

MINUTES

UTAH PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST LICENSING BOARD MEETING

October 10, 2013

Room 402 – 4th floor – 10:00 A.M.
Heber M. Wells Building
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

CONVENED: 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 12:30 P.M.

Bureau Manager
Bureau Secretary

Stephen Duncombe
Tracy Taylor

Board Members Present:

Daniel Horns, Chairperson
Justin Andersen
Richard Allis
Steve Bowman, Ph.D.

Board Members Absent:

William Loughlin

DOPL Staff Present:

Neena Bowen, Compliance
Allyson Pettley, Investigator

Guests:

Torrey Copfer, Probationer
Michael Jensen, Epic Engineering

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Review Minutes:

The Board reviewed the minutes dated June 06, 2013. Mr. Allis made a motion to approve the minutes with changes. Mr. Bowman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Swearing In of New Member

Mr. Duncombe performed the swearing in of new Board Member, Justin Andersen.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Investigations Report

Ms. Pettley reviewed the investigation statistics with the Board. Item noted with no action taken.

ASBOG Spring Meeting

This item has been tabled until the February 2014 meeting.

Consideration of Proposal for More Specific Definition of Unprofessional Conduct in R156-76-502.

Mr. Duncombe reviewed the language in R156-76-502. The board members present collectively decided to leave the language as is.

Funding Request from the Education and Enforcement Fund

Steve Bowman, representing the Utah Geological Survey presented three (3) applications for funding totaling \$30,349. All three applications are for the Basin and Range Province Seismic Hazards Summit III taking place in September 2014. Mr. Duncombe reviewed the Fund balance with the Board. Mr. Allis and Mr. Bowman would both need to recuse themselves from this vote so a special meeting will be scheduled to review the applications.

Closed Meeting

Mr. Allis made a motion to close the meeting to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Mr. Bowman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Reopen Meeting

Mr. Allis voted in favor of reopening the meeting to announce the decisions made during the closed session. Mr. Horns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS:

Torrey Copfer, probation interview

Ms. Bowen discussed the details of Mr. Copfer's non compliance throughout his term of probation and subsequent suspension. Mr. Allis made a motion to uphold the Notice of Agency Action to revoke Mr. Copfer's license. Mr. Copfer would not be allowed to reapply for licensure until April 14, 2016. Mr. Andersen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Further discussion was held and Mr. Allis made an amended motion that would allow Mr. Copfer to reapply after successfully completing all of the terms of his criminal probation. Mr. Bowman seconded the amended motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:

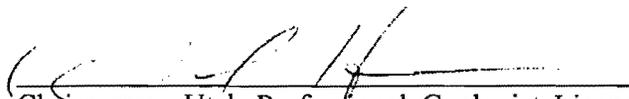
February 13, 2014 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURN:

The Board meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M:

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

11/8/13
Date:


Chairperson, Utah Professional Geologist Licensing Board

11/08/2013
Date:


Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing