

Nebraska Board of Geologists
Board Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2020

215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln NE 68508

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at 215 Centennial Mall S, Lincoln NE. Chairperson Hallum called the meeting to order at 9:00am and noted the location of the Open Meetings Act. Notice of the meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on September 23, 2020, and on the Board's website in accordance to the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call: Douglas Hallum, Charles Joyce, Martha Link, Harmon Maher, David Svingen; Absent: Andrew Grimm, Ralph Martin

Staff Present: Jean Lais, Business Manager (BM); Gail Parris, Administrative Assistant (AA)

PUBLIC COMMENT/APPOINTMENTS

No members of the public were present

A CONSENT AGENDA

July 8, 2020, Meeting Minutes

August 31, 2020, Meeting Minutes – changed made to motion on the exam on the Act and Rules with Joyce voting No

Motion by Maher, second by Link to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and amended. Voting Yes: Svingen, Maher, Joyce, Link, Hallum; Voting No: None; Absent: Grimm, Martin

B REPORTS

ASBOG

Svingen reported there was a large number of deferral requests from candidates who desired to wait until April to sit for the FG and PG exams. More information on the exact numbers and the impact on ASBOG's finances will be made available to the member boards once the final numbers are calculated.

Office/Staff

BM Lais reported there were four candidates who sat for the FG exam last Friday, including one proctored candidate from Mississippi, and six sat for the PG exam.

The Staff Assistant left in August while a replacement has been found, she only started last week. BM Lais reported the agreement between the Board of Engineers and Architects and the new database provided is close to being finalized. It is ED Wilbeck's goal to start the project by the beginning of November.

C OLD BUSINESS

ASBOG - None

Legislative

Geologist Regulation Act Revisions

The requisition of the statute revisions approved at the July meeting was provided along with comments from the bill writer. A copy of the Board approved revisions was also provided for reference. A second revision was received on last week was provided as a handout. Maher reported the draft has been forwarded to the Nebraska Geological Society. The following additional changes were approved by the Board:

- Page 13 lines 13-16 – change *enrollment card* to *certificate* in both instances.
- Page 22 line 21 – strike *fundamentals of geology and practice of geology*. With the addition of the exam on the statutes and rules, the Board wanted to include it here.

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- Page 20 lines 23-27 – change language to *...issued pursuant to the authority of any jurisdiction and consistent with the requirements of the Geologists Regulation Act...*

Motion by Link, second by Svingen to approve revisions as discussed and forward to the bill writer for final draft.
Voting Yes: Svingen, Maher, Joyce, Link, Hallum; Voting No: None; Absent: Grimm, Martin

Other Old Business

Governor's Business Portal

An email was received from the Governor's office stating Phase two of the *One-Stop Business Licensing Portal* has started and they are requesting information from the non-code agencies related to licensing requirements for business. The deadline for submitting the information is October 16, 2020. AA Parris and BM Lais will work on getting the form submitted.

D NEW BUSINESS

Strategic Plan

Strategic Plan Draft

A copy of the draft strategic plan as discussed at the August 2020 meeting was provided for review and approval. In addition, Svingen provided a draft of the exam on the Act and Rules. Discussion was held as to how to determine if the questions developed are adequate and comprehensive enough to fulfill the goal of requiring applicants to open the handbook and become familiar with the Act and Board Rules. Maher suggested treating the exam on a completion basis instead of a pass/fail, sending a certain number of questions and if the applicant did not pass them all, send additional questions until the original number of questions was passed. No decision was made at this time.

Link will distribute an example exam to licensees employed at the Department of Environment and Energy and Chairperson Hallum will distribute the exam to the Nebraska Geological Society executive committee. Results will be shared at the January meeting.

Motion by Joyce, second by Maher to approve the Strategic Plan as presented and discussed. Voting Yes: Svingen, Maher, Joyce, Link, Hallum; Voting No: None; Absent: Grimm, Martin

ASBOG Meetings – November 4-6, 2020 - Virtual

The notice from ASBOG that this year's Annual Meetings and Fall COE Workshop will be held virtually was provided. Additional information received from ASBOG included notification that it can provide up to four registrations for the Annual Meeting per Board.

Approval of 2021 Slate of Officers

President – Jason Patton (AR)

President Elect – David Svingen (NE)

Treasurer – Douglas Rambo (DE)

Secretary – Rachel Kirkman (NC)

Past President – Brenda Kalminiak (WI)

Motion by Maher, second by Link to approve the 2021 ASBOG Slate of Officers as presented at the discretion of the Voting delegate. Voting Yes: Svingen, Maher, Joyce, Link, Hallum; Voting No: None; Absent: Grimm, Martin

Approval of the Amended 2021 and Proposed 2022 Budgets

A copy of the amended 2021 and proposed 2022 budgets were provided. Svingen reported that the Task analysis scheduled for 2021 most likely will be postponed until 2022. The most of negative cash

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flow in 2021 is associated with the Task analysis and would be transferred from cash reserves if needed.

Motion by Link, second by Maher to approve the 2021/2022 ASBOG Budgets at the discretion of the Voting Delegate. Voting Yes: Svingen, Maher, Joyce, Link, Hallum; Voting No: None; Absent: Grimm, Martin

Approval of the 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

A copy of the 2019 Annual Meeting minutes was provided.

Motion by Maher, second by Link to approve the 2019 ASBOG Annual Meeting minutes. Voting Yes: Svingen, Maher, Joyce, Link, Hallum; Voting No: None; Absent: Grimm, Martin

NEBOG Report to ASBOG Draft

A draft copy of the report to ASBOG was provided. No action needed.

E COMPLIANCE - None

F APPLICATIONS

Copies of the Core Course Equivalency Chart and Rationale were provided.

Administratively Approved

Certificates of Authorization

Approved: Westwater Resources, NM – CAG0107

Licensure/Examinations

Licensure from Other Jurisdictions Applications

Approved: Jeffrey W Gadt, KS; James M Phillips, CO; Charles A VanHeuvelen, CO

Licensure by Experience Applications

Approved: Craig W Carlson, WY; Klaas J Doeden, KS

FG Exam Applications

Approved: Marshall S Brown, SD; Jonathan A Ortiz, NE

Motion by Svingen, second by Link to approve the applications as reviewed and discussed. Voting Yes: Svingen, Maher, Joyce, Link, Hallum; Voting No: None; Absent: Grimm, Martin

G FINANCIAL MATTERS

Financial Reports

Budget Status Report

MTD General Ledger Detail Report

Fund Summary Report

FY 2020-21 Financial Profile

BM Lais reported that with just over 25% of the fiscal year elapsed as of September 30th, 27.6% of the appropriation has been used and a little over 7% of the projected revenue has been received.

Revenue will begin to increase as this year's renewal period has just begun. Expenses are typically higher in the first quarter due to the payment of the ASBOG annual dues. The Cash Fund balance as of September 30th was \$61,874 which \$2,517 lower than the same time last year.

Motion by Link, second by Maher to approve the Financial Reports as presented and discussed. Voting Yes: Svingen, Maher, Joyce, Link, Hallum; Voting No: None; Absent: Grimm, Martin

H GENERAL INFORMATION

A schedule of upcoming meetings and events was provided for review. The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2021, at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, beginning at 1:00pm.

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A roster of the Board members was provided. Link gave notice of her retirement from the Department of Environment and Energy and will not be seeking reappointment. Her current term will expire in February 2021. In addition, Svingen's term also expires in February and has informed the Board he will not be seeking reappointment. AA Parris will be sending a notice to the Nebraska Geological Society and will coordinate with PIO Azizah to send an email regarding the vacancies to all licensees residing in Nebraska.

Motion by Joyce, second by Maher to enter into executive session to discuss board member status with respect to anticipated vacancies and to protect the personal privacy and reputations of the board members. Voting Yes: Svingen, Maher, Joyce, Link, Hallum; Voting No: None; Absent: Grimm, Martin

Motion by Maher, second by Link to close the executive session to discuss board member status with respect to anticipated vacancies and to protect the personal privacy and reputations of the board members. Voting Yes: Svingen, Maher, Joyce, Link, Hallum; Voting No: None; Absent: Grimm, Martin

Licensing and Certification Trends

Individuals and organizations authorized to practice in Nebraska as of September 29, 2020:

Professional Geologists: 299

Certificates of Authorization: 63

Temporary Permits: 1

Other information

The website dashboard reports showed the following number of total visits:

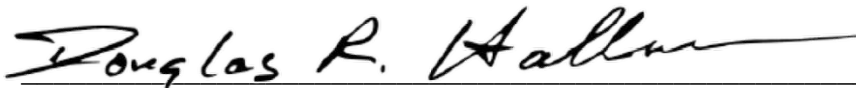
July: 190

August: 212

September: 194

A copy of the approved Board Policies as of October 9, 2019 was provided for review.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Joyce, second by Link to adjourn the meeting at 11:25am.



1/20/2021

Board Member

Date