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July 15, 2021

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the New Hampshire Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC) to renew its membership with the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG), vendor number 171363, Douglasville, Georgia, in the amount of \$4,500.00 for membership in ASBOG from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 effective upon Governor and Council approval. 100% Agency Funds.

Funding is available in the following account:

<b>01-21-21-211010-240400000 DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b><u>FY 2022</u></b>
<b>026 – 500251 ORGANIZATIONAL DUES</b>	<b>\$ 4,500</b>

**EXPLANATION**

OPLC is required to maintain its membership with the National Association of State Boards of Geology in order to obtain access to the National Geologist exam. Passage of this exam is required for licensure in the State of New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted,

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Listed below are answers to questions which may be of assistance for The Governor and Council in considering the approval of organization dues and membership submissions:

1. *How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?* ASBOG has been in existence since 1990. The Board of Professional Geologists has been a member of ASBOG since 2003 and was transferred to the Joint Board on August 20, 2000 which was consolidated into the OPLC July 1, 2015.
2. *Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?* No.
3. *How many other state's belonging to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?* Thirty-two (32) states are members of ASBOG. The OPLC is the only NH state agency that is a member of ASBOG.
4. *How is the dues structure established?* ASBOG charges all states the same standard membership fee.
5. *What benefit does the state receive from participating in membership?* Membership in ASBOG is required in order to obtain access to the National Geologist exam. ASBOG processes applications, qualifies candidates and administers the exam. The Board / Office also receives updated information on the major areas of geology practice. As a member, the Board has a vote in creating and updating model rules regarding the major areas of professional practice within the geology profession, allowing the Board to incorporate national standards into its rules, which provides for portability and reciprocity amongst states and licensees. Membership also provides access into the national disciplinary database to assist in the evaluation of licensure applicants before the Board.
6. *Are training or educational/research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail:* Yes, training materials are included. ASBOG provides the Board with guidelines for establishing continuing education standards to help harmonize the requirements across all jurisdictions. ASBOG also provides training for Board Members and Board Administrators on a variety of topics. Training and all materials are included in the membership.
7. *Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain:* Membership in ASBOG is required in order to obtain access to the National Geologist exam. Passage of this exams is required for licensure in the state of New Hampshire.
8. *Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination if known and purposes of membership supported trips.* Membership includes one trip per year for a Board member or Staff member to attend the annual national meeting, where voting on model rules and national standards takes place.
9. *Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization).* As a member of ASBOG, the Board of Professional Geologists has one vote on all voting matters. Any member of the Board may be designated to vote on behalf of the Board. OPLC staff interfaces with ASBOG regarding examinations, candidates for licensure, research and training.
10. *Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.* If the OPLC does not belong to ASBOG the State will be unable to administer examinations for licensure to Geologists. If the Board does not have access to the national exams, the Board will be unable to carry out the legislatively mandated examinations Geologists are required to pass pursuant to RSA 310-A:125, and 310-A:129.

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INVOICE NO. : 2113

INVOICE DATE : 7/9/2021

PAYMENT DUE : Upon Receipt

STATE CODE NO. : 25 / NH

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Member Board - Annual Membership Dues for CY2022	4,500.00
<p><i>Please make check payable to ASBOG®</i></p>	<p><b>Total Due \$4,500.00</b></p>

Payments not received by December 31, 2021 will be considered delinquent.  
 Membership status will become "Inactive" effective January 1, 2022.