

MINUTES

UTAH PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS LICENSING BOARD MEETING

June 11, 2009

Room 402 09:00 a.m.
Heber Wells Building
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, Utah

CONVENED	09:01 a.m.
ADJOURNED	11:08 a.m.
BUREAU STAFF	Dennis Meservy, <i>Bureau Manager</i> Yvonne King, <i>Board Secretary</i> Kent Barnes, <i>Compliance</i>
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	Richard Allis, <i>Chair</i> Janet Roemmel William Loughlin William Lund
BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED	Dan Matthews
VISITORS	Niall Henshaw, <i>AEG</i> John Menatti, <i>Utah Department of Environmental Quality</i>
MINUTES	Janet Roemmel made a motion to approve the February 2009 board meeting minutes as written. Bill Loughlin seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.
JANET ROEMMEL	It was noted this would be the last board meeting for Roemmel. She is moving from the state and has served on the board for seven years. Roemmel was thanked for her service, hard work and dedication.
GROUND WATER GRADIENT MAPS John Menatti	John Menatti from the Utah Department of Environmental Quality came before the board with a concern that ground water gradient maps were not being done properly. Menatti would like to require these maps be stamped by a Professional Geologist when a professional interpretation is made. The board indicated professional interpretation was defined in statute as the practice of geology. Professional interpretations on a ground water gradient map would require a stamp.

The Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) examinations are used by the state for licensure. There was a question on how to get the addresses of licensees for a random test survey that ASBOG would be conducting. Kent Barnes indicated that due to state law, the Division can not provide ASBOG with a mailing list of licensees. Barnes, however, did say the Division would be willing to receive the test survey from ASBOG and the names of who they wanted to receive the survey. The Division would do the mailing and charge ASBOG for the mailing.

TRAVEL BAN

State travel is currently still banned. The board, if the travel ban was lifted, was in support of sending Loughlin to the ASBOG meeting in November.

EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT FUND

The education and enforcement fund was reviewed. This year was the first year the annual dues for ASBOG were not paid by the Division, but instead were paid out of the education and enforcement fund. It was mentioned that there was discussion about ASBOG doubling their dues. It was noted that long term, depending on the money coming in, paying the dues would deplete the fund. Dennis Meservy was directed to discuss this subject and the travel ban with the Division director. Also, the board requested that a fund representative meet with the board at the next board meeting.

Niall Henshaw

Niall Henshaw of AEG came before the board and gave a brief summary of the continuing education symposium that was held at the Salt Lake Community College on April 29th of this year. The symposium was sponsored in part from the education fund. Henshaw indicated they had approximately one hundred in attendance and out of these approximately fifty percent responded to their symposium survey. The feedback they received from this survey was overall very positive. Those in attendance came as far as Price and Cedar City.

The board discussed each year supporting a continuing education symposium. Suggested subject matter for such training could include slope stability, land slide, water resources and geothermal, proper ethics of doing technical reviews and what the ethical obligations are and how to resolve them. Additionally, there is a need to educate local government officials and engineers. Geologists and engineers often face the same issues.

GOOD MORAL CHARACTER

Meservy presented samples from other professions on how they have defined their good moral character clause in their statute by rule. Loughlin made a motion to not define good moral character by rule. William Lund seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

All business concluded meeting adjourned.

Note: This report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript, but is intended to record the significant features of what was discussed in the meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily arranged in chronological order.

(ss) Richard Allis _____ Date: October 8, 2009
Richard Allis, Chair

(ss) Dennis Meservy _____ Date: October 8, 2009
Dennis Meservy, Bureau Manager