

**BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTISTS, WETLAND PROFESSIONALS
and GEOLOGISTS
MEETING MINUTES**

The Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals and Geologists met on September 12, 2012, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

J. Meade R. Anderson
Robert B. Atkinson
Douglas S. Davis
Warren (Ted) Dean
J. James Liu
Charles E. Nelson (arrived 10:15am)
Robin E. Reed
Harry T. (Tom) Saxton

Board members Nancy Barker, Angie Hall, David Spears, Katherine White and Angela Whitehead were not present at the meeting.

Board staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Kathleen (Kate) R. Nusbisch, Executive Director
Amy Goobic, Administrative Assistant

Agency staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Gordon N. Dixon, Director
Mark N. Courtney, Senior Director, Regulatory & Public Affairs

Josh Lief, Senior Assistant Attorney General, was present for the meeting.

Mr. Anderson, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Call to Order

Ms. Nusbisch welcomed Board members to the first meeting of the merged board, formerly the Board for Professional Soil Scientists and Wetland Professionals and the Board for Geology.

Welcome & Introductions

Board members and staff introduced themselves.

Public Comment Period – There were no public comments.

Public Comment Period

Ms. Nusbisch advised the Board of the emergency evacuation procedures.

**Emergency Evacuation
Procedures**

Ms. Nusbisch informed the Board that she has not yet received information on board appointments.

Board Appointments

Ms. Reed moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Dean seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Anderson, Atkinson, Davis, Dean, Liu, Nelson, Reed & Saxton.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Nelson moved to approve the minutes from the following meetings:

Approval of Minutes

- April 19, 2012, Board for Professional Soil Scientists and Wetland Professionals meeting; and the
- June 13, 2012, Board for Geology meeting

Mr. Davis seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Anderson, Atkinson, Davis, Dean, Liu, Nelson, Reed & Saxton.

Ms. Nosbisch informed the Board that they would need to elect a chair and vice-chair. She proposed that the board establish a rotation for the chair and vice-chair positions, electing a chair and vice-chair, with the vice-chair automatically succeeding the chair. The professions would rotate the positions as follows: Soil Scientist, Geologist and Wetland Professional.

Election of Officers

Dr. Atkinson moved to accept the proposed election procedure. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Anderson, Atkinson, Davis, Dean, Liu, Nelson, Reed & Saxton.

Mr. Saxton nominated Ms. Whitehead to serve as chair. Dr. Atkinson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Anderson, Atkinson, Davis, Dean, Liu, Nelson, Reed & Saxton. Dr. Atkinson moved that nominations be closed. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Anderson, Atkinson, Davis, Dean, Liu, Nelson, Reed & Saxton.

Mr. Liu nominated Mr. Anderson to serve as vice- chair. Mr. Dean seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Anderson, Atkinson, Davis, Dean, Liu, Nelson, Reed & Saxton.

Mr. Nelson moved that the nominations be closed. Ms. Reed seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Anderson, Atkinson, Davis, Dean, Liu, Nelson, Reed & Saxton.

Mr. Anderson read the following resolution from the Board to David E. Dick, retired Executive Director, Board for Geology:

Resolution for David E. Dick, Retired Executive Director, Board for Geology

RESOLUTION TO

David e. Dick

WHEREAS, David E. Dick, did faithfully and diligently serve as Executive Director of the Board for Geology from 2003 to 2012;

W H E R E A S, D a v i d E . D i c k d i d d e v o t e g e n e r o u s l y o f h i s t i m e, t a l e n t a n d l e a d e r s h i p t o t h e B o a r d;

W H E R E A S, D a v i d E . D i c k d i d e n d e a v o r a t a l l t i m e s t o r e n d e r d e c i s i o n s w i t h f a i r n e s s a n d g o o d j u d g m e n t i n t h e b e s t i n t e r e s t o f t h e c i t i z e n s o f t h e C o m m o n w e a l t h a n d t h e s e p r o f e s s i o n s; a n d

W H E R E A S, t h e B o a r d f o r P r o f e s s i o n a l S o i l S c i e n t i s t s, W e t l a n d P r o f e s s i o n a l s a n d G e o l o g i s t s w i s h e s t o a c k n o w l e d g e i t s g r a t i t u d e f o r d e v o t e d s e r v i c e o f a p e r s o n w h o i s h e l d i n h i g h e s t e e m b y t h e m e m b e r s o f t h e B o a r d a n d t h e c i t i z e n s o f t h e C o m m o n w e a l t h;

N O W T H E R E F O R E B E I T R E S O L V E D , b y t h e B o a r d f o r P r o f e s s i o n a l S o i l S c i e n t i s t s, W e t l a n d P r o f e s s i o n a l s a n d G e o l o g i s t s t h i s 12th d a y o f S e p t e m b e r 2012, t h a t D a v i d E . D i c k b e g i v e n a l l h o n o r s a n d r e s p e c t d u e h i m f o r h i s o u t s t a n d i n g s e r v i c e t o t h e C o m m o n w e a l t h a n d i t s c i t i z e n s; a n d

B E I T F U R T H E R R E S O L V E D , t h a t t h i s R e s o l u t i o n b e p r e s e n t e d t o h i m a n d b e m a d e a p a r t o f t h e o f f i c i a l m i n u t e s o f t h e B o a r d s o t h a t a l l m a y k n o w o f t h e h i g h r e g a r d i n w h i c h h e i s h e l d b y t h i s B o a r d.

Mr. Dean moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Ms. Reed seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Anderson, Atkinson, Davis, Dean, Liu, Nelson, Reed & Saxton. Mr. Dick will be invited to the December 5, 2012, board meeting for presentation of the resolution.

Board members were provided board financial statements for informational purposes.

Ms. Nosbisch informed the Board that there were no pending applications awaiting exam approval. The next administration of the Soil Scientist Society of America (SSSA) national soil scientist exam is November. The following administration is scheduled for April 2013. The Board's next scheduled exam is February 2013. Ms. Nosbisch will be working with the Exam Director and Procurement Manager, in conjunction with SSSA, to transition to the national exam in 2013.

Ms. Nosbisch reported that the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) annual meeting will be held October 31-November 3, 2012, in Omaha, NE. Mr. Anderson stated that, as a previous attendee, it is beneficial to have representation from Virginia, as the meeting attendees develop exam questions for the national geology fundamentals and practice exams. Mr. Dean stated that he would be interested in attending.

Ms. Nosbisch informed the Board that the geology regulations, containing a fee increase, are currently in the proposed stage review. In addition, the fast track regulations amending the qualifications for individuals applying to sit for the Fundamentals of Geology (FG) exam and adding the

Review of Financial Statements

Discussion of Soil Scientist Exam

National Association of State Boards of Geology Update

Regulatory Update

designation of Geologist-in-Training (GIT) are still in review. The soil scientist regulations with the change from certification to licensure are also at the proposed stage review.

Mr. Anderson asked if there were any regulatory changes to consider to be consistent in the merged board professions. Ms. Nosbisch stated that the regulations for the professions do not have to mirror one another. She suggested consideration of a committee to discuss regulatory concerns.

Mr. Dean moved to approve the following 2013 meeting dates:
June 5, September 11 and December 4. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Anderson, Atkinson, Davis, Dean, Liu, Nelson, Reed & Saxton.

Other Business

Ms. Nosbisch provided licensing statistics for informational purposes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 p.m.

Adjournment

J. Meade R. Anderson, Chair

Gordon N. Dixon, Secretary