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July 3, 2024

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC) to **retroactively** renew its membership with the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG), vendor code 171363, Douglasville, Georgia, in the amount of \$4,500.00 from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, effective upon Governor and Council approval. 100% Agency Funds.

Funds to support this request are available in the following account:

01-21-21-212010-240400000 Division of Administration	<u>FY 2025</u>
026 – 500251 Organizational Dues	\$4,500.00

EXPLANATION

The Requested Action is retroactive due to OPLC not receiving the invoice until July 3, 2024. The Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, will be continuing its membership with the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG), commencing July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. Our present membership expired June 30, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey B. Courtney
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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 are the dues' structure established?*

ASBOG charges all states the same standard membership fee.

5. *What benefit does the state receive from participating in membership?*

ASBOG is required to obtain access to the National Geologists exam. ASBOG processes applications, qualifies candidates, and administers the exam. OPLC also receives updated information on the major areas of geology practice. As a member, OPLC has a vote in creating and updating model rules regarding the major areas of professional practice within the geology profession, allowing OPLC 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 OPLC 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 exam 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 (1) trip per year for a Board member or Board Administrator to attend the annual national meeting, where voting on model rules and national standards take 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 (1) vote on all voting matters. Any member of the Board may be designated to vote on behalf of the Board. The staff of the OPLC interfaces with ASBOG regarding examinations, candidates for licensure, research and training.

10. *Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the OPLC 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 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 301-A:129.

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INVOICE NO. : 2357

INVOICE DATE : 7/1/2024

PAYMENT DUE : Upon Receipt

STATE CODE NO. : 25 / NH

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Member Board - Annual Membership Dues for CY2025	4,500.00

<i>Please make check payable to ASBOG®</i>	Total Due	\$4,500.00
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Payments not received by December 31, 2024 will be considered delinquent.
Membership status will become "Inactive" effective January 1, 2025.