

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

9643 Brookline Ave, Ste. 101, Baton Rouge, LA 70809



**REGULAR MEETING OF LBOPG**

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

1:00 P.M.

Louisiana Engineering Society Building, Conference Room  
9643 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809

**MINUTES**

Chairman Kumar called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m., December 9, 2014.

Present: William Finley, Kelli Hardesty, Madhurendu Kumar, Lloyd Hoover, Arthur Johnson, John Johnston, William Meaney, and Todd Perry, Board Members. Ethel Graham, Legal Counsel, and Georgeann McNicholas, Executive Secretary to the Board.

Absent: Daisy Pate, Board Member.

Quorum established. Roll Call sheet was circulated for signatures.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes of 11/25/2014 were reviewed. Motion made by Johnson to accept the minutes, seconded by Meaney. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Johnson presented the Treasurer's Report for November 2014. Johnston moved to approve, seconded by Perry. Motion passed unanimously.

Licensing Application Review Committee – Hardesty read the numbers of applicants recommended for approval for professional geoscientist licensing in Louisiana: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13,14, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, and 54 of the Licensing Review Committee List for December 9, 2014. Motion was made by Johnston to accept the recommended list of applicants. Seconded by Finley. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion ensued concerning applicants questions regarding their qualifications. Determined that McNicholas will forward questions to appropriate board member based on their region/area. Licensing Application Review Committee meeting be held on December 23, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. for those committee members attending the December 23, 2014 Board meeting.

Licensing Examination Committee - No report at this time.

Complaint Review Committee – No report at this time.

Hearing Committee – No report at this time. Clarification made that denied applicants would present to the Licensing Application Review Committee. Hearings Committee is for violations hearings.

Comity/Reciprocity - No report at this time.

Office Committee – Banking – Check number 1112 is still outstanding. McNicholas called Mr. Herin again to inquire and sent an email. McNicholas will send a certified letter notifying Mr. Herin that we must stop payment in order to close the account and will reissue another check from Campus Federal once he contacts the office with revised contact information. On Friday, December 19, 2014, Johnston and Kumar will stop payment and close account at JPMorgan Chase. Vacation – McNicholas will be on vacation from Wednesday, December 10 through Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, and again on Christmas Eve and the day after Christmas. McNicholas will answer telephone calls and email messages once a day while on vacation. Mail will be delivered to the Louisiana Engineering Society office and Johnston will copy and deposit checks received on Friday, December 12 and Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Rules Committee – Finley requested that all comments be submitted to him before December 23, 2014 Board meeting and that Board members print their comments and bring them to the meeting on December 23, 2014. The proposed rules will be finalized for the first board meeting, January 13, 2015.

Website – McNicholas reported that Usable Creative has said that the major projects are completed and that they are working on the smaller tasks. They have requested a review with Finley and McNicholas. A more detailed timeline will be provided for the December 23, 2014 board meeting. Discussion ensued regarding notification of the ending of grandfathered period through the various geoscience associations.

Legal Counsel's Comments – Graham had no comments.

Other Business – License Plates must be authorized by legislative act. Deposit of \$3500 would be made with Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). If 1000 were sold, LBOPG would get the \$3500 returned. LBOPG would receive \$25 on each plate sold. Perry explained that the LBOPG seal with the professional geoscientists' license number would be on the individual's PG license plate. Johnston made a motion that the Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists take the necessary steps to obtain personalized Louisiana Professional Geoscientist license plates through the DMV, seconded by Johnson. Motion passed unanimously. Perry will pursue legislative assistance on behalf of the Board.

Next meeting will be at 1:00 p.m., December 23, 2014 at the Louisiana Engineering Society Building Conference Room, 9643 Brookline Ave., Baton Rouge, LA. Rules will be the priority of the meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Johnston, seconded by Finley. Motion passed unanimously. Kumar adjourned meeting at 1:50 p.m.