

Nebraska Board of Geologist  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 13, 2011**  
**215 Centennial Mall South, Large Conference Room, Lincoln, NE**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was held at 215 Centennial Mall South, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Large Conference room, Lincoln, NE. Chairperson Shroder called the meeting to order at 1:04pm and informed the public of the location of the Open Meetings Act.

**Roll Call:** Dennis Anderson, Thomas Correll, Andrew Grimm, Martha (Marty) Link, John (Jack) Shroder, David Svingen; Absent: Ralph Martin

**Staff Present:** Sandra Weaver, Administrator (AD); Jean Lais, Administrative Assistant (AA)

**Public Comment/Appointments**

James Osborne, originally from Ainsworth, NE appeared before the board and gave a brief statement against the TransCanada Pipeline currently being proposed across the Sand Hills. He worked for TransCanada for three years on their first pipeline through the US. He felt that many of the issues that TransCanada and supporters have said would not happen have already occurred on the first line. Chairperson Shroder informed Mr. Osborne the Board does not handle these types of issues, but is the licensing board which insures the geological work done in Nebraska is done by licensed geologists.

**Agenda Items** – No adjustments or changes were made to the agenda

**Action** Motion by Anderson, second by Link to approve the agenda as presented. Voting Yes: Correll, Grimm, Anderson, Svingen, Link, Shroder; Voting No: None: Absent: Martin

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Weaver entered meeting at 1:10p

**A Consent Agenda**

**Meeting Minutes** – The meeting minutes from July 14, 2011 were approved with minor corrections.

**Organizational Practice** – Certificates of Authorization

**Approved:** ERM-West Inc, Walnut Creek, CA, GAG0064

**Action Approval of Consent Agenda**

Motion by Correll, second by Anderson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Voting Yes: Correll, Grimm, Anderson, Svingen, Link, Shroder; Voting No: None: Absent: Martin

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**B Financial Matters**

**Budget Status Report** – July, August, September 2011

EnterpriseOne Reports provided for review.

AD Weaver indicated there was slight increase in the appropriation due to the June postage which was paid in July being added back into the dollar amount.

**MTD General Ledger Detail Report** – July, August, September 2011

EnterpriseOne Reports provided for review.

**Fund Summary Report** – July, August, September 2011

EnterpriseOne reports provided for review.

AD Weaver pointed out the cash fund is slightly higher than it was at this time last year. The fund was at \$56,519.63 at the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2011. Renewals have just started to come so those numbers are not reflected as of yet.

**Financial Profile FY 2010/2011** – July, August, September 2011

AD Weaver provided spreadsheet of funds with an increase in renewal fees by \$10 to \$85 and an increase in Certificate of Authorization applications and renewals to \$200 and \$150 respectfully. This would give the board approximately \$2600 additional in the cash fund at the

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end of the 2012/2013 fiscal year. The current statutes have a cap of \$200 for Certificate of Authorization applications. Any future increase in this charge will need to go through a statute change before they could take effect.

**Other Financial Matters** - *None*

**Contract Review and Approval** – *None*

**Action Approval of Financial Matters**

Motion by Anderson, second by Correll to approve the Financial Matters as presented.

Voting Yes: Correll, Grimm, Anderson, Svingen, Link, Shroder; Voting No: None; Absent: Martin

Weaver left the meeting at 1:23p

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**C Applications**

**Licensure/Examination**

Core Course Equivalency Chart, Rational for Core Courses, Course Equivalents were provided for review.

**Applications for Licensure by Reciprocity** – *None*

**Applications for Licensure Reinstatement** - *None*

**Applications for Geologist Intern by ASBOG FG Exam** – *None*

**Applications for Licensure by FG/PG ASBOG Exams** – *None*

**Applications for Licensure by PG ASBOG Exam**- *None*

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**D Compliance**

**Logs** – *None*

**New Cases** – *None*

**Pending Cases** – *None*

**Compliance Issues**

**Unlicensed Practice of Geology Update**

Svingen summarized the details involved with the issue regarding Andy Clayton who is not licensed in Nebraska to practice geology. He followed up with Mr. Clayton on October 7, 2011, and Mr. Clayton informed him he had looked into the requirements of becoming licensed in Nebraska, but does not currently qualify. He indicated his intention to sit for the exam sometime in the future to enable himself to become licensed. The Board considered the matter closed at this time.

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**E Committee Reports**

**Officers Report** – *None*

**Legislative Review Committee**

Board Policies and Actions to Change Statutes and/or Rules and Regulations were provided for review.

Vice-Chairperson Anderson inquired earlier of AD Weaver has to how long the Rules and Regulations change process would take if the Board wants the fee increase in place for the 2013 renewal period starting in October 2012. AD Weaver informed the Board they should allow at least three months for the process.

Vice-Chairperson Anderson opened the discussion with a recommendation to increase fees as presented by AD Weaver and to immediately move forward with the process of having the Rules and Regulations changed. The Board also looked at the other issues listed on the "Record of Board's Action to Change Statute and/or Rules and Regulations" and voted to include the

addition of wording to clarify Section 81-3239 of the statute to allow the Board to consider a felony conviction or action taken against an applicant in another jurisdiction when reviewing the application for initial licensure.

**Action Changes to Rules and Regulations**

Motion by Anderson, second by Correll to begin the process to change the Rules and Regulations to increase fees as discussed and add necessary wording to clarify Section 81-3239 of the Statutes with regards to felony convictions/action of other boards. Voting Yes: Correll, Grimm, Anderson, Svingen, Link, Shroder; Voting No: None: Absent: Martin

**ASBOG** – None

**Office/Staff** – None

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**F Old Business** – None

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**G New Business**

**Governance Issues**

**Board actions** – None

**Rules and Regulations** – None

**Statutes** – None

**Geologist Items**

**2011 ASBOG Annual Meeting/COE Workshop**, October 31-November 5, 2011 – San Antonio, TX - The Schedule of Activities, Slate of Officers, Draft Agenda, and Board Annual Report were provided for review.

Vice-Chairperson plans to petition to keep the 2012 meeting in Omaha.

**2012 ASBOG Annual Meeting (Omaha) Field Trip Discussion**

Correll informed the Board there was discussion on this subject at the last Nebraska Geological Society (NGS) meeting. Suggestions included visits to some of the areas affected by this year's floods with discussion as to how different situations were handled and/or to visits to some of the local quarries. Link suggested Weeping Willows and section of a trail in Peru where an artist has carved drawings into the sandstone.

The next NGS meeting is November 17<sup>th</sup>, Vice-Chairperson Anderson will make more inquires with regards to getting their support and help. He expressed his appreciation of any other Board members who could make the meeting to assist him. Chairperson Shroder will begin contacting UN instructors and professors to see if any are willing to take on the role of site lecturer at each stop.

Discussion was held as to how the Board could honor Dr Nan Lindsley-Griffin for her time on the board and effects in getting the original statutes enacted. She has retired as the Emeritus member after moving to Oregon this summer. She was presented with a plaque when she stepped down as an active member of the Board. Different ideas were discussed and it was agreed Link would look into the cost of getting a polo shirt with the state outline and ax hammers with the words "Nebraska Geologist" embroidered on it. It will be a red shirt with black lettering. It was felt she would appreciate this type of gift the most. Other members of the Board expressed interest in purchasing a shirt for themselves.

**Action** Motion by Anderson, second by Link to design a red polo with the state outline and hammers with the wording "Nebraska Geologist" in black. Voting Yes: Correll, Grimm, Anderson, Svingen, Link, Shroder; Voting No: None: Absent: Martin

**Strategic Plan** - None

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**H General Information**

**Public Notice publication**

**Board meetings and schedule**

Chairperson Shroder pointed out the next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2012

**Roster of Board members**

Correll's term will expire in February 2012 and will be seeking reappointment. Chairperson Shroder's term as education member will expire in 2013. Several individuals were mentioned as possible replacements. He reminded the Board they need to begin soliciting for this position now to allow time for the individual to apply for licensure if needed. Richard Ehrman was named as a possible replacement, but he is with Doane College and the education member is required to be from the University of Nebraska system per statute. This would include the Kearney campus. Chairperson Shroder will begin inquiring for interested persons.

**Licensing Trends**

Trends in Licensure and Fiscal Activity Reports were provided for review.

**Other**

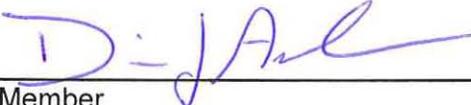
**Approved Board Policies** – Board Policies and Action Summary were provided for review.

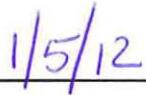
**Revised Board Member Service Award Policy and DAS Approval** – The revised Board Member Service Award Policy and approval was provided for review.

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**Adjournment** Motion by Link, second by Svingen to adjourn the meeting at 2:00pm.

The next Board of Geologist board meeting will be held on January 12, 2012, at 1:00pm at 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska, fifth floor, large conference room.

  
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Board Member

  
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