

October 25, 2001 Minutes

Indiana Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 25, 2001

Members present:

J. Richard Harris
Harlan Roepke
John Steinmetz

Members absent:

Eric Fry

Others Present:

Amanda Wilson
Tracy Richardson, Attorney General's Office (Executive Session Only)

Visitors:

Russell Bolding
David Nance
Kevin Strunk
Mike Nicholaus
Lorraine Wright

The meeting was held in the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Reclamation Conference Room, at the Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. John Steinmetz called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.

Two items were added to the agenda for the meeting: (1) Discussion of ASBOG®'s reply to our question regarding their executive committee meeting budget, and (2) Discussion of a replacement form for requesting letters of reference from applicants.

The minutes of the July 24, 2001 meeting were distributed for Board member approval. Hal Roepke moved that the minutes be approved. Dick Harris seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

John Steinmetz gave an update on the status of the Governor's nomination of a member-at-large. Chad Crabtree from Elkhart, Indiana has been appointed. As soon as we receive contact information from the Governor's office, we will invite him to the December 2001 meeting. John Steinmetz reminded the other Board members that their terms would expire January 2002. Board members have an opportunity to serve two consecutive terms or to continue to serve until their replacement is appointed.

John Steinmetz distributed copies of ASBOG®'s response to our inquiry regarding their executive committee meeting budget. Their budget includes not only the executive committee meeting expenses but also expenses for the psychometricians, as well as expenses for the Task Analysis Workshops. Hal Roepke mentioned requesting ASBOG® to join or be evaluated by an organization that accredits testing organizations. Dick Harris requests that the Board order an extra copy of the examination for its own information. Amanda Wilson will review the agreement with ASBOG® and contact them regarding the propriety of this request. John Steinmetz will discuss ASBOG® administration with other colleagues who are involved in the organization. Dick Harris also recommends more involvement in the ASBOG® organization if we are to continue to be aligned with them.

Copies of the redesigned form for requesting letters of reference were distributed for approval. Hal Roepke suggested adding a line that would inform the applicant that their references had to be licensed professional geologists. This will be added and the form will be presented again for approval at the next Board meeting.

John Steinmetz briefly summarized the definitions of "public practice of geology" that had been compiled from other states laws. Kevin Strunk then addressed the Board regarding the definition in the Indiana statute, asking that the Board look at the Professional Engineers definition of "practice of engineering", and rewording the definition of "public practice of geology" to resemble that definition. Dick Harris and Kevin Strunk will work on the language necessary and present it to the Board at the next meeting.

John Steinmetz began the discussion of the possibility of adding the "geologist-in-training" category of licensure. Hal Roepke suggested that the wording we use include language similar to Arkansas and Arizona's definitions. John Steinmetz agrees that the category would convey a degree of professionalism to those who are not yet qualified to be licensed professional geologists. John Steinmetz and Amanda Wilson will put together a draft to present to the Board at the next meeting.

The Board began discussion of the draft code of ethics. Section 1 was amended to read: "Licensed professional geologists shall be guided by the highest standards of honesty, integrity, impartiality, and professional conduct." Section 2(c) was amended to read: "Licensed professional geologists shall not only abide by this code but encourage others under their supervision or direction to abide by this code." Section 3(a)(2) was deleted. The Board will continue discussion of the draft at the next meeting.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2001, 1:00 p.m., at the Division of Oil and Gas Conference Room.

The Board entered Executive Session at 2:30 p.m. Tracy Richardson from the Attorney General's office addressed the Board concerning an administrative appeal that is in process. Indiana's Open Door Policy was also discussed. The Board did not discuss any applications in this executive session. The Board reviewed the minutes from the

executive session held on August 2, 2001. Hal Roepke moved that the minutes be approved. Dick Harris seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

The Board returned to open session to dismiss the meeting. The meeting was dismissed at 3:05 p.m.

Submitted by Amanda R. Wilson, Board Secretary, November 5, 2001.

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