

MINUTES

South Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters
Board Meeting
10:00 A.M., July 8, 2004
Synergy Business Park
Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

Hugh Ryan, Chairman, of Wedgefield, called the regular meeting of the S.C. Board of Registration for Foresters to order at 10:05 a.m. Other members present for the meeting included: Fred Gantt, Secretary, of Columbia; Raymond Boozer, of Gilbert; Allen Dunn, PhD, of Central; Patricia Straka, of Westminster; and Virgil Wall, Jr., of Greenwood.

Marietta Singleton, Vice-Chairman, of Hemingway, was granted an excused absence.

Staff members participating at various times during the meeting included: Sharon Dantzer, Deputy General Counsel, LLR-Office of General Counsel; Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; Lenora Miles, Administrator; and Barry Moreland, Administrative Assistant.

A member of the public attending the meeting was Erik Flemming.

Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Ryan announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Board of Registration for Foresters office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

Mr. Ryan delivered the invocation.

Approval of the April 20, 2004 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Dr. Dunn moved the minutes of the April 20, 2004 meeting be approved as presented. Mr. Wall seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks - Hugh Ryan

Mr. Ryan had no remarks at this time.

Administrator's Remarks - Lenora Miles

Ms. Miles had no remarks at this time.

Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

There was no legislative update given during the July 8, 2004 meeting.

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel

There were no advisory opinions given during the July 8, 2004 meeting.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to be discussed during this meeting.

New Business

1. Approval of Reinstatement Application

a. Mathew Cloy Nespeca

Mr. Nespeca has applied for reinstatement of his forester's license. He has submitted the appropriate fees and continuing education.

MOTION

Mr. Gantt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dunn and unanimously carried, that the Board approve Mr. Nespeca's reinstatement application.

2. Approval of CE Exemption

a. Hugh T. Hambrick

Ms. Miles stated Mr. Hambrick submitted a continuing education exemption notice. She further stated staff returned the form to Mr. Hambrick informing him that records do not reflect that he could be exempt from continuing education. She went on to say that she spoke with Mr. Hambrick who indicated he began practicing forestry in 1959 and is qualified based on experience.

Mr. Ryan stated he would be exempt if he began practicing forestry prior to June 30, 1961. He asked that the Board obtain a ruling from Ms. Dantzler prior to making a decision on this matter.

Ms. Dantzler stated the question is whether or not he has experience as a registered forester. She further stated the date of initial registration is a date certain and can be applied by staff. She went on to say experience as a forester determines whether or not it was the practice of forestry. She suggested that the Board peg it to the initial licensure date in whatever state the individual was first licensed.

Mr. Ryan recused himself from participating in this matter.

Ms. Dantzler called for a motion in this matter

MOTION

Mr. Boozer moved the Board grant the exemption to Hugh Hambrick. Mr. Wall seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Ms. Straka suggested that the Board's website include a statement stating, "If you have thirty years of forestry experience prior to July 1, 1991, you are exempt from continuing forestry education. Proper documentation regarding forestry experience must accompany the renewal form."

3. Approval of Reciprocity Agreement

a. North Carolina

Ms. Miles stated Ms. Dantzler sent her an e-mail regarding the reciprocity with North Carolina, which she read into the record. The e-mail states that South Carolina does not need to enter a reciprocity agreement to recognize North Carolina licensees who were licensed under requirements commensurate with South Carolina. However, there is no harm in entering the agreement if the agreement is advantageous to the State and the Board feels that the North Carolina licensees accepted under the agreement were licensed under requirements commensurate with South Carolina. She suggested the Board make a correction to 1(A)2 by allowing the Board administrator, instead of the chairman, to be in charge of the licensee records.

Ms. Straka stated the board would need to be vigilant in reviewing the applications to see where the individual took the exam.

MOTION

Dr. Dunn moved the Board approve the agreement with Ms. Dantzler's recommended change to 1A(2). The motion was seconded by Mr. Boozer and unanimously carried.

Paul Klapthor

Mr. Ryan stated Mr. Klapthor is asking for a waiver of his continuing education. He went on to say Mr. Klapthor has been diagnosed with cancer and has been undergoing chemotherapy for the past six months.

MOTION

Mr. Ryan moved the Board grant the waiver of continuing education. Mr. Wall seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Continuing Education - Erik Flemming, Continuing Education Coordinator (Clemson Cooperative Extension)

MOTION

Mr. Wall moved the Board enter executive session. Dr. Dunn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION

Mr. Gantt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dunn and unanimously carried, that the Board return to public session.

Mr. Ryan noted for the record that no motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Discussion Items

Ms. Straka stated she spoke to the SAF during a recent meeting regarding the Board's activities and briefly discussed the draft legislation. She further stated that the draft legislation is included on SAF's website.

Ms. Straka stated the ASBORF meeting was held in Tifton, Georgia on May 9-10, 2004. Mississippi was the only state not represented. She noted that several questions were asked when she informed the association that South Carolina would accept the SAF exam. She went on to say that discussion of the SAF exam took up a good portion of the meeting. She indicated that Arkansas is hosting the ASBORF meeting in 2005 and that South Carolina would be hosting the ASBORF meeting in 2006.

Public Comments

There were no public comments made during the July 8, 2004 meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business at this time, Dr. Dunn moved the Board of Foresters meeting be adjourned. Mr. Wall seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.