

Minutes
Indiana Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists
May 21, 2002

Members Present:

John C. Steinmetz
Eric Fry
Harlan H. Roepke
J. Richard Harris
Chad Crabtree

Visitors Present:

Mike Nickolaus
Kevin Strunk

Others Present:

Amanda Wilson, Secretary to the Board
Tracy Richardson, Office of the Attorney General
Dave Stewart, Office of the Attorney General
Allen Pope, Office of the Attorney General

The Board met in Executive Session at 1:15 p.m. to discuss ongoing litigation with attorneys from the Attorney General's office. Executive session was dismissed at 3:00 p.m.

Public session began at 3:02 p.m. Copies of the minutes from the January 31, 2002 were distributed for approval. Harlan Roepke moved that the minutes be approved. Chad Crabtree seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

John Steinmetz distributed a summary of Indiana's Open Door Laws and explained how they applied to the Board. In order to comply with these laws in a more efficient manner, applications missing information will no longer be evaluated by the Board. Amanda Wilson will notify applicants at least three weeks in advance of a meeting where their application could be evaluated to inform them of items that are missing from their application. The Board also will no longer discuss applications in executive session. Tracy Richardson suggested that the application forms be reviewed and possibly revised to expedite the Board's evaluation process.

The Board discussed and voted on applications for licensure. The following applicants were evaluated:

Jeff Carnahan: John Steinmetz moved for approval. Harlan Roepke seconded.
Unanimously approved.

Rob Conway: Harlan Roepke moved for approval pending confirmation of a passing score on the ASBOG examination. Chad Crabtree seconded. Unanimously approved.

David King: John Steinmetz moved for approval. Harlan Roepke seconded.
Unanimously approved.

Bruce Pivetz: Dick Harris moved for approval. Harlan Roepke seconded.
Unanimously approved.

James Reid: Chad Crabtree moved for approval pending receipt of transcripts.
Harlan Roepke seconded. Unanimously approved.

Scott Szentes: Eric Fry moved that this application be tabled. The Board requested that the applicant provide more information regarding work experience. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.

The Board discussed the recent meeting with the ASBOG executive committee in Indianapolis. Dick Harris and Harlan Roepke gave a brief summary of the meeting. Dick Harris also summarized the Council of Examiners workshops in which he participated.

The Board took a brief break from 3:45 p.m. to 3:57 p.m.

John Steinmetz distributed copies of the budget analysis for the Licensing program. The Board discussed income and expenses to determine if any changes needed to be made to keep the program solvent. No changes were suggested.

John Steinmetz distributed copies of the draft code of ethics. Harlan Roepke suggested two minor changes to wording. John Steinmetz recommended that the Board adopt the amended draft code and begin the rule promulgation process. Chad Crabtree moved that the Board accept the draft code. Harlan Roepke seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

The Board opened the floor to visitors, for comments. Mike Nickolaus mentioned that he appreciated the efforts being undertaken by the Board. Kevin Strunk asked that the Task Summary for Licensed Professional Geologists be removed from the Indiana Geological Survey webpage. John Steinmetz agreed to investigate the concerns expressed. Kevin Strunk also mentioned that PGI has been added to the Division of Hearing Notices mailing list in an effort to notify geologists of items of concern. John Steinmetz thanked the visitors for their presence and comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Compiled by Amanda Wilson, Board Secretary.