

**MEETING OF THE GEOLOGY AND GEOPHYSICS  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL  
ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS**

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**Friday, May 16, 2014**

<b>TAC Members Present:</b>	William Owen, PGp, PG, CEG, Chair Hugh S. Robertson, PG, CEG, Vice Chair Gary Simpson, PG, CEG, Mark Riches, PGp, William Cole PG, CEG, CHG
<b>TAC Members Absent:</b>	
<b>Board Staff Present:</b>	Erik Zinn, PG, CEG (BPELSG Board Member) Larry Kereszt, Brooke Phayer, Patty Smith, Erin LaPerle, Lisa Chavez

**I. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum**

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

**II. Public Comment**

Brooke Phayer (Information and Outreach Analyst) provided input that Geological and Geophysical information has been added to "The Building Officials Pamphlet" and "The Consumer Guide". The completed pamphlet and guide are currently ready for staff approval. Mr. Phayer is urging TAC members to motivate Board staff to approve the completion of the pamphlet and guide so that this can move forward.

**III. Approve Minutes from January 14, 2014 Geologist and Geophysicist Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**

MOTION: Hugh Robertson made a motion and Gary Simpson seconded to approve the minutes of the last TAC meeting with no corrections.

VOTES: 3-0; Motion carried

**IV. Discuss Ideas to generate more interest from licensees for participation in examination development workshops.**

- Evaluate different times of the year (summer time - no one available)
- Have workshops available at other localities (Bay Area and Southern California)
- Construct e-mail list from Applicant Tracking System (ATS) for all in "L" status
- Have more social media announcements sent out.
- Compile list of large companies/employers that hire Geologists and Geophysicists-Send request to disseminate the information to their employees. TAC Members and Mr. Zinn to submit contact information to Patty.
- Send e-mails to Association of Engineering Geologists (AEG) and also mail out through U.S. mail.

- Send information out in the renewal notices

**V. Report by Erik Zinn, Board Liaison, on attendance at recent ASBOG Council of Examiners (COE) Meeting.**

In April of this year Mr. Zinn attended the ASBOG Council of Examiners Meeting in Buffalo, New York. He explained that he attended a Task Analysis Survey Workshop and the COE Workshop where they were both creating questions for the next examination and grading the examinations that had been given. Most of what went on he was not able to divulge due to security issues.

He did state that one of the primary reasons for attending this meeting is to make sure that the examinations are appropriate for our Board's licensees. Also, that we are meeting our obligations. He also stated that based upon the questions he observed, he was seeing a very solid examination. The examinations leans slightly toward Petroleum and Mining which is very appropriate at the national level. California really doesn't factor in, in those particular areas too much.

Mr. Zinn stated that he was very impressed with the examination and the amount of discussion and debating among the workshop participants. The questions are reviewed over and over repeatedly. Questions that have been on the books for years are still argued about and sometimes taken off or revised; for that reason we are getting constantly updated questions and we are also getting really great input from an estimated 30 Geologists.

It really is a great success story for the Board in general. We were authorized for out-of-state travel for the first time in many years. For that specific reason Mr. Zinn was able to formally represent California and the Board at this meeting.

California is approximately 20% to 25% of the national examinees that take the ASBOG examinations. California is a major player and we are going to try to resurrect our presence at the National Level. We must, in order to make sure that the examination is applicable to our examinees.

**VI. Review of SB 1270 Bill sponsored by the State Mining & Geology Board (SMGB)**

Hugh Robertson gave an overview and his input regarding restructuring of The State Mining and Geology Board.

Hugh Robertson Motioned to oppose SB 1270 unless amended with specific modifications to Section 3 with regards to what appear to be unnecessary changes to the requirements of the State Geologist; and attention to Item B, the qualifications for the State Mine Inspector should be Geologist. Gary Simpson seconded motion.

VOTES: 5-0; Motion Carried

TAC to email Patty about concerns with different sections, who will then compile and send to Mr. Zinn for Board meeting.

Hugh Robertson amended motion to Oppose Unless Amended. William Cole seconded amended motion.

VOTES: 5-0; Motion Carried

**VII. Update on Previous Items**

**a. New Occupational Analysis Status**

Geophysicists Occupational Analysis came to us earlier this week. It is in the review process with staff.

**b. Examination Statistics**

Handouts of the available Examination Statistics were given out at meeting.

**c. Enforcement Statistics**

Handouts on Enforcement Statistics were given out at the meeting. Mr. Zinn requested the horizontal bar chart that shows the number of cases and total of times/thresholds; Mr. Kereszt agreed to add this to the next agenda packets.

**VIII. Items for consideration at Future TAC Meetings**

- 1) Continuing Education
- 2) State Mining & Geology Board notes – Update from Mr. Testa
- 3) Examination Development – OPES / Prometric – Workshops in Southern California
- 4) 2014/2015 Workplan
- 5) Update by staff on the Consumer Guide and the Building Officials Pamphlet
- 6) Overview of Outreach efforts and events the Board has participated in

**IX. Set next meeting date**

September 24, 2014

**X. Adjournment**

MOTION: Mark Riches made a motion and Hugh Robertson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:16 p.m.

VOTES: 3-0; Motion carried

**PUBLIC PRESENT**