

BOARD FOR GEOLOGY

MINUTES

The Board for Geology met on November 14, 2002 at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR), 3600 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. Thomas E. Rice, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. with the following members present:

Thomas E. Rice, Chairman
Robert A. Baird
Kristina Bartlett
Rick Berquist
Thomas B. Holmes

Present for either all or a portion of the meeting from the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation were:

Louise Fontaine Ware, Director
Sandra Whitley Ryals, Chief Deputy Director
Karen O'Neal, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs
Steven L. Arthur, Deputy Director, Finance and Administration
Joseph Kossan, Regulatory Boards Administrator
Werner Versch II, Regulatory Boards Administrator
David Dick, Assistant Director
Sharon Sweet, Examinations Director
Dawn Waters, Policy, Planning and Public Records Director
Mary Broz, Communications Director
Adrienne Mayo, Office Manager

A motion was made by Dr. Baird and seconded by Mr. Holmes to approve the agenda. Voting for this action were Rice, Baird, Bartlett, Berquist and Holmes. **Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Dr. Baird and seconded by Mr. Holmes to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2002 meeting. Voting for this action were Rice, Baird, Bartlett, Berquist and Holmes. **Approval of the August 7, 2002 minutes**

There was no public comment. **Public Comment**

Mr. Rice welcomed Kristina Bartlett, Managing Editor of *Geotimes*, as the newly appointed citizen member of the Board **Introduction of New Board Member**

Ms. Sweet advised the Board that a new contract had been signed with the Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) to administer the examination. The contract was negotiated in compliance with the Virginia Public Procurement Act and establishes an examination fee of \$125 for the Fundamentals of Geology portion and an examination fee of **Other Business**

\$150 for the Practice of Geology portion. The fee will be the same for the first and for any subsequent administrations of the examination to any person. The current fee in the Board's regulation is \$100, considerably less than the cost of the examination. The Board's regulation contains language that allows the fee to be adjusted and charged in accordance with any contract entered into in compliance with the Virginia Public Procurement Act. Ms. Sweet recommended that the Board cease charging the \$100 examination fee found in the regulations and begin instructing applicants to apply directly to ASBOG to sit for the examinations and pay the above mentioned contracted for fees.

A motion was made by Dr. Berquist and seconded by Mr. Holmes to cease charging the \$100 examination fee, to require examination candidates to apply to ASBOG for examination and to require candidates to pay ASBOG the examination fee contained in the contract between ASBOG and the Board. The change is to take effect for all candidates applying for the October 3, 2003 examination and all subsequent examinations. Voting for this action were Rice, Baird, Bartlett, Berquist and Holmes.

No comment was received as a result of the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action published by the Board.

**Proposed Regulations
Adopted**

The Board reviewed its current regulations, discussed a number of concerns raised by staff and agreed to a number of amendments.

A motion was made by Dr. Baird and seconded by Mr. Holmes to authorize staff to do those things necessary to mature the amendments to public comment as proposed regulation in compliance with the Virginia Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 21. Voting for this action were Rice, Baird, Bartlett, Berquist and Holmes.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:20 PM until 2:15 PM and heard board member orientation presentations from Steven Arthur, Dawn Waters, Mary Broz and Karen O'Neal.

**Lunch and Board
Member Orientation**

Mr. Holmes departed at 2: 55 PM

Mr. Holmes Departure

Applications were reviewed.

Review of Applications

On properly seconded motion, the following action was taken:

Approved for Examination:

1. Seth B. Ramaley
2. Brian M. Lucas

Approved for Reciprocity:

1. Jeffery Andrew Moore
2. John Goodliffe Torrence
3. James D. DeCinque
4. Richard W. Arnseth

No action was taken on the following applications:

1. Dennis J. Graves
2. John David Curlis

Wall certificates were signed

Mr. Dick made a brief presentation concerning the DPOR web site.

Conflict of Interest Forms were signed.

The Board adopted the following meeting schedule for 2003:

January 7, 2003

April 24, 2003

July 29, 2003

November 20, 2003

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Wall Certificates

Web Site Presentation

Conflict of Interest Forms

2003 Meeting Dates

Adjournment



Thomas E. Rice, Chairman



Louise Fontaine Ware, Secretary

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