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 October 2, 2017, and on the Board’s website in accordance to the Open Meetings Act.
Roll Call: Andrew Grimm, Douglas Hallum, Charles Joyce, Harmon Maher, Ralph Martin, David Svingen; Absent: Martha Link
Staff Present: Jean Lais, Administrative Assistant (AA); Sandra Weaver, Business Manager (BM); Lindy Rauscher, Compliance Officer (CO)

Public Comment/Appointments
No members of the public were present.

A Consent Agenda
July 13, 2017, Meeting Minutes – corrections were made under the Action for the Selection of the Voting Delegate to reflect Maher making the motion and Martin seconding and to the Action to approve the Certificate of Authorization for Compliance Case 17.01 to reflect Martin making the motion and Maher seconding.
Certificates of Authorization Approvals
Approved: GeoCore Inc – KS, CAG0085; Sierra Piedmont Inc – Ga, CAG0086
Temporary Permits – None
Renewal Disclosures - None
Action Motion by Hallum, second by Svingen to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Voting Yes: Maher, Martin, Svingen, Hallum, Joyce, Grimm; Voting No: None

B Committee Reports
Officers Report – None
ASBOG – None
Office/Staff
AA Lais brought the members up to date on the database conversion.

C Old Business
Government Issues
Executive Order 17-04 from Governor Ricketts – Suspension of all Rulemaking
AA Lais provided the members with a copy of the Mercatus Center Policy Brief upon which the executive order was based. Also include was a comparison of the data used to compile the brief of all Nebraska agencies. She also included a draft copy of the report templates. Revisions to the report will be made as discussed. The report is due to the Governor’s Public Research Office by November 15, 2017.
Action Motion by Martin, second by Maher to approve the report as presented and discussed. Voting Yes: Maher, Martin, Svingen, Hallum, Joyce, Grimm; Voting No: None

Geologist Issues – None

D New Business
Government Issues – None
Geologist Issues
ASBOG 2018 Slate of Officers
The Slate includes Erick Weiland (AZ), President; William Ernst (WA), President Elect; Brenda Halminiak (WI); Treasurer; Jason Paton (AR), Secretary; Dennis Anderson (NE), Past President
Action  Motion by Maher, second by Joyce to vote in favor of the ASBOG 2018 Slate of Officers. Voting Yes: Maher, Martin, Svingen, Hallum, Joyce, Grimm; Voting No: None

ASBOG 2018 Proposed Budget
The total proposed amended budget for 2018 is $550,200 in revenue; $533,950 in expense; and a transfer from cash reserves of $16,250. The total proposed budget for 2019 is $550,750 in revenue; $544,250 in expenses; and a transfer from cash reserves of $6,500.

Action  Motion by Svingen, second by Hallum to vote in favor of the ASBOG 2018 Proposed Budget. Voting Yes: Maher, Martin, Svingen, Hallum, Joyce, Grimm; Voting No: None

Approval of the 2016 ASBOG Annual Meeting Minutes
A copy of the Annual Meeting Minutes were provided for review.

Action  Motion by Svingen, second by Maher to accept the 2016 ASBOG Annual Meeting Minutes as presented. Voting Yes: Maher, Martin, Svingen, Hallum, Joyce, Grimm; Voting No: None

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

Website redesign update – AA Lais showed the members a test site. Estimated completion is the first of the year. Discussion was also held regarding the recommendation of rearranging the Menu Bar items at the suggestion of Nebraska.gov. A link to the renewal page needs to be added under Licensure. AA Lais will begin working with Mayhew, Public Information Officer, on building the rest of the pages. An update will be provided at the January 2018 meeting. No further action taken.

Geological Society of American (GSA) Article – Changing the Workforce
At the request of Maher, this article was included. The article covers the changes occurring in the workforce as it relates to geoscience and undergraduate education.

Nebraska.gov Gov2Go News Release
This is a new feature being offered by Nebraska.gov and was included in this year’s license renewal process.

ASBOG Data Compilation Request
A copy of a request from ASBOG cover topics such as disciplinary action, ethics, code of conduct, threat to licensure that ASBOG is collecting and hopes to be able to distribute to the members next year. There will be a session during the Administrator’s Workshop in Portland covering this information. If boards are not able to provide this by the meeting, they are being asked to have it turned by the end of the year.

E  Compliance
Pending Cases - None
New Cases - None

F  Applications
Licensure/Examination
The Core Course Equivalency Chart and Rational for Core Courses was provided for review.

Applications for Licensure by Reciprocity
Approved: Judith Louise Andrews, MN

Applications for Licensure by Experience
Approved: Michael David Lehtinen, NY; Daniel John St Germain, NY

Applications for Licensure Reinstatement – None

Applications to sit for the ASBOG FG Exam
Defer: Ramita Shrestha, IL – most classes are in physical geology; only has Physical Geology; currently taking Hydrogeology – completion in Dec – has less than 30 hours - give 24 months to complete. After this time, a new application will be required.

Applications to sit for the FG/PG ASBOG Exams – None
Applications to sit for the PG ASBOG Exam – None

Action Motion by Maher, second by Svingen to approve the applications for licensure by reciprocity as presented and reviewed. Voting Yes: Maher, Martin, Svingen, Hallum, Joyce, Grimm; Voting No: None

Action Motion by Maher, second by Svingen to defer the application to sit for the ASBOG FG exam for Shrestha for a period of two years to allow the applicant to meet the current requirements. Voting Yes: Maher, Martin, Svingen, Hallum, Joyce, Grimm; Voting No: None

CO Rauscher and BM Weaver entered the meeting at 2:40p

G Financial Matters

Financial Reports

Budget Status Report – July, August, September 2017
MTD General Ledger Detail Report – July, August, September 2017
Fund Summary Report – October, July, August, September 2017
Financial Profile FY 2017/2018 – July, August, September 2017

BM Weaver reported that 26.3% of the appropriated expenditures have been expended as of September 30th and 6.5% of the budgeted revenue had been received. The Cash Fund is at $69,384 which is slightly higher than the same time last year. Renewals are just starting to come in so the figures are still low. There was a $47.96 encumbrance from FY 2016/17. ASBOG also will not be charging registration for the Annual meeting this year. Weaver provided a spreadsheet showing a redistribution of funds based on the encumbrance and the funds which were earmarked for the registration. The fund will be used to cover the additional cost associated with having to hire a hearing officer and court reported for the appeal of a denied licensure reinstatement application.

Action Motion by Maher, second by Hallum to approval of the Financial Reports as presented. Voting Yes: Maher, Martin, Svingen, Hallum, Joyce, Grimm; Voting No: None

Other Financial Matters

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for Internal Controls

The MOU is confirmation that the Board will develop internal controls covering the control environment, risk assessment, control activities, information and communication, and monitoring as required by State Accounting’s General Policy #36.

Action Motion by Svingen, second by Joyce to approval of the Contract with DAS for Internal Controls. Voting Yes: Maher, Martin, Svingen, Hallum, Joyce, Grimm; Voting No: None
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Addendum Three to the Nebraska Interactive LLC (NIC) Electronic Government Service Level Agreement
The Addendum covers the development of the license renewal application and the use of the Gov2Go platform.

Action Motion by Hallum, second by Martin to approval of Addendum Three to the NIC Electronic Government Service Level Agreement. Voting Yes: Maher, Martin, Svingen, Hallum, Joyce, Grimm; Voting No: None

Administrative Hearing Officer Contract with Robert Hawkins
The contract covers hearing services to be provided with regards to a contested license reinstatement denial in accordance with Title 53, NAC, Chapter 4 of the Nebraska Department of Justice. Compensation is not to exceed $700.

Action Motion by Martin, second by Maher to approval of the Administrative Hearing Officer Contract with Robert Hawkins. Voting Yes: Maher, Martin, Svingen, Hallum, Grimm; Voting No: None; Abstain: Joyce

CO Rauscher and BM Weaver left the meeting at 3:08p

H General Information
Public Notice publication was provided for review.
Board meetings and schedule was provided for review.
Due to conflicts with room availability, the January and April 2018 meetings were rescheduled to January 19th and April 13th.
Roster of Board members was provided for review.

Licensing Trends
The Trends in Licensure and Fiscal Activity Reports were provided for review.
As of October 10, 2017, there were 310 total licensees, 20 Emeritus, and 57 active Certificates of Authorization.

Other
Approved Board Policies were provided for review.
Travel Policy was provide for review.

Adjournment: Motion by Maher, second by Joyce to adjourn the meeting at 3:15pm.

The next Board of Geologists board meeting will be held on January 18, 2018, at 1:00pm at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska, fifth floor, large conference room.

[Signature]
Board Member

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Date