

IDAHO BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS
Bureau of Occupational Licenses
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Board Meeting Minutes of 4/2/2015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale Osterman - Chair
Mickey E Gunter, Ph.D.
Richard W. Reed
Steven L. Derricott

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: John Monks

BUREAU STAFF: Tana Cory, Bureau Chief
Dawn Hall, Administrative Support Manager
Maurie Ellsworth, General Counsel
Cherie Simpson, Management Assistant
Debbie Sexton, Management Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM MDT by Dale Osterman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Gunter made a motion to approve the minutes of 8/2/2014. It was seconded by Mr. Reed. Motion carried.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the minutes of 1/15/2015. It was seconded by Dr. Gunter. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ms. Cory gave the legislative report. She said that the proposed law change that would allow students to take the Fundamental of Geology exam prior to graduation had been approved by the legislature and signed by the Governor. The new law will go into effect July 1. Mr. Reed made a motion to have Mr. Osterman and Dr. Gunter work on a subcommittee with Mr. Hales to begin drafting rules. It was seconded by Mr. Derricott. Motion carried.

Ms. Cory said the additional two bills going before the Legislature had passed. HB116 is to clarify that Boards served by the Bureau of Occupational Licenses can recoup attorney fees when a licensee is found to be in violation of the Board's laws and rules in disciplinary cases. HB117 allows licensees to reinstate their licenses without paying for the years they were not licensed. It also increases the reinstatement fee from \$25 to \$35.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Hall gave the financial report, which indicated that the Board had a cash balance of \$50,961.18 as of 3/31/2015.

OLD BUSINESS

To Do List – The Board reviewed the to-do list.

The Board discussed a possible rule change to require continuing education for registered geologists in Idaho. Mr. Derricott made a motion to request Mr. Reed and Mr. Derricott form a committee to research continuing education requirements for other Geology Boards and other Boards served by the Bureau and bring information back to the Board at a future meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Reed. Motion carried.

The Board discussed outreach programs. Mr. Derricott made a motion to include distribution of the Board's newsletter to legislators and Idaho colleges and universities geology department heads. It was seconded by Dr. Gunter. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the old application and Board records that have been scanned. The paper copies are currently being held in the archive storage. Mr. Derricott made a motion to destroy the old records. It was seconded by Dr. Gunter. Motion carried. Ms. Hall will go through the files to see if there are any records that may be considered historical records and bring those to the Board prior to shredding.

The Board discussed attendance at the Council of Examiners workshop. Dr. Gunter made a motion to approve expenses for Mr. Reed to attend the fall COE workshop. It was seconded by Mr. Derricott. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed correspondence from Julie Willis, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of the Brigham Young University Idaho Geology Department, and Nate Borsella regarding administering the Fundamentals of Geology (FG) exam at the BYU Idaho testing facility. Mr. Reed made a motion to request Dr. Gunter contact Dr. Willis to let her know the Board was in the process of developing rules and would keep them informed as to the requirements for proctoring the exam as they develop. It was seconded by Mr. Derricott. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Mr. Bill Capaul regarding work with consulting engineers who are performing geotechnical investigations for highway projects. Mr. Capaul was of the opinion that when the investigations involve bedrock geology by surface examination or by core drilling, the work should be under the direct supervision of a geologist or engineer with the appropriate license and background such as a geological engineer. The Board agreed that under Idaho Geologic Law, ITD Materials Reports that involve bedrock geology or geologic interpretation by surface examination by core drilling should be under the supervision of a Idaho licensed geologist or geological engineer.

Mr. Reed made a motion to request the Chairman respond to Mr. Capaul of the Board's position. It was seconded by Mr. Derricott. Motion carried.

The Board continued the discussion regarding outreach programs and noted they would use the newsletter as an out-reach tool.

Mr. Ellsworth reviewed the ASBOG examination contract with the Board in reference to the correspondence above from Dr. Willis at BYU Idaho and the Board continued its discussion. He said it would be in the Board's best interest to draft a contract for any outside institution that would be allowed to administer the exam and may want to consider a Board Member or Bureau staff at the site when the exam is given because ultimately the Board is responsible for the examination.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Derricott made a motion that the Board go into executive session under Idaho Code § 67-2345(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law. The purpose of the Executive Session was to consider license application materials. It was seconded by Dr. Gunter. The vote was: Mr. Osterman, aye; Mr. Derricott, aye; Dr. Gunter, aye; and Mr. Reed, aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Reed made a motion to come out of executive session. It was seconded by Dr. Gunter. The vote was: Mr. Osterman, aye; Mr. Derricott, aye; Dr. Gunter, aye; and Mr. Reed, aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS

Mr. Derricott made a motion to deny Chad Walby's application for licensure due to not meeting the requirements in Idaho. It was seconded by Mr. Reed. Motion carried. Dr. Gunter abstained from voting.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve applicant 901137486 pending receipt of additional documentation. It was seconded by Dr. Gunter. Motion carried.

Mr. Derricott made a motion to approve the following for licensure:

DOUMIT PETER ELI	PGL-1520
FREISTAEDTER DAVID ALEXANDER	PGL-1521
KALDENBACH THOMAS ALLEN	PGL-1518

It was seconded by Mr. Reed. Motion carried.

Mr. Derricott made a motion to approve Aaron Trevino to sit for the Fundamentals of Geology (FG) and Practice of Geology (PG) examinations. It was seconded by Dr. Gunter. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING was scheduled for August 12, 2015 at 1:00 PM MDT.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Gunter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:21 PM MDT. It was seconded by Mr. Derricott. Motion carried.

Dale Osterman, Chair

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