

Nebraska Board of Geologists
Board Meeting Minutes– January 10, 2024, 1:00 p.m.
215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln NE

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at 215 Centennial Mall S, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chairperson Martin called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and noted the location of the Open Meetings Act. Notice of the meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star and the Board's website in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call: Charles Joyce, Ralph Martin, Nancy Mann, Michael O'Hara, Jeffrey Seymour

Staff Present: Diana Stahlnecker, Administrative Programs Officer (APO); Jean Lais, Administrative Programs Officer (APO).

PUBLIC COMMENT/APPOINTMENTS

No members of the public were present

A. CONSENT AGENDA

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Motion by Joyce, second by Seymour, to approve the consent agenda. Voting Yes: Mann, Seymour, O'Hara, Joyce, Martin; Voting No: None

B. MEETING REPORTS

[Nebraska Geological Society – None](#)

[ASBOG 2023 Annual Meeting Recap](#)

APO Stahlnecker provided a recap of the meeting. ASBOG has launched a prep course for the Fundamentals of Geology (FG) exam covering all eight exam domains. There are three bundles the candidate may choose, ranging in price from \$225 to \$350.

Analysis of the recent Task Analysis Survey determined that the tasks and percentage undertaken have not changed significantly from the previous survey. As a result, slight changes were made in the percentage of the exam domains, but no changes were made to the content.

The 2024 Annual Meeting will be in Cheyenne, WY, October 21-26th.

[Office/Staff](#)

APO Lais reported work continues on the database conversion. The final work on the landscape architects is taking place and is scheduled to be completed by the end of March. Work has begun on the geologist portion of the conversion.

APO Lais reminded the members of the need to have an additional meeting in late August/early September to review and approve the 2025-27 Biennium Budget Request. The request must be submitted by mid-September.

APO Stahlnecker introduced Allyson Bennett, NBEA PIO. She started with the board on January 16, 2024.

C. OLD BUSINESS

Legislative

[Statute Revisions – Staff Recommendations](#)

A copy of the revisions discussed at the October 2023 meeting was provided. The members had requested staff survey the surrounding states to see if any have developed alternate experience pathways based on experience and meeting the education hours and courses only. Due to other projects and staff changes, the survey has not

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been sent, but it is anticipated it will be sent out in the next month, and responses will be provided at the April meeting.

Other Old Business – None

D. NEW BUSINESS

ASBOG

The 2024 Spring COE Workshop, April 5-7, 2024, in Dallas, TX

Selection and Approval of Delegates

Joyce and Seymour were selected as the delegates to the 2024 Spring COE Workshop, April 5-7, 2024, in Dallas, TX, with Mann as an alternate.

Motion by O’Hara, second by Mann, to authorize Joyce and Seymour as the delegates to the 2024 ASBOG Spring COE Workshop April 5-7, 2024, in Dallas, TX, with Mann as a backup. Voting Yes, Seymour, O’Hara, Hallum, Joyce, Martin; Voting No: None

Other New Business

Strategic Plan Review

As part of *Student Outreach* and *Professional and Public Education*, a discussion was held regarding the possibility of having one meeting a year in western Nebraska, most likely at Chadron State College. The October meeting was determined to be the best way to engage the students. Timing will depend on the dates of the CLARB and ASBOG annual meetings. The members requested staff look into the costs, including the Nebraska state plane rental. An estimated cost comparison will be provided at the April meeting.

APO Lais informed the members there would not be funds available to hold the meeting in western Nebraska in FY2024-25, but the request could be added to the 2025-27 Biennium Budget Request.

Revision of the license expiration date

Staff brought a recommendation regarding initial license expiration dates. Currently, all licenses have an initial expiration date of December 31st in the year they are issued, no matter when in the year they are issued. Staff recommended licenses issued after July 1 have an initial expiration date of December 31st the following year.

The recommendation was provided due to the database conversion and the additional handling and confusion of licenses issued in the last quarter of the year due to the licensee having to turn around and renew their license by December 31st immediately.

After discussion, it was decided that licenses issued October 1st or after would have their initial expiration set as December 31st of the following year.

Motion by Seymour, second by Mann, to approve the initial expiration date for licenses issued October 1st or after December 31st of the following year. Voting Yes: Mann, Seymour, O’Hara, Martin, Joyce, Voting No: None

E. COMPLIANCE – None

F. APPLICATIONS

Core Course Equivalency Chart and Rationale

The Core Course Equivalence Chart and Rationale were provided.

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Administratively Approved

Certificates of Authorization

Approved: CAG0121 Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions Inc

Temporary Permits - None

Licensure/Examinations

Licensure from Other Jurisdictions – *None*

Licensure by Experience

Approved: Timothy John Stecher

Licensure by Reinstatement – *None*

FG Exam Approvals

Approved: Cole Roger Slupski, Matthew Allen Sutton

FG/PG Exam Approvals – *None*

PG Exam Approvals

Approved: Jacqueline Michelle Morrissey

Motion by Seymour, second by Mann, to approve the applications. Voting Yes: Mann, Seymour, O’Hara, Martin, Joyce, Voting No: None

G. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Financial Reports – October, November, December

Budget Status Report

MTD General Ledger Detail Reports

Fund Summary Reports

FY23-24 Financial Profile

APO Lais reported that with just over 50% of the fiscal year elapsed on December 31, 2023, 58.27% of the appropriated expenditures had been used, and 78.30% of the projected revenue had been received. The Cash Fund was \$62,497.02 as of December 31st, which is \$3,150.29 lower than last year.

Motion by Seymour, second by Joyce, to approve the financial reports as presented. Voting Yes:, Mann, Seymour, O’Hara, , Joyce, Martin; Voting No: None

Other Financial Matters – none

Administrative Service Contract – Additional Tasks

Per the Board’s request at the October 2023 meeting, staff provided a list of additional tasks for consideration to be added to the administrative services contract with NBEA. After discussion, the decision was to defer the request until the next contract term. No action was taken.

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H. GENERAL INFORMATION

A schedule of upcoming meetings and events was provided. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska, in the fifth-floor conference room.

Trends in Licensure

Numbers as of December 29, 2023

Professional Geologists.....	303
Certificates of Authorization.....	67
Temporary Permits	1

Other Information

FG/PG Exam Results

The results for the October 2023 ASBOG exams were provided.

Website Dashboard Report

September Total Visits	656
October Total Visits	182
November Total Visits	177

The approved Board policies as of January 20, 2021, were provided.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mann, a second Seymour, to adjourn the meeting at 1:44 p.m.



Board Member

04/11/2024

Date