

Vision 2020 for APIB

The Alabama Private Investigation Board met this week and reviewed both Board goals accomplished in 2019 and also made a plan for the top three Board goals for 2020. In 2019 The Board accomplished a successful legal compliance audit and sunset review audit conducted by the Examiners of Public Accounts including appearing before a Joint Legislative Committee to review our progress in our brief six year history; located another testing company to provide for license examination development; and implemented a new database that provides for a live on-line roster (where license information is reflected on the APIB web site in real time).

Our Vision for 2020 is:

1. Pass Housekeeping Legislation in the 2020 Legislation Session - this legislation is posted on the Board web site (under the "News" tab) and has previously been sent to licensees via broadcast e-mail. This same bill will be proposed to the Legislature again in the next Legislative Session. This bill cleans up a lot of language in our enabling statute. The top three things it will provide for is a reinstatement/inactive status to help licensees who may not be actively practicing, but may want to return to full licensure later without having to take another examination; provide additional options for disciplining individuals who practice without a license; and clarify Board Member terms.
2. Launch a New Licensure Examination - We hope to provide a better experience for applicants in scheduling the licensure examination by going with a new exam provider service and this will include better exam questions and study material.
3. Provide On-line License Renewals as a Service to Licensees - On-line License Renewal would provide immediate renewal of a license (or immediate notice of CE Audit in some cases) including a receipt and the ability to print your wall certificate right away and be reflected on the online license roster with your new license expiration date immediately.

We understand as a Board we are mandated to protect the public. However, service to licensees is essential for the protection of consumers of private investigation services. In the above listed priorities each of these items has a direct benefit to both the consumer and to our licensees. As a licensee, your opinion is crucial in the continued development of this licensure program. You can simply respond to this e-mail if you wish to provide feedback regarding APIB's Vision for 2020. The voice of our now over 500 licensees is not only important, but coveted by the APIB.