

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters**  
**Conference Call Meeting**  
**10:00 A.M., April 9, 2009**  
**Synergy Business Park**  
**Kingstree Building**  
**110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 204**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**

**Meeting Called to Order**

Virgil Wall, chairman, of Greenwood, called the conference call meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Foresters to order at 10:07 a.m. Other Board members in attendance included: Amy L. McFadden, vice chairman, of Georgetown; George Chastain, Secretary, of Georgetown; Allen Dunn, PhD., of Central; Fred Gantt, of Columbia; and Patricia Straka, of Pendleton.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Lenora Miles, Administrator and Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Wall 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.

**Invocation**

Mr. Wall delivered the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Excused Absences**

Olin Lominick, of Pomaria, was granted an excused absence.

**Approval of the January 15, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

Mrs. McFadden noted a correction on page two regarding the motion on Mr. Harrelson. She stated there was no second and no vote recorded on the motion.

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion the minutes be approved as corrected. Mrs. McFadden seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Chairman's Remarks – Virgil Wall**

Mr. Wall made no remarks at this time.

**Administrator's Remarks – Lenora Miles**

A. *Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office*

B. *Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel*

No legislative update or advisory opinions were given during this meeting.

Mrs. Miles stated she sent the members an email reminding them to file the Statement of Economic Interest Forms with the State Ethics Commission.

Mrs. Miles asked the members if they received the email regarding the proposed legislation pertaining to forestry in general. The members replied affirmatively, with the exception of Mr. Gantt, who asked that the document be mailed to him.

*C. Proposed Guidelines Regarding Consent Agreements and Final Orders*

Mrs. Miles briefed the Board members regarding the proposed guidelines regarding consent agreements and final orders. The proposed guidelines suggest that administrative violations remain on the Board's website for approximately three years and then removed, whereas final orders and consent agreements regarding violations of the practice act remain on the Board's webpage indefinitely.

**Old Business**

There was no old business for discussion.

**New Business**

A. Office of Licensure and Compliance Contact List

Mrs. Miles stated the Board members were mailed a contact list for the Office of Licensure and Compliance and she briefed the members on the different areas within that section.

B. Approval of Licensure via Examination

i. Gretchen L. Spaulding

On November 10, 2008 the Board received a licensure application from Gretchen L. Spaulding. Ms. Spaulding received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in May 2006 and passed the certified forester exam in February 2009. Staff received an additional reference from Dena Jacobs after member packets were mailed. Ms. Jacobs gave Ms. Spaulding a favorable reference.

Mrs. Straka expressed concern regarding Ms. Spaulding's college courses in forestry.

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board approve Ms. Spaulding for registration. Mr. Gantt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

C. Approval of Licensure via Reciprocity

i. Brad Mitchell Phillips

On November 17, 2008 the Board received a reciprocity licensure application from Brad Mitchell Phillips. Mr. Phillips received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry from the University of Georgia in May 2006. He became registered in Georgia in 2008 by state examination his file is complete.

**MOTION**

Dr. Dunn made a motion the Board approve Mr. Phillips' application. Mrs. Straka seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mrs. Straka stated the SAF would be holding a one day meeting in Columbia on May 28, 2009. She believes the Board should have a peer review committee to review questions for the state exam and suggested meeting on May 27, 2009. She suggested the meeting be held at the Forestry Association or the State Forestry Commission.

Mrs. Miles stated the questions could be added online without charge. She went on to say when the applicant has been approved to take the exam the agency's database system would assign the applicant a user ID and password which would be mailed to the applicant and allow the individual to log on for the examination.

Mrs. Straka stated she has spoken with Mr. Tom Henderson of ACF and Mr. Charles Sibley of SAF in regard to serving on the committee. She also suggested Deidre Hall, Tom Roland, Rob Drummond, Olin Lominick, Amy McFadden, and Tom Straka.

Mrs. McFadden stated the ASBORF meeting is scheduled to be held in Alabama in September 2009; however, Alabama may be unable to host the meeting due to the cost of the hotel. She further stated the hotel initially contacted for the meeting would cost \$150.00 per night. She noted ASBORF has received feedback from some of the state Boards regarding budget restraints.

Mrs. Dickert noted that the approved federal rate for hotels in Mobile, Alabama is \$94.00.

#### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments made during the April 9, 2009 meeting.

#### **Executive Session**

The Board did not enter executive session.

#### **Adjournment**

The April 9, 2009 meeting of the SC Board of Registration of Foresters adjourned at 10:38 a.m.