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**EXAMINING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS,
HYDROLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS
Room 121A, 1400 E. Washington Avenue, Madison
Contact: Dan Williams (608) 266-2112
May 20, 2013**

Notice: The following agenda describes the issues that the Board plans to consider at the meeting. At the time of the meeting, items may be removed from the agenda. Please consult the meeting minutes for a description of the actions and deliberations of the Board. A quorum of the Board will be present during the Section meetings.

AGENDA

9:00 A.M.

OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

A. Adoption of Agenda (1-2)

B. Approval of Minutes-September 28, 2011 (3-4)

C. Attendance at Geology Section meeting

D. Attendance at Hydrology Section meeting

E. Administrative Update – Discussion and Consideration (5)

- 1) Board Officers Election
- 2) Chair Appointments
- 3) Website review
- 4) Paperless Initiative (7-9)
- 5) Staff Update

F. Legislative/Administrative Rule Matters – Discussion and Consideration (11)

- 1) Establishment of Continuing Education Requirements for Licensed Professional Geologists, Hydrologists and Soil Scientists (13-15)
- 2) Right the Rules
- 3) Executive Order 61 (17-18)
- 4) NR 700 and NR 712 (19)

G. Discussion and Consideration of Website Position Statements (21-24)

H. Informational Items

I. Items Added After Preparation of Agenda:

- 1) Introductions, Announcements and Recognition
- 2) Presentations of Petition(s) for Summary Suspension

- 3) Presentation of Proposed Stipulation(s), Final Decision(s) and Order(s)
- 4) Presentation of Final Decisions
- 5) Disciplinary Matters
- 6) Executive Director Matters
- 7) Education and Examination Matters
- 8) Credentialing Matters
- 9) Class 1 Hearing(s)
- 10) Practice Matters
- 11) Legislation/Administrative Rule Matters
- 12) Liaison Report(s)
- 13) Informational Item(s)
- 14) Speaking Engagement(s), Travel, or Public Relation Request(s)

J. Public Comments

K. Board Member Training

ADJOURNMENT

**GHSS JOINT BOARD
EXAMINING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS,
HYDROLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS**

**TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2011**

PRESENT: Richard Beilfuss, Kenneth Bradbury, Sue Bridson, John Hahn, Brenda Halminiak, Randall Hunt, Ruth G. Johnson, Frederick Madison (*left at 10:06 a.m.*), William Mode, James Robertson, and Patricia Trochlell

STAFF PRESENT: Dan Williams, Bureau Director; Colleen Baird, Legal Counsel; Sharon Henes, Paralegal; Amanda Barbian, Office of Education & Examinations; and Kimberly Wood, Bureau Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

William Mode, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. A quorum of eleven (11) members was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Ruth G. Johnson moved, seconded by Frederick Madison, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2010

MOTION: Frederick Madison moved, seconded by Kenneth Bradbury, to approve the minutes of September 29, 2010 as published. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2011

NOMINATION: Frederick Madison nominated the 2011 slate of officers to continue in 2012. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

William Mode, Chair, called for other nominations three (3) times.

2011 ELECTION RESULTS	
Board Chair	William Mode
Vice Chair	Brenda Halminiak
Secretary	Richard Beilfuss

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Dan Williams reported on the administrative matters outlined below:

- Minute format change: Minutes will reflect action items and will no longer capture discussion.
- The Department's name has changed from the Department of Regulation and Licensing to the Department of Safety and Professional Services effective as of July 1, 2011. The Department is currently undergoing a merger with the Division of Safety and Buildings and the Division of Environmental and Regulatory Services, of the former Department of Commerce.

2012 Meeting Dates

The Board reviewed its 2012 meeting dates and requested that the start time of the GHSS Joint Board meeting be adjusted to 9:00 a.m. as opposed to 8:30 a.m.

STATUS OF STATUTES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Discussion on Establishment of Continuing Education Requirements for Licensed Professional Geologists, Hydrologists and Soil Scientists

The Board discussed its pursuit of requirements for completion of continuing education as a condition of renewal for the professions under the purview of the Board. The Board took action as outlined below.

William Mode appointed Sue Bridson and Ruth G. Johnson, public members, to serve on the GHSS Rules Committee.

MOTION: Randall Hunt moved, seconded by Kenneth Bradbury, to direct the Professional Geologist Section and the Professional Hydrologist Section to work with Department staff to draft rule language in pursuit of implementation of continuing education requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Randall Hunt moved, seconded by John Hahn, to direct the Professional Soil Scientist Section to appoint a professional member to serve on the GHSS Rules Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: John Hahn moved, seconded by Ruth G. Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Board Election 2) Chair Appointments 3) Web site review 4) Paperless Update Brief presentation of how Board Members can sign up for SharePoint access as a part of the paperless initiative, as well as instructions for using DSPS laptops. 5) Staff updates 			
11) Authorization			
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[Secret Question and Answer Tip](#)

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Secret Answer *

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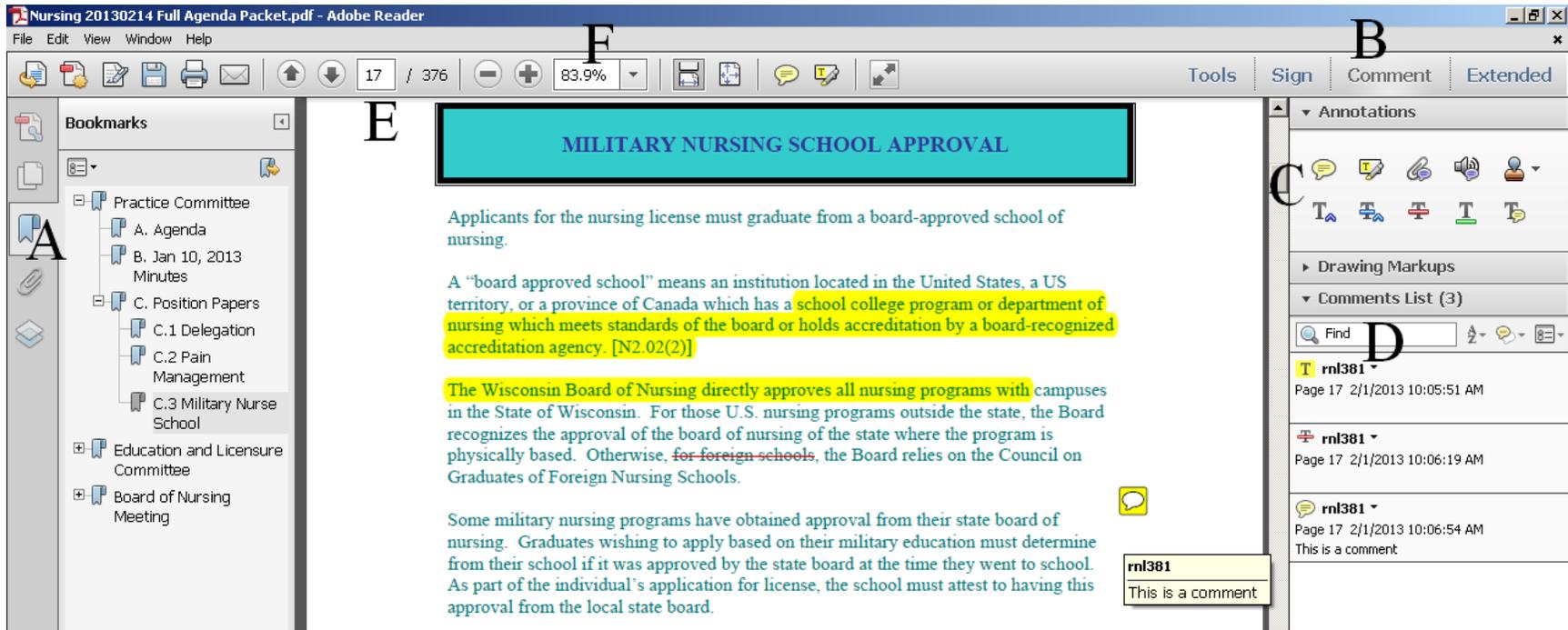
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AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS
WISCONSIN SECTION

September 18, 2012

Dan Williams
Executive Director, Division of Board Services
WI Department of Safety and Professional Services
1400 E. Washington Avenue
Madison, WI 53703

Re: Continuing Education Requirements for Geologist Registration in Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Williams:

On behalf of the Wisconsin Section of the American Institute of Professional Geologists, I would like to request that the GHSS Board (geologists, hydrologists, soil scientists) discuss implementation of a requirement for continuing education for renewal of the registration of Professional Geologists in the State of Wisconsin at their next scheduled board meeting.

In light of the enactment of Wisconsin Act 47, requiring continuing education credits for renewal of registrations for Professional Engineers, AIPG strongly believes that if continuing education requirements are not also implemented for the Professional Geologist registration, this profession will be demoted, and not considered to be of the same professional caliber as Professional Engineers. We believe that continuing education is important to our profession also, to ensure that work involving the protection of public health, safety and welfare is being conducted by a professional that is familiar with current technologies. As with engineers, many of our members work daily with projects involving protection of water supplies, monitoring of air and water quality, and redevelopment of contaminated properties.

We ask that continuing education requirements similar to those implemented for the Professional Engineers be implemented for the Professional Geologist renewal. Many other states, including Minnesota, have required continuing education for Professional Geologists for years. This will put our registration on par with the registration of professional geologists working in these other states.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please call me at (920) 912-7304 or email me at clilek1@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Christina F Lilek

Christine F Lilek – CPG - 10195, Wisconsin PG – 262-13
President, Wisconsin Section, American Institute of Professional Geologists

Cc:

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Education Committee, Dave Voight - dvoight@summite.com

State of Wisconsin
DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING
Scope Statement - Rules of the Examining Board
of Professional Geologists, Hydrologists and
Soil Scientists

September, 2000

Examining Board of Professional Geologists, Hydrologists and Soil Scientists.

Subject

Continuing education requirements.

POLICY ISSUES.

Objective of the Rule.

To authorize the board to create continuing education requirements for licenses as a condition for renewal. The board would create rules upon the advice of each appropriate section, as to whether rules are necessary, the topics for continuing education, and the approval process.

Policy analysis.

The proposed rule would consist of two sections. The first section would identify the continuing education requirements for renewal and consequences for untimely renewal of a license. The second section would identify the process for approval of courses, educational providers and certification of meeting continuing education requirements.

Statutory authority.

Sections 15.08 (5) (b), 15.405 (2m), 227.11 (2) and 470.03 (2), Stats.

Estimate the amount of state employee time and any other resources will be necessary to develop the rule.

100 hours.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER # 61

Relating to Job Creation and Small Business Expansion

WHEREAS, creating jobs and growing our state's economy is dependent on a vibrant small business sector; and

WHEREAS, small businesses have generated 64% of net new jobs over the past fifteen years and employ over half of all private sector employees; and

WHEREAS, according to recent U.S. Census data, 86% of Wisconsin business employ fewer than 20 workers, and 74% have ten workers or less; and

WHEREAS, small businesses spend 80% more per worker than large employers to comply with government regulations and, according to a recent National Federation of Independent Business survey of Wisconsin employers, 91% said it was impossible to know about, comply with, and understand all of government's regulations; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration, complying with government regulations costs small businesses \$10,585 per worker, which discourages investment and hiring by small businesses; and

WHEREAS, government regulations are regularly cited as one of the top three concerns for small business growth, according to NFIB's Small Business Optimism Index; and

WHEREAS, 2011 Wisconsin Act 46 strengthened Wisconsin's Small Business Regulatory Review Board (Board) empowering small business owners and giving them the ability to judge the economic impact of government regulation; and

WHEREAS, 2011 Wisconsin Act 46 requires state agencies to submit any rule with an economic impact to the Board for review and allows the Board to suggest changes to the agency that will improve compliance and reduce the rule's burden on small businesses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.30, the Board has the authority to review rules and guidelines of any agency to determine whether any of those rules or guidelines place an unnecessary burden on the ability of small businesses to conduct their affairs; and

WHEREAS, state agencies and the Board should not only be reviewing new rules but collaborating to reform existing rules that hinder job creation and small business expansion and that this effort would help further the state's goal of creating 250,000 jobs by 2015.

NOW THEREFORE, I, SCOTT WALKER, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, specifically Wis. Stat. § 227.10(2m), do hereby:

1. Require all state agencies to review 2011 Wisconsin Act 46 to ensure they are in compliance, ready to assist small business owners, and properly submitting any proposed rules with an economic impact to the Board;
2. Require all state agencies to cooperate with the Board to identify existing rules hindering job creation and small business growth;

3. Require all state agencies to work with the Board to recommend changes to these rules that will both reduce their burden on job creators while continuing to comply with the intent of the statutes that created them;
4. Require all state agencies to work with the Board to identify strategies that will increase compliance with existing rules;
5. Request that the Board engage small business owners and their representative organizations to gather input on any rules hindering job growth;
6. Request that the Board provide a report and analysis of these rules, in a manner similar to Wis. Stat. § 227.30(1), to the Governor's Office of Regulatory Compliance and the agency with the authority to amend the rules, which details the rules they have identified for modification.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done in the City of Eau Claire this twenty-second day of February, in the year two thousand twelve.


SCOTT WALKER
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

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10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed: A Professional Geologist/Senior Hydrogeologist Has Submitted the Following Concern: Recent development on WDNR Case Closures The WDNR recently added a requirement to the NR 700 Case Closure process that undermines the Professional Geologist licensure law in Wisconsin. The process has added language that any closure that involves groundwater contamination “must be prepared by, or under the supervision of “a professional engineer and (original emphasis) hydrogeologist, as defined by NR 712, Wis. Adm. Code.” With a requirement for a Professional Engineer, but no mention of a Professional Geologist, I feel this measure merits a letter of protest from the Board of Professional Geologists. I have worked as a hydrogeologist for 25 years with 20 years as a registered Professional Geologist. I have never seen such a measure taken by an agency and I am shocked to see this happen in Wisconsin. I have already sent a comment on this to the WDNR. I would appreciate a response from the Board. Thank you for representing the interests of Professional Geologists.			
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10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed: In 2013 the Joint Board will review the Position Statements currently on the DSPS website to determine whether they should remain, be revised, or pulled entirely. These statements were transferred over from the old website in November-2012.			
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Positions Statements Related to Firms Engaged in the Practice of Geology, Hydrology and Soil Science

Issued by the Joint Board of Professional Geologists,
Hydrologists and Soil Scientists

ARE THERE REGULATIONS CONCERNING FIRMS, PARTNERSHIPS OR CORPORATIONS THAT PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGY, HYDROLOGY OR SOIL SCIENCE?

Yes, Wis. Stat. 470.045 outlines the regulations regarding firms, partnerships and corporations. All employees of the firm, partnership or corporation that are offering services in professional geology, hydrology and soil science must be licensed by the Wisconsin Examining Board of Professional Geologists, Hydrologists, and Soil Scientists. Also, the firm, partnership, or corporation must have been issued a *certificate of authorization*. Applicants for certification of authorization must fill out form #2404 and submit to the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

CAN A FIRM, PARTNERSHIP, OR CORPORATION BE REPRIMANDED FOR THE ACTIONS OF ITS EMPLOYEES?

Yes. Per Wis. Stat. 470.045(4), the firm, partnership, or corporation is responsible for the conduct of its employees. Disciplinary

Positions Statements Related to Hydrology Issued by the Joint Board of Professional Geologists, Hydrologists and Soil Scientists

WHAT IS "HYDROLOGY"?

As defined in Wis. Stat. 470.01(1r), hydrology is a science that involves the study of the waters of the earth, including the study of the occurrence, circulation, distribution, chemistry or quality of water or its role as a natural agent that causes changes in the earth, and the investigation and collection of data concerning waters in the atmosphere or on the surface or in the interior of the earth, including data regarding the interaction of water with other gases, solids or fluids.

WHAT IS THE "PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL HYDROLOGY"?

Wis. Stat. 470.01(3) defines the practice of hydrology as the performance of or offer to perform any hydrologic service or work in which the public welfare or the safeguarding of life, health, environment or property is concerned or involved. "Practice of professional hydrology" includes the collection of hydrological data, consultation, investigation, evaluation, interpretation, planning or inspection relating to a service or work that applies hydrology.

IS A LICENSE REQUIRED TO WORK AS A PROFESSIONAL HYDROLOGIST?

Yes. No person may engage or offer to engage in the practice of professional hydrology, designate himself or herself as a professional hydrologist, use or assume the title "professional hydrologist" or any other title, letters or designation which represents or may tend to represent the person as a professional hydrologist unless the person is licensed by the professional hydrologist section of the examining board of professional geologists, hydrologists and soil scientists. Wis. Stat. 470.02(2).

ARE THERE EXCEPTIONS TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE NEED FOR LICENSURE?

Yes, exceptions are listed in Wis. Stat. 470.025.

IS THERE A CODE OF ETHICS FOR MY PROFESSION?

Yes, GHSS 5, WI Admin Code provides the rules of conduct of the profession. Violating the rules of this Chapter may result in disciplinary action taken against a licensee.

**Positions Statements Related to Geology
Issued by the Joint Board of Professional Geologists,
Hydrologists and Soil Scientists**

WHAT IS "GEOLOGY"?

As defined in Wis. Stat. 470.01 (1g), geology is a science that involves the study of the earth and the earth's origin, composition, structure and physical history, including the study of the natural agents, forces and processes that cause changes in the earth and the investigation and collection of data concerning the crust and the interior of the earth and the surface and underground gases, solids and fluids that make up the earth.

WHAT IS THE "PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGY"?

As defined in Wis. Stat. 470.01 (2), the practice of geology includes the performance of or offer to perform any geologic service or work in which the public welfare or the safeguarding of life, health, environment or property is concerned or involved. "Practice of professional geology" includes the collection of geological data, consultation, investigation, evaluation, interpretation, planning or inspection relating to a service or work that applies geology

IS A LICENSE REQUIRED TO WORK AS A PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST?

Yes. No person may engage or offer to engage in the practice of professional geology, designate himself or herself as a professional geologist, use or assume the title "professional geologist" or any other title, letters or designation which represents or may tend to represent the person as a professional geologist unless the person is licensed by the professional geologist section of the examining board of professional geologists, hydrologists and soil scientists. Wis. Stat. 470.02(1).

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**Positions Statements Related to Soil Science
Issued by the Joint Board of Professional Geologists,
Hydrologists and Soil Scientists**

WHAT IS "SOIL SCIENCE"?

As defined in Wis. Stat. 470.01(9), soil science is a science that involves the study of soils between the surface of the earth and bedrock, including the study of natural or human processes or forces that occur in soils, and the investigation and collection of data concerning soils, including data regarding the interaction of soils with other gases, solids or fluids or living organisms.

WHAT IS THE "PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENCE"?

Wis. Stat. 470.01(4) defines the practice of soil science to include the performance of or offer to perform any service or work related to soil science in which the public welfare or the safeguarding of life, health, environment or property is concerned or involved. "Practice of professional soil science" includes the collection of soil data, consultation, investigation, evaluation, interpretation, planning or inspection relating to a service or work that applies soil science.

IS A LICENSE REQUIRED TO WORK AS A PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTIST?

Yes. No person may engage or offer to engage in the practice of professional soil science, designate himself or herself as a professional soil scientist, use or assume the title "professional soil scientist" or any other title, letters or designation which represents or may tend to represent the person as a professional soil scientist unless the person is licensed by the professional soil scientist section of the examining board of professional geologists, hydrologists and soil scientists. Wis. Stat. 470.02(3).

ARE THERE EXCEPTIONS TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE NEED FOR LICENSURE?

Yes, exceptions are listed in Wis. Stat. 470.025

IS THERE A CODE OF ETHICS FOR MY PROFESSION?

Yes, GHSS 5, WI Admin Code provides the rules of conduct of the profession.