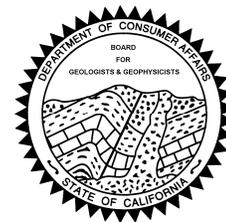




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Minutes of the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists
August 22, 2008
1325 J Street, 19th Floor Conference Room
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The meeting was called to order at 10:18 am and a quorum established. Present: William Black, President; James R. Ashby; Cecilia Yu and Shirley Husar. Board Member Shayan Samii and Vice-President Richard G. Blake were absent.

Public Forum: Mr. Joe Cota indicated the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists, Southern California Section, supports the Board-sponsored AB 1284.

Minutes: The Board approved minutes of the May 9, 2008 as corrected.

Board Member Reports: On behalf of the Legislative Committee, Executive Officer Richard Rempel reported the following: AB 1284 passed and awaits signature by the Governor and that legislative approval of SB 963, changing the Board's "sunset" date, was still pending in the Assembly.

Committee Reports: Professional Standards Chief George Dunfield reported for the Examination Committee that it had completed the upcoming California Supplemental Component of the Professional Geologist examination on August 18, 2008. They also requested that the Board augment efforts through its Professional Affairs Advisory Committee (PAAC) to encourage licensees and specialty geologists to volunteer as graders and subject matter experts.

Board Directive: PAAC will contact licensees, including specialty geologists, to assist in examination question development, criterion reference pass-point workshops, and identifying those issues important to the professional practice of geology and geophysics.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair Tom Crosby reported meeting on August 15, 2008 to redefine the role, objectives and name of the committee. The TAC decided on "Professional Affairs Advisory Committee" (or, PAAC). Chair Crosby indicated this revamped committee will explore greater involvement with professional associations, academicians and the regulatory community; and will seek to improve communication and cooperation with other Board committees, as appropriate and as directed.

Board Directive: PAAC will investigate and encourage interest in both geology and geophysics at high school and college levels.

Board Directive: The Board named Ms. Kim Taylor to the PAAC.

Executive Officer Report: Executive Officer Rempel reported final FY 07-08 revenues and expenditures were roughly even. Budget Analyst Cindy Rust reported the Board's fund condition shows sufficient reserves within the 4-6 month range preferred by Department of Finance.

Pursuant to the advice of legal counsel concerning the possibility of litigation, the Board voted to discuss item 8A(i) (Examination Administrator Report re: Applicant Screening) in closed session; and the Board went into closed session. Upon returning to open session, President Black reported that during closed session the Board reviewed and discussed personnel matters, settlement agreement in Superior Court Case No. 02CC10718, applicant qualifications, and Fall 2008 California Supplemental Component of written examination; and that it had moved discussion of item 8A(i) into closed session and had amended meeting minutes previously adopted.

Protection of the public shall be the highest priority of the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount. (Business and Professions Code §7810.1)

Board Directive: Staff will revise minutes of the February 8, 2008 meeting as follows: "The Board directed staff to continue to hold applicants strictly accountable to the laws and regulations."

Board Directive: Staff will administer the California Supplemental Component prepared by the Examination Committee for the October 3-4, 2008 written examinations at California State University, Long Beach.

Professional Standards Chief Dunfield reported which university and college degrees in the geological sciences were accepted by the Board staff for October 2008 written examinations based upon staff review of applicant coursework and the definition of "geology" pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 7802.

Board Directive: Staff will continue to accept University and College degrees in the geological sciences based upon applicant coursework and statutory definition of "geology."

Annual Election of Officers: By unanimous vote, the Board elected Richard G. Blake as President and James R. Ashby as Vice-President.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Richard G. Blake, Board President

Date Approved: October 10, 2008