

**PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST SECTION MEETING
EXAMINING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS,
HYDROLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 29, 2010**

PRESENT: Sue Bridson, Brenda Halminiak, William Mode, James Robertson

STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Scanlan, Bureau Director; Colleen Baird, Legal Counsel; and Kimberly Wood, Bureau Assistant

GUESTS: None.

CALL TO ORDER

William Mode, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:28 a.m. A quorum of four (4) members was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Amendments to the Agenda:

- Before Item “A” (open session) Under the item titled “Section Appointments” **ADD:** “Credentialing Liaison” to the list of appointments to be made by the Section.

MOTION: Brenda Halminiak moved, seconded by James Robertson, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2010 & 2011

NOMINATION: Brenda Halminiak nominated the 2009 slate of officers to continue in 2010 and 2011. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

William Mode called for other nominations three (3) times.

2010/2011 ELECTION RESULTS	
Section Chair	William Mode
Vice Chair	Brenda Halminiak
Secretary	Sue Bridson

SECTION APPOINTMENTS

William Mode, Chair, made the following appointments:

GHSS Rules Committee: Brenda Halminiak, Sue Bridson

Screening Panel: James Robertson, Sue Bridson

Monitoring Liaison: James Robertson

Credentialing Liaison: William Mode

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Jeff Scanlan deferred to the administrative report provided at the Joint Board meeting.

2011 Meeting Dates

The Section was provided a copy of the meeting dates that have been scheduled for 2011.

MOTION: Brenda Halminiak moved, seconded by James Robertson, to approve the 2011 meeting dates. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Section expressed consensus regarding its desire to require continuing education and discussed its next steps for the pursuit of a rules change. The Section decided that it would need to collect more information relative to the topic of continuing education and would need to consider the application of the information that it collects to its initiative. Brenda Halminiak will forward continuing education information pertinent to surrounding states, which was supplied at a previous meeting, to Jeff Scanlan for the purpose of distribution to the members of the Section and for inclusion in the Section's next agenda. The Section asked if it is possible to schedule an interim meeting to occur prior to its meeting scheduled for March 2011. Jeff Scanlan indicated that the dynamic of the Department is likely to change with its administration in January and that the ability to schedule additional meetings is an unknown factor at this point. He stated that the progress of the Section in drafting its rules would also be a factor in the Section's ability to meet before its March 2011 meeting date.

The Section discussed the existence of standard language for continuing education rules. Colleen Baird indicated that there is basic information that would be standard to continuing education and indicated that the Section may wish to review the rules recently enacted by the engineering and design professionals. The Section requested that a link to the rules in question be provided to the members of the Section. Prior to the close of the meeting Colleen Baird distributed a copy of the Landscape Architects Section's continuing education rule for reference purposes. The Section identified Brenda Halminiak to work with Colleen Baird in the drafting of rule language for continuing education.

The Section discussed resources for obtaining information regarding professional standards for continuing education requirements. James Robertson indicated that the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) is either in the process or has just begun to develop a continuing education model and indicated that this may be one avenue for the Section to explore. The Section also indicated that information should be acquired from ASBOG regarding their continuing education model. William Mode will access this information and send it to Jeff Scanlan for distribution to the Section and for inclusion in the Section's next agenda packet.

TRAVEL

Report of the 2009 ASBOG Annual Meeting by Brenda Halminiak

Brenda Halminiak provided the Section with an oral and written report on the 2009 ASBOG Annual Meeting. She indicated that she participated as a subject matter expert and reported that it was an incredible experience. She provided the Section with a general outline of the process used for review of test questions.

Brenda Halminiak then informed the Section that ASBOG is considering increases to its annual membership fees effective as of 2012. The Section briefly discussed the increase to the annual membership fees and the potential impact to licensure fees. Additionally, Brenda Halminiak stated that ASBOG is considering increases to the cost of the practical examination. She indicated that ASBOG requested feedback from its member boards pertinent to the possibility of an increase to the fundamentals examination as it is now being utilized by colleges as an exit examination and is also being used as an assessment tool for the purpose of gauging competence.

Brenda Halminiak reported that the Canadian Council of Professional Geoscientists has been in discussion with ASBOG about the utilization of the fundamental examination as an exit examination in Canadian universities. She indicated that if Canadian universities utilize the examination this would provide ASBOG with additional revenue and help the organizations bottom line. ASBOG reported that there is a downward trend in the number of individual taking the examination and indicated that ASBOG speculates that this may be a result of fewer geosciences departments throughout the nation. The Section noted that this may also be a result of fewer positions within the geosciences profession.

Nominate a Delegate to Attend the 2010 ASBOG Annual Meeting

The Section discussed availability and considered who would attend the 2010 ASBOG Annual meeting.

MOTION: William Mode moved, seconded by Sue Bridson, to authorize Brenda Halminiak as the Section's delegate to attend the 2010 ASBOG Annual meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**REVIEW OF PRACTICE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS POSTED ON THE
DEPARTMENT WEBSITE**

The Section reviewed its practice frequently asked questions as posted on the Department website and made no changes to these questions.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: James Robertson moved, seconded by Sue Bridson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.