

Minutes
Indiana Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists
July 15, 2003

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Chad Crabtree

Visitors Present:

Larry Studebaker

Others Present:

Amanda Wilson, Secretary to the Board

John Steinmetz called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Harlan Roepke moved that the minutes from the April 10, 2003 LPG Board meeting be approved. Dick Harris seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

The Board discussed the posting of applicant's names on the website. Legal counsel from the Attorney General's office found that there was no problem in posting those names and asking for public comments regarding the applicant's ethical standards. John Steinmetz suggested that a disclaimer should be added that any comments made anonymously would not be considered. Hal Roepke suggested that we ask PGI and Indiana Geologists to mention the listing to their members and encourage them to comment. Larry Studebaker suggested hot links from PGI and IG websites to the listing. Hal Roepke moved to add the disclaimer and post the list on the website. Dick Harris seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

<i>Brook Brosi:</i>	Eric Fry moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.
<i>Robert Deal:</i>	Hal Roepke moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.
<i>Laura Hite:</i>	Dick Harris moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.
<i>Kevin Schroeder:</i>	Hal Roepke moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.
<i>Roger Sharpe:</i>	Hal Roepke moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.
<i>Paul Stratman:</i>	Eric Fry moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.
<i>Jimmy Whitmer:</i>	Dick Harris moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.
<i>Sidney Young:</i>	Hal Roepke moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.
<i>David Zbieszkowski:</i>	Dick Harris moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.

John Steinmetz updated the Board on the status of LSA Document 02-328 which contains amendments to Title 305 IAC and adds the code of ethics rule. The Attorney General's office denied the rule due to two small inconsistencies in documentation. The legal notice published in the Indianapolis Star said that the public hearing was at "1:00 AM" instead of "1:00 PM." The other problem was that in the notice of intent to adopt the rule published in the Indiana Register it was stated that the public hearing would be held in Bloomington and later that was changed to Indianapolis. Had only one of these things occurred the Attorney General would have signed off on the rule. Notice of intent to adopt the rule will be republished in the Indiana Register and the Board will begin the adoption process again. No changes will be made to the final version that was submitted to the Attorney General's office. Public comment will again be accepted.

John Steinmetz informed the Board members of the upcoming ASBOG Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida, October 28 – November 2. Any Board member who would like to participate in that meeting needs to let Amanda Wilson know in order for the paperwork to be processed. All Board members declined participation in that meeting.

Larry Studebaker addressed the Board regarding a question that he had recently received. The question was "Is a licensed professional geologist required to do the field work on a job site?" The Board discussed the public practice of geology and who was ultimately responsible for signing off on the work done. Eric Fry brought to the Board's attention a recent article published in the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists newsletter entitled "Who Needs to Be Registered". Amanda Wilson will make copies of this article and distribute it to the Board members. Eric Fry suggested that the Board undertake creating a policy statement regarding what the Board considers public practice and who needs to be licensed. John Steinmetz agreed that the Board should begin that process.

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled tentatively for Tuesday, December 16, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. at the Indiana Government Center South.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Compiled by Amanda Wilson, Board Secretary.