

## MINUTES

### UTAH PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS LICENSING BOARD MEETING

November 15, 2011

Room – 402, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor – 2:00 P.M.  
Heber Wells Building  
160 East 300 South  
Salt Lake City, Utah

**CONVENED:** 2:00 P.M.

**ADJOURNED:** 3:05 P.M.

**Bureau Manager**  
**Bureau Secretary**

Richard J. Oborn  
Lee Avery

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dan Matthews, Chairperson  
William Loughlin  
William Lund  
Daniel Horns  
Richard Allis

**Division Staff present:**

Kent Barnes, Compliance Manager

**Guests:**

Niall Henshaw

#### **TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes dated June 22, 2011. Mr. Allis motioned to approve the minutes with changes, seconded by Mr. Lund. The motion carried with Mr. Matthews abstaining.

##### **Compliance Report**

#1. Torrey Copfer is in compliance with his stipulation. He is still not employed in the field and is submitting reports indicating he is not employed.

##### **APPOINTMENTS:**

Torrey Copfer, probation interview

Mr. Copfer met with the Board. Mr. Lund noted that in the past he had a professional relationship with Mr. Copfer. Mr. Copfer advised the Board that he has not changed therapists. He is currently working in Park City but not as a geologist. Mr. Copfer stated he is unable to find employment in the field due to the fact that his license is on probation. Mr. Copfer stated the criminal probation is a maximum of 3 years. His criminal probation started February 2011. The Board

advised Mr. Copfer that as long as he is in compliance with his stipulation, he does not need to meet with the Board. Mr. Lund motioned to have Mr. Copfer submit the self reports quarterly, unless there is a change in his employment, seconded by Mr. Horns. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Loughlin motioned to have the therapy reports submitted quarterly, seconded by Mr. Allis. The motion carried unanimously. The Board asked to see Mr. Copfer on June 14, 2012. **Mr. Copfer is in compliance with his stipulation.**

## **DISCUSSION:**

### 1. Application review

The Board reviewed the application submitted by Mr. Christopher DeKorver. Mr. Oborn noted that his degree is from the University of Utah and is in geosciences and determined that Mr. DeKorver's education meets requirements as outlined in R156-76-302.

### 2. Report from ASBOG Annual Meeting, November 1-5, 2011, Daniel Horns

Mr. Horns attended the ASBOG meeting on November 5, 2011 in Chicago and reviewed the exam process. Mr. Horns noted that the exam fees and member fees are set by ASBOG. The Board discussed developing a power point for training new students. Mr. Horns noted that the FG exam can be taken anytime and the PG exam can only be taken after 5 years of experience. Exams may be taken at Utah State, WSU, SUU and U of U. Mr. Horns stated he would try to have a power point ready for the Board review at the February 9, 2012 Board meeting. The Board will discuss sending another Board member to the spring and fall ASBOG conventions at the next Board meeting.

### 3. Upcoming applications for use of funds from Geologist Education and Enforcement Fund

Mr. Bruce Vandre is requesting funding from the Geologist Education and Enforcement Fund to support a continuing education course that he is proposing. The course will be held on February 25, 2012 at Dixie State College. The course will be for six hours of continuing education credit. Mr. Vandre is a retired PG and PE and will be the only instructor. The course will provide continuing education in digital location referencing maps and geographic information for geologists. Mr. Vandre is requesting \$1,127 to \$637 from the Geologist Education and Enforcement Fund. The Board noted that this course

would be very helpful for professionals in southern Utah. His budget is solid and this is a modest request. Mr. Horns motioned to approve funding for the course, seconded by Mr. Lund. The motion carried unanimously.

4. 2012 Board meeting dates and time

**2012 Board meetings have been scheduled:**

February 14, at 3pm  
June 14, and October 10 at 2pm

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:**

February 14, 2012 at 3:00 pm.

**2012 Board meetings have been tentatively scheduled:**

February 14, June 14, October 10

**ADJOURN:**

The Board meeting adjourned at 3:05 P.M:

*Note: This report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript, but is intended to record the significant features of what was discussed in the meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily arranged in chronological order*

February 14, 2012

Date:

(ss) William Lund

Acting Chairperson, Utah Professional Geologist  
Licensing Board

February 13, 2012

Date:

(ss) Richard J. Oborn

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational and  
Professional Licensing