

Nebraska Board of Geologists
Board Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE. Chairperson Joyce called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. and noted the location of the Open Meetings Act. Notice of the meetings was published on April 4, 2022, and June 29, 2022, in the Lincoln Journal Star, and on the Board's website in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call: Harmon Maher, Nancy Mann, Ralph Martin, Douglas Hallum, Charles Joyce

Absent: Andrew Grimm, Jeffrey Seymour

Staff Present: Gail Parris, Administrative Programs Officer (APO), Jean Lais, Administrative Programs Officer (APO)

Motion by Martin, second by Maher to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing recent changes in board membership, not a matter of public information to prevent needless injury to the reputation of those involved. Voting Yes: Mann, Martin, Maher, Hallum, Joyce Voting No: None

Executive Session began at 1:10 p.m.

Motion by Hallum, second by Maher to close executive session. Voting Yes: Mann, Martin, Hallum, Maher, Joyce Voting No: None

Executive Session ended at 1:15 p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The prescriptive succession of officers, per Board Policy G-P13.01, could not be followed due to the unexpected resignation of Vice Chairperson Grimm. The quorum of members present at the meeting nominated the following: Hallum for Chairperson, Martin for Vice Chairperson, and Mann for Secretary.

Action

Motion by Martin, second by Maher to elect Hallum as Chairperson, Martin as Vice-Chairperson, and Mann as Secretary. Voting Yes: Mann, Martin, Maher, Hallum, Joyce; Voting No: None

PUBLIC COMMENT/APPOINTMENTS

No members of the public were present.

A CONSENT AGENDA

January 12, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Action

Motion by Martin, second by Mann to accept the minutes as presented. Voting Yes: Mann, Hallum, Martin, Maher, Joyce; Voting No: None

B REPORTS

Nebraska Geological Society

The field trip to Wildcat Hills and Scottsbluff area is scheduled for July 26 & 27, 2022. The annual meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2022, at the state museum. The bylaws are being updated, and recruitment efforts are ongoing. Virtual road markers are being considered to augment physical markers.

Office/Staff

APO Parris informed the members that the inLumon database contract was cancelled. Jon Wilbeck, Executive Director of NBEA has contacted NCARB (National Council of Architectural Registration Boards) for a proposal to replace the current database. Laura Buis has been hired as the new Public Information Officer.

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Spring COE Workshop Recap

Mann attended the workshop and participated in the Practices exam group. The attendees visited Howes Cave, Howes Cave quarry, and the Cave House Museum of Mining and Geology on the field trip. The presentation was given by Paul Griggs and Susan Green.

C OLD BUSINESS

Computer Based Testing (CBT) Exams Transitions

Members wanted to know the number of Prometrics testing centers and the capacity/total seats in Nebraska. Members also inquired as to whether ASBOG exam candidates will have reserved seats at the testing centers on the days that the exams are administered.

LB709 – Change Requirements/Occupational Board Reform Act

The *Change Requirements Relating to Preliminary Applications under the Occupational Board Reform Act* has not moved forward this legislative period.

D NEW BUSINESS

Emeritus Board Members

Joyce considered asking former governor appointees to NEBOG to serve as board-member emeritus status in order to meet the quorum number requirement. After discussion, no action was taken.

ASBOG Annual Meeting, COE Workshop, and Task Analysis

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 25-26, 2022. The COE workshop is scheduled for October 27-28, 2022. The Task Analysis Survey workshop is scheduled for October 29, 2022. Board member participation in the Task Analysis Survey workshop is limited to those attendees who participated in the spring workshop. No Nebraska delegates are planned to participate. All events will be held in Wilmington, N.C.

Action

Motion by Hallum, second by Mann to approve Mann as the Voting Delegate for the Annual Meeting, Charles Joyce and Jeffrey Seymour as Alternates; and to approve Mann and Joyce or Seymour to attend the COE Workshop. Voting Yes: Hallum, Mann, Maher, Martin, Joyce Voting No: None

E COMPLIANCE - None

F APPLICATIONS

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

**Administratively Approved
Certificates of Authorization**

Approved: Environmental Resources Management Inc, IL – CAG0117

Temporary Permits

Approved: Scott Blanchard, OH – TG-640

Licensure/Examinations

Licensure from Other Jurisdictions

Approved: Natalie Burris, KS; Levi McKay, MT, Angelia Chadd, KS

FG Exam Applications

Approved: Erik Jacobson, NE; Morgan Okeson, NE; Brett Pertunen, NE

PG Exam Applications

Approved: Victoria Steinhoff, IA

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

APO Lais entered the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

G FINANCIAL MATTERS

Financial Reports

Budget Status Report

MTD General Ledger Detail Report

Fund Summary Report

FY 2021-22 Financial Profile

APO Lais reported that with 100% of the fiscal year elapsed as of June 30, 2022, a little less than 84% of the appropriation has been expended, and about 94% of the projected revenue has been received. The Cash Fund balance is at \$64,900 which is less than twice the appropriation, and \$4,060 less than the previous year. A spreadsheet of expenditures for the year was also presented for review.

Action

Motion by Hallum, second by Mann to approve the financial reports as presented and discussed. Voting Yes: Martin, Mann, Hallum, Maher, Joyce; Voting No: None

Other Financial Matters

Administrative Services Contract with the Board of Engineers and Architects

The contract between the Board of Engineers and Architects (NBEA) and the Nebraska Board of Geologists (NEBOG) beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 20, 2023, provides for administrative support. Attachments A-D of the Proposed FY2022-2023 contract were provided for review. The proposed new weighted hourly rate for FY2022-2023 is \$19.92. The proposed contract amount is \$16,414 per annum or \$4,103.50 per quarter.

Action

Motion by Martin, second by Hallum to approve the Administrative Services contract with the NBEA for FY2022-2023. Voting Yes: Hallum, Martin, Mann, Maher, Joyce; Voting No: None

Other Financial Matters

ASBOG Exam Proctor Contract with Stan Fehlhafer

The contract between the Nebraska Board of Geologists (NEBOG) and Stan Fehlhafer provides for proctoring services for ASBOG examinations during FY2022-23 at the maximum fee of \$17 per hour and meals or related travel expenses as approved by the Board. A copy of the contract was provided for review.

Action

Motion by Martin, second by Hallum to approve the ASBOG Exam Proctor Contract with Stan Fehlhafer as amended. Voting Yes: Martin, Hallum, Mann, Maher, Joyce; Voting No: None

ASBOG Exam Agreement Extension

This extends the agreement between ASBOG and NEBOG for access to the FG and PG examinations until December 31, 2022.

Action

Motion by Maher, second by Martin to approve the ASBOG Exam Agreement Extension. Voting Yes: Martin, Mann, Maher, Hallum, Joyce; Voting No: None

Review of Fee Schedule

The Board reviewed the fee schedule. It was determined no adjustments are needed at this time.

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Spreadsheets and copies of the draft narrative were provided for review and discussion. The draft must be entered into the budget request system by August 5, 2022. Final approval will occur at the August 29, 2022, meeting at 1:00 p.m. for submittal by the September 15, 2022, due date.

APO Lais exited the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

H GENERAL INFORMATION

A schedule of upcoming meetings and events was provided for review. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2022, at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, large conference room beginning at 1:00pm.

Motion by Martin, second by Mann to present Grimm with a recognition plaque for his service to the board. Voting Yes: Maher, Hallum, Mann, Martin, Joyce Voting No: None

A roster of the Board members was provided.

Licensing and Certification Trends

Individuals and organizations authorized to practice in Nebraska as of July 30, 2022:

Professional Geologists: 303

Certificates of Authorization: 69

Temporary Permits: 1

Other information

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

January: 356

February: 388

March: 522

April: 415

May: 460

June: 618

A copy of the approved Board Policies as of January 20, 2021, was provided for review.

ADJOURNMENT: Martin moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Board Member

Date