

DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION
76 Northern Avenue, Gardiner, Maine

BOARD OF LICENSURE OF FORESTERS
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
June 26, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Ackley
Sarah Medina, Chair
Theodore Shina
Steven Pelletier

MEMBERS ABSENT

Maxwell McCormack, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT

Carol Leighton, Administrator
Michael Miller, Assistant Attorney General
Deborah Fales, Office Specialist I
Kim Baker, Office Specialist I
Catherine Pendergast, Licensing Supervisor
Karen Bivins, REC Deputy Director

Location: Central Conference Room

Start: 9:01 a.m.

Adjourn: 12:25 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Sarah Medina at 9:01 a.m.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Action on Minutes of April 24, 2014 Meeting

A motion was made by Shina to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2014 meeting as written; seconded by Ackley. Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator's Report

Legislative Update – The Board reviewed Public Law 570 (L.D. 1673) – An Act To Further Delegate Permit-granting Authority to the Bureau of Forestry.

Rule Amendment Discussion - The Board reviewed initial recommendations for rulemaking changes and will review further changes at the next meeting scheduled for August 28, 2014.

A motion was made by Medina and seconded by Shina to implement a Maine Specific Exam Development Subcommittee to identify primary Maine Specific forestry topic areas; develop exam questions within each topic; and to weight each question within the topic area. Proposed members

subject to availability are: Ted Shina, Bruce Stevens, Maxwell McCormack, Jim Ecker, Amanda Mahaffey, Steve Pelletier, Keith Kanoti, and Jeff Benjamin. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Ackley and seconded by Pelletier to nominate Theodore Shina Chair of the subcommittee. Unanimous.

Decisions and Orders for Review

Edward L. Dube – A motion was made by Pelletier and seconded by Ackley to approve the Decision and Order as presented. Unanimous.

Thomas Henderson - A motion was made by Shina and seconded by Pelletier to approve the Decision and Order as presented. Unanimous.

Complaint Officer's Report

Complaint Presentation Case #2014-FOR-9736

A motion was made by Pelletier and seconded by Ackley to dismiss the complaint finding no violations. Shina Abstained; Ackley, Medina and Pelletier voted in the affirmative. Motion Carried.

Correspondence

The Board reviewed monthly reports for April and May.

Review and Action on Applications

Ackley recused and left the room.

A motion was made by Medina and seconded by Shina to accept the issuance of a Forester license for Seth A. Roope. Medina, Pelletier and Shina voted in the affirmative; Ackley recused. Motion Carried.

Ackley returned to the room.

A motion was made by Shina and seconded by Ackley to accept the issuance of a 24 month Intern Forester license for Nicholas C.A. McDougal. Unanimous.

Review and Action on Continuing Education

A motion was made by Ackley and seconded Pelletier to approve the two courses noted below. Unanimous.

PROGRAM NAME	SPONSOR	DATE(S)	HOURS APPROVED	CAT.
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2014 Forester Training	Gordon Gamble Wagner Forest Management	May 13 – 15, 2014	11.5 hours 5 hours	I II
2014 Spring Meeting	Kristin Brooks, New England Forestry Consultants Inc	May 7 – 8, 2014	5 hours 4.5 hours	I II

Ackley recused and left the room.

A motion was made by Pelletier and seconded by Shina to approve the courses noted below. Medina, Pelletier and Shina voted in the affirmative; Ackley recused. Motion carried.

PROGRAM NAME	SPONSOR	DATE(S)	HOURS APPROVED	CAT.
Log Utilization Workshop	John Ackley Plum Creek	May 21, 2014	Mill Stations – 1.5 hours Tree-Length Class – .5 hour	I I
2014 Plum Creek Roads Training Meeting	John Ackley Plum Creek	May 30, 2014	Bingham Office – 2.5 hours Dirigo Timberlands- field trip – .75 hour	I I

Ackley returned to the room.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

Being no further board business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Baker, Office Specialist I