Guadalupe Street, Tower III, Room 102  
Austin, Texas 78701

### **MINUTES**

- A. The General Issues Committee of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists was called to order at 1:05 p.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was certified. Members present were Dr. Bereket Derie, PhD, PG, Committee Chair, Mark N. Varhaug, PG, CPG, Dr. C. Thomas Hallmark, PhD, PG, and Brandon Stowers.
- B. The minutes from General Issues Committee meeting held on April 26, 2018 were approved by unanimous consent.
- C. Public comment. No public comments were given.
- D. Ethics resources for TBPG's website. The Committee reviewed TBPG's online resources for the ethics requirement. Two recommendations were given to add to TBPG's recommended resources: 1) An Austin Geological Society ethics presentation, which occurs on the last Monday evening in August; and 2) the American Institute of Petroleum Geologists offers a series of ethics options on their website.
- E. Board Member training materials. The Committee directed staff to obtain more information regarding the Sunset Advisory Commission's recommendations for annual training material for Board Members, regarding rule-making authority and anti-competitive behavior.
- F. Date for upcoming meetings and agenda items for next meeting. The next Committee meeting will be April 25, 2019.
- G. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.