

Indiana Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

Meeting Minutes September 9, 2004

Board Members Present

John Steinmetz, Chair
Harlan Roepke
Nancy Hasenmueller
Chad Crabtree (via telephone)
Eric Fry (via telephone)

Others Present

Amanda Wilson, Licensing
Coordinator
Jason Thompson, Attorney
General's Office

Visitors Present

John Clark
Mark Howell
Kevin Mallin
Ken Schadley
Larry Studebaker
Kevin Strunk

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 pm. A quorum of the Board was present.

John Steinmetz welcomed Nancy Hasenmueller to the Board. Nancy was appointed by Governor Kernan to fill the term for Dick Harris, who passed away last year.

Hal Roepke moved that the minutes of the May 20, 2004 meeting be approved. Chad Crabtree seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Nancy Hasenmueller requested that the time on the August 30, 2004 minutes be changed from 8:04 am to 10:04 am. Hal Roepke moved that the minutes of the August 30, 2004 meeting be approved as amended. Chad Crabtree seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

John Steinmetz updated the Board on the status of LSA Document 03-212, Proposed changes to Title 305 IAC. The rule was filed with the Secretary of State on September 1, 2004, making it effective on October 2, 2004. The final version of the rule will be published in the October issue of the Indiana Register.

The Board discussed and voted on the following applications for licensure as a professional geologist in the state of Indiana:

Brad Rucker: *Nancy Hasenmueller moved for approval. Hal Roepke seconded. Unanimously approved.*

Owen Schwartz: *Hal Roepke moved for approval. Chad Crabtree seconded. Unanimously approved.*

John Vanderlaan: *Eric Fry moved for approval. Hal Roepke seconded. Unanimously approved.*

John Steinmetz introduced a proposed model for rule language to address violations and penalties. This model is based on IC 25-1-11-12, which governs most professional licenses. Hal Roepke moved that the document be discussed. Chad Crabtree seconded. Several items not addressed by the model were brought up such as appeals and fines. John Steinmetz and Amanda Wilson will work with this model to develop rule language that more closely defines what the penalties for violations will be. Violations are defined in IC 25-17.6-8. Jason Thompson from the Attorney General's office agreed to provide assistance with the rule writing effort.

Discussion was held on the definition of the public practice of geology. John Steinmetz asked Kevin Strunk to give the Board an update on PGI's efforts to change the statute to better define public practice. Kevin Strunk, Mark Howell, and Tom Partin, PGI president, met with members of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) – Indiana Chapter, to discuss the proposed definition. The engineers are uncomfortable with the word "geotechnical" being included in the definition of the public practice of geology. PGI will continue discussions with ACEC to try to come to a compromise.

Amanda Wilson will represent the Board at the forthcoming annual meeting of ASBOG.

Visitor comments or questions were welcomed. Kevin Strunk invited all to attend the PGI Annual Meeting on November 11, 2004.

The next meeting of the Board was tentatively scheduled for December 16, 2004.

John Steinmetz adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.