

# December 12, 2000 Minutes

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Indiana Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, December 12, 2000

Members present:

Eric Fry  
Dick Harris  
Hal Roepke  
John Steinmetz

Others Present:

Amanda Wilson

Visitors:

David Nance, IDNR Division of Water  
Mike Nickolaus, IDNR Division of Oil and Gas  
Kevin Strunk, Wabash Resources

The meeting was held in Conference Room 4 of the Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. John Steinmetz called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The agenda distributed by John Steinmetz was amended to add discussion items for the LPG newsletter and the financial status of the LPG program. The amended agenda was accepted unanimously.

The minutes of the July 20, 2000 were distributed for Board member approval. Hal Roepke moved that the minutes be approved. Dick Harris seconded. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

John Steinmetz updated the Board on the status of reciprocity agreements with other states. There was no progress to report.

John Steinmetz updated the Board on the status of the Governor's appointment of a Board member. John Hill has started communications with the office in charge of these appointments.

John Steinmetz asked the Board for feedback on the Summer 2000 issue of the newsletter. Dick Harris commended John Steinmetz and Amanda Wilson on the information compiled in the newsletter and suggested discussion on issues such as reciprocity and ethics for further issues.

Amanda Wilson had compiled for the Board members data from the last three years financial information for the Licensing program. The Board members discussed raising

renewal rates for the next year. Dick Harris requested financial information from ASBOG®. Amanda Wilson notified the Board that ASBOG® would be undergoing an audit in 2002. John Steinmetz suggested that the Board postpone action on rate changes, due to the fact that this had not originally been on the agenda. Hal Roepke moved to add the discussion of rate changes to the agenda for the next Board meeting. Dick Harris seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

Amanda Wilson brought up that although it is not on the agenda, the Board is required by IC 25-17.6 to hold elections for the Board Chairperson and Secretary on an annual basis. The last elections were on December 3, 1999. Dick Harris moves that John Steinmetz remain Chair and Amanda Wilson remain Secretary. Hal Roepke seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

John Steinmetz covered the revisions made to the code of ethics at the last Board meeting. The Board had made revisions to Sections 1-6. John Steinmetz distributed copies of the Realtors Code of Ethics that Kevin Strunk had asked the Board to take a look at. John Steinmetz reminded the Board that the code of ethics would eventually have the force of law once it is enacted as a rule. Dick Harris pointed out that the National Association of Realtors is a voluntary organization and that their ethics are not law, they are simply standards that their members agree to abide by but they are not enforceable. Kevin Strunk said he brought up the Realtors code of ethics in that he likes the three sections they had. The Board continued discussion on the code of ethics, making some revisions to Sections 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9. The Board will continue discussion on a code of ethics at the next Board meeting. David Nance and Mike Nickolaus both mentioned that they like the Florida code of ethics because it has been taken from other geologic codes of ethics and been molded to fit Florida's laws. They asked that the Board take a closer look at other geologic codes of ethics before making a final draft code.

The Board members were then asked for convenient dates for the next Board meeting. The date was set for January 16, 2001, 1:00 p.m. at the Indiana Government Center in Indianapolis.

John Steinmetz asked for any other comments from the visitors. Kevin Strunk brought up concern that professors and academic geologists are not stressing the importance of professionalism to the students of geology. He wanted to know if the Board had any plans to conduct any programs on this level. Hal Roepke stated that he felt it was up to the other professionals in the field, not a responsibility of the professional regulatory board.

The Board then convened to executive session to discuss applications for licensure. The Board discussed eight applications.

The Board then returned to open session to vote on applications. Two applications were denied for a lack of work experience. Two applications were approved pending passing scores on the ASBOG® Examination. Four applications were unanimously approved.

Submitted by Amanda R. Wilson, Board Secretary, December 18, 2000.

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