

**BOARD OF CERTIFICATION FOR GEOLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: December 2, 2014
Meeting Location: Kennebec Room, State of Maine - Gardiner Annex, Northern Avenue,
Gardiner, Maine
Time Meeting Began: 9:10 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Chairman Robert Marvinney called the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves, including newest member, Johanna Szillery.

The following members were present:

Robert Marvinney
David Rocque
Daniel Bernier
Ivan Fernandez
Johanna Szillery

The following members were absent:

Irwin Novak
Keith Taylor

Staff Present: Catherine Carroll, Board Administrator
Michelle Lovering, Board Clerk

AAG Present: Robert Perkins

OLD BUSINESS

A. Action on Board Minutes of April 4, 2014

A motion was made to accept the April 4, 2014 minutes as written.

Motion: Daniel Bernier
Second: Ivan Fernandez
Abstained: Johanna Szillery
Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

A. Request for Exemption from License Requirement (32 M.R.S.A. §4906)

The Board reviewed a request from an individual licensed in New Hampshire to practice less than 30 days, in an aggregate, in any calendar year in Maine. The Board tabled further consideration of the request until the members could better determine New Hampshire's examination requirements so as to render an opinion on whether New Hampshire's examination requirements are substantially equivalent to Maine's, hence, the decision-making criteria under the statutory exemption from licensure.

B. Discussion on Requiring Continuing Education for Licensees and Establishing an Inactive License Status per 10 M.R.S.A. §8003, 5-A, D (3) and (5)

The Board discussed the value, if any, of requiring continuing education for licensees. While continuing education is generically helpful and may improve credibility, it doesn't necessarily benefit the professional, and the administrative activities associated with the auditing of CEs is burdensome and taxing on existing resources. It was questioned whether there is a demonstrated need to require continuing education given the near absence of complaints in the industry. The Board concluded that there is no need to pursue continuing education at this time.

The Board also discussed adding an 'inactive', 'retired' or 'senior' license status. The benefit of adding a 'senior' category would allow a discounted fee to the licensee after reaching a certain age and maintain the pool of active licensees. Catherine Carroll will discuss this with the department's commissioner.

C. Geology Local Knowledge Exam – Need for revision

The Board discussed the need to revise the local geology knowledge exam. Chairman Bob Marvinney will work with Keith Taylor on a revision.

D. Other Business

The next scheduled meeting will be March 3, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Lovering
Board Clerk