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SC Board of Registration for Foresters Board Meeting
November 9, 2017 at 10 a.m.
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 204
Columbia, South Carolina

Meeting Called to Order

Robert Drummond, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included: Blair Frazier Baldwin., of Lancaster; J. Christian Hendricks, of Columbia; William Moody, of Lexington; William D. Sligh, Jr., of Hartsville; and Michael Mills, of Newberry.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Molly Price, Administrator; Sherri Moorer, Program Assistant; and Samuel Wellborn, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel.

Others present included: Sonia Wallace, Creel Court Reporting.

Statement of Public Notice

Mr. Drummond stated public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC 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 attending recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

The invocation was given by Mr. Baldwin.

Approval of Excused Absences

MOTION: To excuse Charles Maley from the meeting.
Baldwin/Hendricks/approved.

Approval of the August 3, 2017, Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the August 3, 2017, meeting minutes.
Hendricks/Sligh/approved.

Chairman's Remarks – Robert Drummond

There were no chairman remarks.

Staff Reports

- a. Administrative and Financial Report – Molly Price

Mrs. Price said the Board has 686 licensed foresters. 35 foresters lapsed after the final renewal deadline on September 30, 2017. As of September 30, 2017, the Board had a cash balance of \$-80,424.89. State exam results and a list of applicants approved for licensure since August 3, 2017, were included in the meeting handouts. The state exam has been taken 28 times since being implemented in January 2016, with an average score of 79. She would like to do an exam analysis when they have 50 or more candidates take the exam. Mrs. Price said there has been a lot of negative feedback from applicants regarding communication problems with SAF. She would like to table this for discussion at the February 1, 2018, Board meeting.

- b. Advisory Opinions – There were no Advisory Opinions.
- c. Legislative Updates – The fees are scheduled to move to Chapter 10 during the 2018 legislative session.
- d. ODC Report – There was no report from the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.
- e. OIE Report – There was no report from the Office of Investigations and Enforcement.
- f. IRC Report – There was no Investigative Review Committee report.

New Business

- a. 2017 ASBORF Meeting Report – Molly Price

Mr. Drummond and Mrs. Price attended the ASBORF meeting in Bentonville, Arkansas, on August 17-18, 2017. A key issue discussed was recruitment and retention. This is a salary issue in many states; however, in South Carolina there is misunderstanding of the licensure requirement due to lack of communication between Clemson University and the Board. Mrs. Price would like to focus on relationships between Clemson University and the Board at the next meeting. Texas is also interested in licensure for foresters, and sent three attendees to the meeting. South Carolina is hosting the 2018 ASBORF meeting. Mrs. Price proposed having it at Clemson University or Jocassee Gorges. Planning will begin when Mrs. Buttler returns from maternity leave, and will be discussed at the next two Board meetings. The target date is in the first two weeks of August 2018.

- b. CFE Audit Review – The Board reviewed CFE audit documentation as follows:

MOTION: To approve audit documentation for Philip Arnold, Robert Dawsey, James Douglas, Robert Franklin, Locke Frazier, Charles Harrell, and Craig Hill.
Baldwin/Sligh/approved.

MOTION: To approve audit documentation for Van Hoffman, Richard Howard, Joshua Jones, Harold Kendrick, Edward Lee, William Lock, and John Moore.
Moody/Baldwin/approved.

MOTION: To approve audit documentation for Harry Morrison, Jeffrey Riggin, Glenn Settles, Bartow Shaw, Charles Sibley, Eric Smith, and Steven Smith.
Sligh/Baldwin/approved.

MOTION: To amend the previous motion regarding Harry Morrison to approve audit documentation pending receipt of documentation of missing hours.
Sligh/Baldwin/approved.

MOTION: To approve audit documentation for Roger Stallard, David Stines, Thomas Straka, John Stuart, Brian West, and Justin Woodard.
Hendricks/Mills/approved.

MOTION: To deny audit documentation for Lin Houck and Dennis Matherly.
Sligh/Baldwin/approved.

MOTION: To grant Donald Page a one-time waiver exemption.
Hendrix/Moody/approved.

Mr. Drummond said he and Mrs. Price discussed the difficulty in getting licensees to comply with CFE audits. He asked Mrs. Price to please schedule Dillion Sitterle to talk to the Board about 100% audits through a third party vendor at the February 1, 2018, Board meeting. Mrs. Price said tracking continuing education could also be a topic at the 2018 ASBORF meeting.

Discussion Topic

There were no discussion topics.

Executive Session

No executive session needed.

Return to Public Session

No return to public session needed.

Public Comments

There were no public comments made during this meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2018.

Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn.
Baldwin/Hendricks/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.