**Application Review and Continuing Education Committee**

April 25, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

William P. Hobby Building

333 Guadalupe Street, Tower III, Room 102

Austin, Texas 78701

**MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to ordered at 9:07 a.m. Members present were Committee Chair Steven Fleming, P.G., Board Chairman C. Thomas Hallmark, PhD, P.G., and Drusilla Knight-Villarreal. Bereket Derie, PhD, P.G. absent.
2. Minutes from the January 31, 2019 were approved as written.
3. No public comments.
4. The Licensing data, ASBOG® exam statistics, TGE exam statistics, and updates regarding reciprocity agreements were presented.
5. No applications scheduled for review; therefore, no action taken.
6. An update regarding Texas Geophysics exam. The Committee directed staff to continue its efforts to coordinate with Jay Bowermeister, Gainesville Independent Testing, Inc. (GITs), Ms. Kelly Krenz-Doe, and potential Subject Matter Experts (SME) to set up a workshop to potentially revise the TGE; item bank; Angoff scoring methods.
7. The Committee directed staff to continue to track/amend the Sunset Advisory Commission recommendations of the following rule amendments and provide the Committee with any TBPG applications/forms that would be affected by the rule amendments:
   1. Eliminate the statutory notarization requirement for individuals applying for the Professional Geoscientist license (TOC 1002.253); TBPG Rule 22 TAC 851.20.
   2. Eliminate the statutory letter of reference requirement for individuals applying for a Professional Geoscientist license (TOC 1002.253, 1002.255, 1002.260); TBPG Rules 22 TAC 851.20, 851.22, 851.23, 851.24.
   3. Eliminate the letter of reference requirement for individuals applying to register as a Geoscientist-in-Training Certification (non-statutory); TBPG Rules 22 TAC 851.40, 851.41.
8. Discussion regarding potential addition of an Environmental Science license or certification. At the last Committee meeting, staff was directed to research whether there are any National examinations for Environmental Science discipline. Staff provided the Committee with research information and determined there is no National examination for an Environmental Science discipline.
9. Inquiry regarding P.G. licensure for geochemists. The Committee directed staff to contact the individual regarding P.G. licensure for geochemists and assist with the application process including the Boards Waiver Policy.
10. Rene David Truan, Executive Director, emphasized the importance of outreach for TBPG, and potential outreach opportunities to the public, Universities, professional organization, and other occupational agencies.
11. The next meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2019.
12. The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.