

Nebraska Board of Geologists
Board Meeting Notes
July 13, 2017
215 Centennial Mall South, Large Conference Room, Lincoln, NE

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Chairperson Grimm called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and noted the location of the Open Meetings Act. Notice of the meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on June 29, 2017, and on the Board's website in accordance to the Open Meetings Act.

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

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

April 26, 2017, Meeting Minutes were approved as presented

Certificates of Authorization Approvals

Approved: Olsson Associates Inc – NE, CAG0084

Temporary Permits – *None*

Renewal Disclosures - *None*

Action Motion by Martin, second by Hallum to approve the April 26, 2017, meeting minutes as presented. Voting Yes: Hallum, Maher, Martin, Svingen, Grimm; Voting No: None

Action Motion by Maher, second by Svingen to approve the Certificates of Authorization as presented. Voting Yes: Hallum, Maher, Martin, Svingen, Grimm; Voting No: None

B Committee Reports

Officers Report

ASBOG

Martin encouraged the other members to attend the Fall COE Workshop.

Office/Staff

AA Lais updated the Board on the office renovation and database conversion projects.

C Old Business

Government Issues - *None*

Geologist Issues – *None*

D New Business

Government Issues

Executive Order 17-04 from Governor Ricketts – Suspension of all Rulemaking

The Order suspended all rulemaking until December 31, 2017, for all agencies, boards, and commissions located within Cabinet agencies. Non-Cabinet agencies, boards, and commissions are being strongly urged to participate. A report on all current rules is to be submitted to the Governor's office by November 15, 2017.

Discussion was held on the funding and time needed to complete the report. While the Board is not explicitly required to submit the report, the members requested more information and direction on the process prior to making a decision. If needed, a meeting will be held the end of August/beginning of September to discuss and prepare the report.

Action Motion by Maher, second by Martin to request more information and direction in order to make a decision of participation. Voting Yes: Hallum, Maher, Martin, Svingen, Grimm; Voting No: None

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Geologist Issues

Selection of Delegates to the ASBOG Administrative Workshop (October 31, 2017), Annual Meeting (November 1-2, 2017) and Fall COE Workshop (November 2-4, 2017); Portland, OR

AA Lais was approved to attend the Administrative Workshop and Annual Meeting. Hallum was approved to attend the Annual meeting with Svingen as a backup attendee if he is unable to attend. Hallum and Svingen were approved to attend the COE Workshop.

Action Motion by Maher, second by Martin to approve AA Lais to attend the ASBOG Administrative Workshop and Annual Meeting; Hallum to attend the Annual Meeting and COE Workshop; Svingen was approved to attend the COE Workshop and as a backup to the Annual Meeting if Hallum is unable to attend. Voting Yes: Hallum, Maher, Martin, Svingen, Grimm; Voting No: None

Selection of Voting Delegate to the ASBOG Annual Meeting, November 1, 2017; Portland, OR

Hallum was approved as the Voting Delegate to the ASBOG Annual Meeting and Svingen as backup if Hallum is unable to attend.

Action Motion by Maher, second by Martin to approve Hallum as voting delegate with Svingen as the backup if Hallum is unable to attend. Voting Yes: Hallum, Maher, Martin, Svingen, Grimm; Voting No: None

Strategic Plan

A copy of the current Strategic Plan was provided for review.

The handout covering licensure in Nebraska created by CO Rauscher and PIO Mayhew as requested by the Board at the April meeting was provided for review. The handout was used at the NDEQ's Environmental Update Conferences, May 23-25, 2017, and is available for use at other functions and events.

The signed contract with Nebraska Interactive (NIC) for the website redesign was provided for review. NIC has indicated they will begin work on the project in late December or early January.

Application Affidavit Questions

Current Affidavit Questions

During discussions with the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) on the new database setup, the question was raised as to whether the affidavit questions currently being asked on the licensure application should also be asked on the PG Exam application and captured in the new database. Currently the Board of Engineers and Architects (NBEA) requires both exam and comity applicants to answer the same questions as the exam application is considered to be an application for licensure.

The members requested the word "professional" be added to any reference to licensing and the word "licensing" to any reference to boards.

Action Motion by Svingen, second by Martin to include the affidavit questions on the PG Exam application. Voting Yes: Hallum, Maher, Martin, Svingen, Grimm; Voting No: None

E Compliance

CO Rauscher entered the meeting at 1:59 pm.

Action Motion by Hallum, second by Maher to go into executive session for the discussion of compliance cases brought to the Board not a matter of public information to

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prevent needless injury to the reputation of those involved. Voting Yes: Hallum, Maher, Martin, Svingen, Grimm; Voting No: None

Pending Cases

Case 16.01 – Discussed during Executive Session

Svingen recused himself at 2:02pm.

New Cases

Case 17.01 – Discussed during Executive Session

Svingen re-entered the meeting at 2:28pm.

Action Motion by Hallum, second by Maher to close the executive session on 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: Hallum, Maher, Martin, Svingen, Grimm; Voting No: None

Action Motion by Svingen, second by Hallum to accept the Consent Agreement in Case 16.01 and close the case. Voting Yes: Hallum, Maher, Martin, Svingen, Grimm; Voting No: None

Action Motion by Maher, second by Martin to close Case 17.01 with a reminder of the sealing requirements and direct supervision requirements in Nebraska. Voting Yes: Hallum, Maher, Martin, Grimm; Voting No: None; Abstain: Svingen

Action Motion by Martin, second by Maher to approve the Certificate of Authorization application in Case 17.01. Voting Yes: Hallum, Maher, Martin, Svingen, Grimm; Voting No: None; Abstain: Svingen

F Applications

Licensure/Examination

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

Applications for Licensure by Reciprocity – *None*

Applications for Licensure by Experience

Approved: Jon Mills, KS

Applications for Licensure Reinstatement

Denied: Kaplan on the basis of not currently being licensed in another jurisdiction as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-3539(4) and Rule 3.6.2.6 of Title 171 of the NAC and for non-disclosure of the denial of his reinstatement application in Wyoming (Rule 4.1.1 Title 171 of the NAC).

CO Rauscher left the meeting at 2:51pm.

Applications to sit for the ASBOG FG Exam

Approved: Rylee Landers, NE; Ross Schumacher, NE; Matthew Zabawa, NE

Applications to sit for the FG/PG ASBOG Exams

Approved: Stevie Holmes, NE

Applications to sit for the PG ASBOG Exam – *None*

Action Motion by Svingen, second by Martin to approve the Applications for Licensure by Experience as reviewed and discussed. Voting Yes: Hallum, Maher, Martin, Svingen, Grimm; Voting No: None

Action Motion by Maher, second by Martin to deny the Application for Licensure Reinstatement for Kaplan on basis of currently not being licensed in another jurisdiction and non-disclosure of his reinstatement application in Wyoming. Voting Yes: Hallum, Maher, Martin, Svingen, Grimm; Voting No: None

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Action Motion by Martin, second by Hallum to approve the FG and PG exam applications as reviewed and discussed. Voting Yes: Hallum, Maher, Martin, Svingen, Grimm; Voting No: None

BM Weaver entered the meeting at 2:40pm.

G Financial Matters

Budget Status Report – April, May, June 2017

MTD General Ledger Detail Report – April, May, June 2017

Fund Summary Report – October, April, May, June 2017

Financial Profile FY 2016/2017 – April, May, June 2017

BM Weaver informed the members that 87% of the FY2016/17 appropriated expenses were used and 98% of the projected revenue was received. The FY2017/18 appropriation is \$32,783. The Cash Fund was at \$76,108.92 on June 30th which is slightly less than last year at the same time.

Other Financial Matters - None

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

BM Weaver left the meeting at 3:05 pm.

H General Information

Public Notice publication was provided for review.

Board meetings and schedule were provided for review.

Roster of Board members was provided for review.

Licensing Trends

The Trends in Licensure and Fiscal Activity Report were provided for review.

Other

March 2017 ASBOG Exam Results were provided for review.

Approved Board Policies were provided for review.

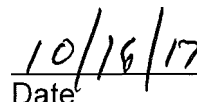
Travel Policy was provided for review.

Adjournment: Motion by Svingen, second by Hallum to adjourn the meeting at 3:07pm.

The next Board of Geologist board meeting will be held on October 12, 2017 at 1:00pm at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska, fifth floor, large conference room.



Board Member


Date