

Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters

Board Meeting

November 9, 2011

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters was held on November 9, 2011 at the Professional Licensing Boards office in Macon, GA. Chairman Fred Allen called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

A quorum was established with members present being: Chairman James Frederick Allen; Leonard L. Kinsley, Vice Chair; W. Dale Greene, John Mixon, John Britt via teleconference and Anna "Miki" Thomaston via teleconference.

Others present were as follows: Steve Lindsey, Executive Director; Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General via video conference and Melanie Brown, 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). Miki Thomaston seconded the motion. The motion was carried by James Frederick Allen, Chairman; Leonard L. Kinsley, Vice Chair; W. Dale Greene, John Mixon, John Britt and Anna "Miki" Thomaston. 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, Leonard Kinsley seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2011 meeting with one correction.

Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Lindsey updated board members on the Professional Licensing Boards Office initiative, designed to take steps in allowing board meetings to become more accessible to the public through web streaming. Equipment is currently in place to have some board meetings video recorded and digitally made available via the Secretary of State website: www.sos.ga.gov/plb. This will also allow board members from the Atlanta area to attend meetings via video conference from the Secretary of State's Atlanta office located in the Twin Towers building, instead of driving to the Macon office.

Other Business:

John Britt led discussion surrounding the notification of registrants for licensure renewal. Currently the policy of the Professional Licensing Boards Office is to notify every registrant with respect to open renewal periods via e-mail, for all license holders with an e-mail address on file with the board office. In instances where an e-mail address is not available, the office mails a reminder postcard via the United States Postal Service.

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Mr. Britt's position is that the electronic notification process is a mistake which leaves room for error with respect to registrants completing a timely renewal and has requested that the board staff relay his feedback to the Division Director. Mr. Mixon agreed and strongly feels that written notifications should be made concerning a renewal of licensure.

Dale Greene questioned whether newsletters or professional publications were still being generated by the board staff. Mr. Greene advocated that such publications and professional organizations are important tools that can also be used to update licensees regarding renewals and other matters relating to licensure.

Chairman Allen informed members present of an upcoming meeting of the licensing board chairs with Secretary of State Brian Kemp to discuss House Bill 87.

The Board approved the following board meeting dates for the 2012 calendar year:

- Wednesday, February 8, 2012
- Wednesday, May 9, 2012
- Wednesday, August 8, 2012
- Wednesday, October 31, 2012

Applications:

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

Name
Hutcheson, Jason Anthony
James, David Daniel

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

License#	Name	Issue Date	Obtained by Method
RF002883	Vickers, Kraig Hubert	12/01/2010	Examination

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RF002898	Cass, Randy Dale	08/26/2011	Examination
RF002901	Holman, III, John Lindsay	10/18/2011	Examination
RF002902	Chupp, Jay Christopher	10/19/2011	Examination
RF002903	Sealy, Alan Benjamin	10/19/2011	Examination
RF002904	Hirko, Andrew Ronald	10/28/2011	Examination
RF002899	Johns, Daniel Shoff	8/31/2011	Reciprocity
RF002900	Ploetz, Robert Joseph	10/04/2011	Reciprocity

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

License#	Name	Issue Date
RF002849	Phillips, Brad Mitchell	10/22/2008
RF001806	Hicks, Edward Boykin	09/16/1987
RF001396	Cox, Charles Willis	08/14/1979

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

Scarborough, III, Joseph, Johnson

A motion was made by Dale Greene, seconded by John Britt, and the Board voted to uphold their original decision to deny the following application for licensure due to failure to meet the one year supervision requirement detailed in Board Rule 220-2-.04:

- 1100586 J T C

A motion was made by Dale Greene, seconded by John Britt, and the Board voted to table the following application for licensure pending receipt of confirmation of the required experience:

- 1230381 O P P

Dale Greene moved, John Britt seconded, and the Board voted to accept the report of pending cases presented by the Attorney General.

