

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION
FOR FORESTERS
CONFERENCE CALL
February 11, 2009**

The Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters met via conference call on Wednesday, February 11, 2009, at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, for the purpose of conducting Board business.

The following Board members were present:

John Britt, Board Chairperson
W. Dale Greene, Board Vice Chairperson
Anna Thomaston
Glen Warnock

Others present:

Randall Vaughn, Division Director
Tanja Battle, Executive Director
Craig Fluck, Examination Analyst
Brandi Howell, Board Support Specialist
Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General

At 9:35 a.m., Chairperson Britt established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Britt called for any changes/revisions to the October 22, 2008 minutes. Ms. Jackson stated that the word “elect” in the 3rd paragraph on page 2 needs to be changed to “appoint”. Chairperson Britt wanted to add the sentence “one board member requested that staff continue mailing the packet to him” to page 4.

A motion was made by Glen Warnock, seconded by Anna Thomaston, and the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as presented with the two changes noted.

Executive Director’s Report

Shared Website: Ms. Battle stated that there is a shared website being tested by another board. Meeting materials and information would be posted to the website. Board members will log on to the website in order to view the information. She hopes the Board will be able to use the website by the next board meeting in May.

Rule 220-2-.08(2): Currently applications are being scanned in along with the envelopes. Board Rule 220-2-.08(2) states that applications for the examination must be received in the Board office or bear a United States Postal Service postmark of at least 40 days prior to the date of the examination. The board office would like to move away from keeping the envelopes as this would help with the efficiency of scanning mail. There was discussion about whether or not there would be alternate ways the receipt of applications could be discerned. Ms. Battle explained that

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there would be. Ms. Battle asked the Board members if there were any concerns. There were none. Ms. Battle stated that she will amend this rule and present it to the Board at the next scheduled meeting.

Mr. Greene stated the time for complaints to be investigated is still slow and is taking too long. Ms. Battle stated that this concern has been noted by the Division Director who had just joined in on the meeting.

Outsourcing Exams: Division Director Randall Vaughn discussed the examination process with the Board. The Board expressed their concerns with outsourcing the exam. Mr. Vaughn stated that he will need direction from the Board by early March. Mr. Fluck will send the SAF Exam Content, which contains domains and tasks, to the Board members for their review. The Board will discuss this matter further at a conference call scheduled for February 26, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Dale Greene, seconded by Glen Warnock, and the Board members present: Britt, Greene, Thomaston and Warnock, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session, in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to act on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Open Session was declared by Chairperson Britt.

Vote on Discussions from Executive Session

A motion was made by Glen Warnock, seconded by Dale Greene, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendations made during Executive Session.

The recommendations made during Executive Session are as follows:

The following applicants were **approved** for Licensure by Examination:

RF002850	John Andrew Sunday
RF002852	Joshua Adam Burnette
RF002853	Joshua Reid Sherrill
RF002854	Adam Corey Burgess
RF002855	Jason David Attebery
RF002856	Kevin Cornell Brazell
RF002857	Joshua Timothy Thomas

The following applicant was **approved** for Licensure by Reciprocity:

RF002851	James L. Bell
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The following applicants were **approved** for Reinstatement of Licensure:

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RF001570 Gary Avard Cochran
RF002514 John Brent Harrelson
RF002695 L. Alexander McCall

The following applicant was **disapproved** for Reinstatement of Licensure:

Applicant #1174124

The following applicants were **approved** to take the Examination:

Applicant #1174352
Applicant #1174394
Applicant #1174568
Applicant #1177413
Applicant #1177732

The following applicants were **disapproved** to take the Examination:

Applicant #1172460

The Board voted to refer the following case to the Attorney's Office for revocation:

Complaint #FOR080009

Committee/Subcommittee Reports

There were no committee/subcommittee reports to discuss at this time.

Other Business

Ms. Jackson mentioned that at the last board meeting discussion was held on a proposed revision regarding Continuing Education. She and Ms. Battle will format these and have them ready for the conference call scheduled for the 26th of February.

Ms. Jackson stated that she is not aware of any pending legislation that would impact the board. She asked if anyone else had been notified of anything. Ms. Battle responded by stating that the Director of Legislative Affairs is tracking all SOS-related legislation and will notify our office if there is any pending legislation that impacted the Board.

With no other business for the Board to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Brandi Howell, Board Support Specialist

Minutes Edited/Reviewed by:

Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director