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Minutes of the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists
 February 13, 2009
 1625 North Market Boulevard
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The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. and a quorum established. Present: Richard G. Blake, President; James R. Ashby, Vice-President; William E. Black, Member; Shirley A. Husar, Member; William (Paul) Sweeney, Member; and Cecilia L. Yu, Member.

Public Forum: Mr. Charles Nestle began to speak from a prepared text about concerns over the Senate Rules Committee appointment to the Board. Mr. Spencer Walker indicated all such concerns should be directed to the appointing authority. Mr. Tony Sawyer stated he also had intended to speak about the subject appointment and that he had brought with him copies of information regarding it that he had assembled and made available to others in attendance.

Minutes: The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the November 20, 2008 meeting as corrected. (Board Member Sweeney abstained.)

Board Action: By unanimous vote, the Board adopted Resolution 2009-01.

Board Action: By unanimous vote, the Board adopted Resolution 2009-02.

Committee Reports: Examination Committee reported the California Supplemental Component, geophysics, and specialty certification exams are ready for March 2009 and recommended that in the future the Board move geophysics and specialty certification exams from Spring to Fall. The Enforcement Oversight Committee reviewed 15 cases. Professional Affairs Advisory Committee (PAAC) Board Representative Yu praised PAAC members for their focus on public protection.

Executive Officer Report: Executive Officer Rempel reported Fiscal Year 2008-09 expenditures to date are consistent with budgeted expenditures, but that more complete reporting of revenue is not yet available due to late signing of the State's budget. At his request, Executive Officer Rempel's performance evaluation was conducted in open session.

Board Action: By a vote of 5-0 (Member Sweeney recused), the Board rated as "outstanding" Executive Officer Rempel's performance since January 2007.

With Members Ashby and Sweeney recused, the Board went into closed session. Returning to Open Session, President Blake reported the Board had discussed and adopted by a vote of 4-0 a settlement agreement (OAH Case No. L-2007110612).

Professional Standards Unit Chief George Dunfield presented statistics for scheduled March 2009 examinations and summarized current enforcement data. Specific achievements noted included: the reimbursement payment of \$13,750 from a litigant for legal costs incurred in defense of the Board; effective joint enforcement actions with Department of Toxic Substances Control; and successful resolution of a disciplinary order (OAH No. 2007100446).

DCA attorney Michael Santiago gave a presentation (Ethical Decision Making for Board Members).

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Richard G. Blake, Board President

Date Approved: May 8, 2009

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)