

IC 25-31.5-3

Chapter 3. Duties and Powers of the Board

IC 25-31.5-3-1

Meetings

Sec. 1. (a) The board shall meet:

(1) at least one (1) time each calendar year; and

(2) at other times when:

(A) the chairperson; or

(B) a quorum of the board;

considers a meeting necessary.

(b) Members of the board must be notified of the date, time, and location of a meeting of the board at least ten (10) days before the meeting.

As added by P.L.244-2001, SEC.1.

IC 25-31.5-3-2

Determination of costs; adjustment of fees

Sec. 2. Each year the board shall:

(1) determine the cost incurred in administering the program for the registration of soil scientists under this article; and

(2) if necessary, adjust the amount of the:

(A) registration fee charged under IC 25-31.5-4-10; and

(B) renewal fee charged under IC 25-31.5-6-3;

to ensure that the program is self-supporting.

As added by P.L.244-2001, SEC.1.

IC 25-31.5-3-3

Determination of qualifications of applicants

Sec. 3. (a) The board shall determine the qualifications of applicants for registration.

(b) The board shall:

(1) require an applicant for registration to submit evidence of the applicant's qualifications; and

(2) judge an applicant on evidence of the applicant's professional competency and integrity under rules adopted by the board.

As added by P.L.244-2001, SEC.1.

IC 25-31.5-3-4

Code of professional conduct

Sec. 4. (a) The board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to establish a code of professional conduct for registered soil scientists.

(b) If the board adopts or amends a code of professional conduct under subsection (a), the board shall mail a copy of the code and any amendments to all individuals listed on the roster published under section 7 of this chapter.

(c) A mailing under this section constitutes service for purposes of this article.

As added by P.L.244-2001, SEC.1.

IC 25-31.5-3-5

Legal adviser; private counsel

Sec. 5. (a) The attorney general shall act as legal adviser to the board and provide any legal assistance necessary to carry out this article.

(b) The board may employ private counsel at the expense of the board.

As added by P.L.244-2001, SEC.1.

IC 25-31.5-3-6

Contracts with state chemist

Sec. 6. (a) The board shall enter into a contract with the state chemist under which:

(1) the state chemist provides:

(A) clerical support;

(B) administrative support for the soil scientist registration fund established in section 9 of this chapter;

(C) record keeping services; and

(D) office space;

to the board; and

(2) the board pays compensation to the state chemist at a rate and at intervals set by the contract.

(b) The contract entered into under this section may include provisions under which the state chemist, in exchange for compensation, fills needs of the board other than those described in subsection (a)(1).

As added by P.L.244-2001, SEC.1.

IC 25-31.5-3-7

Roster of registered soil scientists

Sec. 7. (a) Each year the board shall publish a roster that includes the names, addresses, and places of business of all registered soil scientists.

(b) Copies of the roster published under subsection (a) must be:

(1) made available to each registered soil scientist; and

(2) furnished to members of the public upon request.

As added by P.L.244-2001, SEC.1.

IC 25-31.5-3-8

Adoption of rules

Sec. 8. The board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 that are consistent with this article and reasonably required for the conduct of the board's responsibilities and duties.

As added by P.L.244-2001, SEC.1.

IC 25-31.5-3-9

Soil scientist registration fund

Sec. 9. (a) The soil scientist registration fund is established as a separate fund in the Purdue University treasury to carry out the purposes of this article. The fund is administered by the board.

(b) The sources of money for the fund are the:

(1) registration fees paid under IC 25-31.5-4-10; and

(2) renewal fees paid under IC 25-31.5-6-3.

(c) Expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(d) The state chemist shall collect all money paid under this article and deposit the money in the fund.

(e) If required by the board, the state chemist shall obtain a surety bond conditioned upon the faithful performance of the state chemist's duties for the board in an amount determined by the board. The bond must be issued by a surety company authorized to transact business in Indiana. All costs of the surety bond shall be paid from money in the fund.

(f) The Purdue University treasurer shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public funds may be invested. Interest that accrues from these investments must be deposited in the fund.

(g) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

As added by P.L.244-2001, SEC.1.