

Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters

Board Meeting

February 8, 2012

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters was held on February 8, 2012 at the Professional Licensing Boards office in Macon, GA. Vice Chairman Leonard L. Kinsley called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

A quorum was established with members present being: Vice Chairman Leonard L. Kinsley, John Mixon, W. Dale Greene participating in Macon, and Anna “Miki” Thomaston and John Britt participating via teleconference.

Others present were as follows: Steve Lindsey, Executive Director; Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General via video conference and Kathy Osier, Board Support Specialist.

Executive Session:

Dale Greene moved to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on applications, complaints, and investigations, as authorized by O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2 (k) and 43-1-19 (h). John Mixon seconded the motion. The motion was carried by Leonard L. Kinsley, Vice Chairman; John Mixon, W. Dale Greene, Anna “Miki” Thomaston and John Britt. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on the matters discussed and to continue with the public session.

Approval of Minutes:

Dale Greene moved, John Britt seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2011 meeting with one correction.

Applications:

The Board reviewed the Registered Foresters licensed since the last Board meeting. A motion was made by John Britt, seconded by Miki Thomaston, and the Board voted to ratify approval of the following applicants to take the Forester Registration examination:

Name
Croft, Bryan Keith
Skinner, Robert Brown
Means, Jeremy M.
Rawls, Benjamin Joseph

A motion was made by Dale Greene, seconded by John Mixon, and the Board voted to ratify the following licenses issued administratively:

License#	Name	Issue Date	Obtained by Method
RF002906	Evans, Dustin Eric	01/09/2012	Examination
RF002905	Battle, Andrew Wayne	01/09/2012	Examination

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RF002908	Tracy, Thomas Wesley	01/26/2012	Examination
RF002909	Wachtel, Tyler Jay	02/09/2012	Examination
RF002907	Hoyer, Eric H	01/09/2012	Reciprocity

In the same motion, the Board ratified the reinstatement of licensure for the following:

License#	Name	Issue Date
RF002239	Davis, Richard Wise	10/24/1994
RF000485	Farr, Lanny Evers	08/16/1960
RF001721	Carter, Steve Wesley	09/23/1985
RF001684	Brewer, Johnny Carl	08/22/1984
RF001416	Simpson, Montgomery C.	11/30/1979
RF002072	Foster, Alton III	02/19/1991
RF002437	Settles, Glenn Arnold	03/18/1998
RF001128	Morris, Donald James	02/27/1976
RF001323	McKinney, Frank David	08/17/1978

In the same motion, the Board denied approval for reinstatement of licensure on the following applicant, due to the denial of the applicant's request for waiver of continued education requirements:

- 1272789 Thomas, Paul Everett

In the same motion, the Board denied approval for reinstatement of licensure on the following applicant, due to the applicant not providing additional information as requested by the Board:

- 1261637 Ozier, Clint Eric

In the same motion, the Board voted to refer the following case to the Attorney General's office for issuance of a consent order to be accepted upon receipt of the signed order:

- 1748667 M E S

The consent order provides for reinstatement of licensure, a public reprimand, 48 months probation and a \$7,500.00 fine to be paid by 4/15/12.

A motion was made by John Britt, seconded by Miki Thomaston, and the Board voted to approve a renewal of licensure for the following:

RF002348	Lord, Donald Craig	10/18/1996
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In the same motion, the Board voted to refer the following case to the Attorney General's office for issuance of a consent order to be accepted upon receipt of the signed order:

- R L K

The consent order provides for renewal and a public reprimand.

Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General, reported that there was no new matters to report to the Board at this time.

A motion was made by John Mixon, seconded by Dale Greene, and the Board voted to accept documents submitted in compliance with a continuing education audit by the following:

- RF001514 Payne, Nina Marie Dowling
- RF001813 Tomberlin, Thomas Larry

In the same motion, the Board denied approval of documents submitted in reply to a continuing education audit by the following:

- D W H

A motion was made by John Britt, seconded by Dale Greene, and the Board voted to approve a request to waive continuing education requirements for licensure renewal made by the following:

- RF000539 McDonald, James A.

Other Business:

Leonard Kinsley led discussion regarding a letter that the Board received from James Johnson, Chief of Forest Management, of the Georgia Forestry Commission. In the letter Mr. Johnson asks the Board for consideration for the Georgia Forestry Commission Foresters to pay at a reduced rate or to have the fees waived for the examination or renewal fees. Mr. Johnson further stated that it is not a requirement for employees to be a registered forester in order to work at the Georgia Forestry Commission. After much discussion, the Board unanimously decided that they could not grant the request for a reduced rate or to waive the exam or renewal fees, as it is a matter of personal preference to decide whether or not to become a registered forester.

John Britt reported that the ASBORF annual meeting is scheduled for June 21 – 22, 2012 in Georgetown, South Carolina. Mr. Britt shared that he has attended this annual meeting for the last three years and he has requested that another Board Member attend this year's meeting in his place.

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The Board received a letter from Chairman James Frederick Allen rendering his resignation as Chairman of the Forestry Board effective December 21, 2011.

New Officers were elected. Officers are as follows:

- Leonard L. Kinsley of Perry, GA – Chairman
- John Mixon of Zebulon, GA – Vice Chairman
- Leonard L. Kinsley of Perry, GA – Cognizant Member

The next meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters will be held May 9, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. at the Professional Licensing Boards office in Macon, GA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.