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Minutes of 04/30/2024

Board Members Tom Mullen, Chair **Division** MiChell Bird, Executive Officer
Present: Austin Zinsser **Staff:** Mark Kubinski, Lead Legal Counsel
Kurt Priebe Renee Bryant, Board Support Supervisor
Jerry Fairley

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM (MT) by Chairman Tom Mullen.

BOARD BUSINESS

Zero Based Regulations: Lead Legal Counsel Mark Kubinski reviewed the proposed alterations in IDAPA 24.04.01 – Rules of the Board of Registration for Professional Geologists. The Board recommended the following modifications:

- 010.03. Responsible Position: Leave the sentence as it is currently in rule.
- 010.04. Responsible Charge: Retain the words “of relevant”.
- 100.02. Seals: Add as the last sentence, “Electronic signatures are acceptable provided they are secure or somehow otherwise verified.”
- 100.02.b: Remove all language with the exception of the last sentence, “Only the title page of reports, ...”.
- 100.02.d: The last word in the last sentence, “product”, should be plural.
- 150. FEES: In the header of the chart, under AMOUNT, remove the verbiage “(Not to Exceed)”. In the AMOUNT column next to Reinstatement, replace the verbiage “Is as provided in Section 67-2614, Idaho Code” with the actual fee.

There was discussion on education and the creation of a guidance document; defining what constitutes eligible geological courses applicable to the practice of geology. The topic “Guidance Document” will be added to the agenda as an informational item for the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

- 300. EXAMINATIONS: Language on what the Board is looking for regarding the practice of geology will be added to the introductory paragraph, as well the language “Fundamentals of Geology” added in front of “... examination prior to graduation.”
- 300.03.a: Incorporate 30 days, changing the paragraph to read, “The Board shall notify each applicant in writing at least 30 days prior to the examination the acceptance or rejection of their application, and if rejected, the reason for the rejection.” OR combine the intent of a and b with applicants notifying the Division not less than 90 days prior to the examination date and the Board notifying the applicant not less than 30 days prior to the examination date.
- 300.03.b: Remove, “...and shall submit all applicable testing fees in full.”

- 300.03.c: Remove in its entirety.
- 300.06: In the introductory paragraph, add a sentence to read, “An applicant who has passed Practice of Geology examination is eligible for application as a professional geologist.”
- 300.07 a. & b.: Strike 07. Re-Score or Review in Examination, as well as subsections a and b in their entirety as the passing score is determined by ASBOG.
- 400 GEOLOGIST IN TRAINING: Combine Geologist In Training AND Professional Geologist, creating two tiers of registration OR add a new section on Professional Geologist since there are no definitions in rule. For clarification of a Professional Geologists, add the sentence, “As defined in Idaho Code.”

Upon further discussion on the reinstatement fee, the Board agreed to change the verbiage, “Is as provided in Section 67-2614, Idaho Code” to “Not to exceed \$200 as provided in Section 67-2614, Idaho Code.”

Board Member Zinner requested, and EO Bird agreed to provide the Board a word document with tracking changes rather than a PDF version.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting ended at 10:31 AM. 05/16/2024/krb