CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was held at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chairperson Svingen
called the meeting to order at 1:01pm and noted the location of the Open Meeting Act. Notice
of the meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star and on the Board’s website in
accordance with the Open Meetings Act.
Roll Call: Thomas Correll, Andrew Grimm, Martha Link, Charles Joyce, Ralph Martin, David
Svingen; Absent: Harmon Maher
Staff Present: Jean Lais, Administrative Assistant (AA); Lindy Rauscher, Compliance Officer
(CO); Sandra Weaver, Business Manager (BM)
Public Comment/Appointments
No members of the public were present.

A Consent Agenda
Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2016, Meeting Minutes were approved as presented
August 31, 2013, Meeting Minutes were approved as presented
Certificates of Authorization Approvals – None
Temporary Permits – None
Renewal Disclosures - None
Action Motion by Martin, second by Correll to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Voting Yes: Grimm, Martin, Link, Joyce, Correll, Svingen; Voting No: None; Absent:
Maher

B Committee Reports
Officers Report
Martin reported there was a representative from the University of Nebraska at the last
Nebraska Geological Society meeting who had just attended a forum on ethics in South
Africa. As ethics has been a topic of discussion at ASBOG, he passed along the name to
them.
ASBOG - None
Office/Staff
AA Lais brought the members up to date on the database purchasing process. Seven
vendors submitted Notices of Interest. Presentations for each are currently taking place
over the next couple of weeks after which, the top picks will be invited to submit a final
proposal.

C Old Business
Governance Issues - None
Geologist Items – None
Strategic Plan
A Strategic Plan Draft based on discussion held at the August 31, 2016, meeting was
provided for review. The following revisions and determinations were noted:
Student Outreach – Change point five under the Action Plan to read “Explore holding
a regularly scheduled board meeting at the various Nebraska educational institutions.”
It was suggested that Maher be given the first opportunity to be the person in charge
of developing and coordinating the items under this topic.
Website Redesign – An email was received from the Records Board on September
28, 2016, that the board voted to suspend the Grant Program due to the current
budget restraints put in place by the Governor in July. The NEBOG had applied for
funding to cover the cost of the redesign.
Link and Martin were assigned to assist AA Lais with the design and content once a template has been selected. All members are to review the list of websites already launched by Nebraska Interactive (NIC) for discussion at the January 2017 meeting. Once a template has been selected, the committee will begin selecting photos, etc. to be used on the site. AA Lais will begin discussion with NIC to get the project onto their calendar.

**Common Practice Areas and Cooperative Agreements** – Link and Svingen will begin discussions with Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) regarding possible joint outreach efforts. Joyce volunteered to initiate contact with the Nebraska Department of Roads and the Water Well Standards and Contractors Board.

**Continued Cooperation with ASBOG** – AA Lais will contact ASBOG for information on the current committees and process for submitting exam questions outside the Council of Examiners (COE) Workshops.

**Professional and Public Outreach** – add an action point pertaining to the development of a PowerPoint presentation on licensure and the practice of geology. Joyce, Chairperson Svingen, and Correll were appointed to the committee. Link suggested publishing single purpose articles on the Board’s website instead of publishing a newsletter. Discussion was also held on sending out a newsletter electronically to reduce costs.

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

### D New Business

#### Geologist Issues

**NEBOG Annual Report to ASBOG** – AA Lais provided a draft of the Board’s Annual Report to be submitted to ASBOG. Discussion was held on other topics that could be included in the report. It was decided that a short narrative on each of the Strategic Plan topics should be included. AA Lais will send a draft to Chairperson Svingen for approval prior to submittal to ASBOG.

**Action** Motion by Joyce, second by Link to approve the Annual Report to ASBOG as prepared and submitted by AA Lais and Svingen. Voting Yes: Grimm, Martin, Link, Joyce, Correll, Svingen; Voting No: None; Absent: Maher

**ASBOG 2017 Slate of Officers** was provided for review. The Board authorized Link to vote in favor of the Slate at the ASBOG Annual Meeting.

**Action** Motion by Correll, second by Grimm to authorize Link to voting in favor of the ASBOG Slate of Officers with discretion if new information is made available at the meeting. Voting Yes: Grimm, Martin, Link, Joyce, Correll, Svingen; Voting No: None; Absent: Maher

**ASBOG Proposed Charter and Bylaws Changes** were provided for review. The Board authorized Link to vote in favor of the changes at the ASBOG Annual Meeting.

**Action** Motion by Martin, second by Correll to authorize Link to vote in favor of the proposed ASBOG Charter and Bylaws changes at the ASBOG Annual Meeting with discretion based on discussion held at the ASBOG Annual Meeting. Voting Yes: Grimm, Martin, Link, Joyce, Correll, Svingen; Voting No: None; Absent: Maher

**ASBOG 2017 Proposed Budget** was provided for review. The Board authorized Link to vote in favor of the proposed 2017 ASBOG budget at the ASBOG Annual Meeting.
Action Motion by Martin, second by Correll to authorize Link to vote in favor of the proposed ASBOG 2017 Budget at the ASBOG Annual Meeting. Voting Yes: Grimm, Martin, Link, Joyce, Correll, Svingen; Voting No: None; Absent: Maher

ASBOG 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes were provided for review. The Board authorized Link to vote in favor of acceptance of the ASBOG 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes at the ASBOG Annual Meeting.

Action Motion by Joyce, second by Link to accepted the ASBOG 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes as presented. Voting Yes: Grimm, Martin, Link, Joyce, Correll, Svingen; Voting No: None; Absent: Maher

CO Rauscher entered the meeting at 1:55pm.

Governance Issues

Attorney General’s Opinion 16-009 was provided for review. The opinion relates to licensing board’s authority to advice practitioners on the scope of practice questions. CO Rauscher reviewed the opinion with the members. Based on discussions held with Assistant Attorney General Jelkin, staff was advised to use caution when addressing questions about the practice of geology outside the enforcement or rulemaking processes. The response needs to be equivocated referring the individual to the Geologists Regulation Act, Board Rules and other professional geologists.

E Compliance

Pending Cases

Action Motion by Martin, second by Correll to go into executive session for the discussion of compliance cases brought to the Board not a matter of public information to prevent needless injury to the reputation of those involved. Voting Yes: Grimm, Martin, Link, Joyce, Correll, Svingen; Voting No: None; Absent: Maher

Joyce recused himself at 2:07pm.

Case 16.01- Discussed in Executive Session

New Cases - None

Action Motion by Link, second by Correll to close the executive session on the discussion of compliance cases brought to the Board not a matter of public interest to prevent needless injury to the reputation of those involved. Voting Yes: Grimm, Martin, Link, Correll, Svingen; Voting No: None; Not Present: Joyce

Joyce re-entered the meeting at 2:30pm.

Action Motion by Link, second by Correll to assess in arrears fees of $100 to the firm in Case 16.01. Voting Yes; Grimm, Martin, Link, Correll, Svingen; Voting No: None; Absent: Maher; Abstained: Joyce

CO Rauscher left the meeting at 2:33pm.

F Applications

Licensure/Examination

The Core Course Equivalency Chart and Rationale for Core Courses and Course Equivalents were provided for review.

Applications for Licensure by Reciprocity – None
Applications for Licensure by Experience – None
Applications for Licensure Reinstatement – None
Applications to sit for the ASBOG FG Exam – None
Applications to sit for the FG/PG ASBOG Exams – None
Applications to sit for the PG ASBOG Exam – None

BM Weaver entered the meeting at 2:33pm.
G Financial Matters
Budget Status Report – July, August, September 2017
MTD General Ledger Detail Report – July, August, September 2017
Fund Summary Report – July, August, September 2017
Financial Profile FY 2016/2017 – July, August, September 2017
BM Weaver reported due to a shortfall of forecasted tax receipts in the State of Nebraska, budget allotment will be reduced by 1% per quarter totaling a 4% reduction in appropriation for FY 2016-17. Governor Ricketts instructed any unspent appropriation from FY 2015-16 (as of June 30, 2015) is to be reserved for prior year obligations or justified one-time expenses. BM Weaver distributed a spreadsheet and updated September Budget Status Report to assist in tracking expenditures for FY 2016-17. The updated report shows 25% of the fiscal year has passed, 32.27% of budgeted expenses have been spent and approximately 5% of the projected revenue has been received. As renewals are just starting to come, this should increase significantly over the next couple of months.

Other Financial Matters – None

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

BM Weaver left the meeting at 2:50pm.

H General Information
Public Notice publication provided for review.
Board meetings and schedule provided for review.
Roster of Board members provided for review. It was noted that Correll’s term will expire in February 2017. He informed the Board he will not be seeking re-appointment.

Licensing Trends
Trends in Licensure and Fiscal Activity Reports provided for review.

Other
Approved Board Policies were provided for review.

Adjournment: Motion by Joyce to adjourn the meeting 3:00pm

The next Board of Geologists meeting will be held on January 19, 2017 at 1:00pm at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska, fifth floor, large conference room.