

Indiana Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

Meeting Minutes February 24, 2005

Board Members Present

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

Others Present

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

Visitors Present

Phil Schonoff
Larry Studebaker
Kevin Strunk
Jennifer Cain, Natural Resources
Commission, Office of the
Administrative Law Judge
Carie Burk, Attorney General's
Office Intern

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 pm. A quorum of the Board was present.

Hal Roepke moved that the minutes of the December 16, 2004 meeting be approved. Nancy Hasenmueller seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

John Steinmetz noted that Board Member-at-Large Chad Crabtree resigned effective March 1, 2005, since he has accepted new employment in Georgia. Dr. Steinmetz will write Governor Daniels seeking Mr. Crabtree's replacement.

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

- Jason Armour:** *Eric Fry moved for approval pending six additional months of professional work experience. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved pending six additional months of professional work experience.*
- Kyo Ho Cho:** *Hal Roepke moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.*
- Thomas Dobecki:** *Nancy Hasenmueller moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.*
- James Finetti:** *Hal Roepke moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.*
- Sarah Johanson:** *Eric Fry moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.*
- Brendan Merk:** *Nancy Hasenmueller moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.*

Amanda Wilson received notice from the Legislative Services Agency that sections of Title 305 IAC were scheduled to expire under sunset provisions if not readopted. The expiring sections are all contained in the definitions section of the rule. LSA recommends that the Board readopt the definition section (Rule 2) in its entirety to put all sections on the same expiration schedule. After discussion of the expiring sections, Eric Fry moved to readopt Title 305 IAC 1-2 as is. Dr. Roepke seconded. Unanimously approved. Ms. Wilson will begin the paperwork required by LSA to readopt the rule.

Dr. Steinmetz circulated to the Board members and visitors proposed rule language to address violations and penalties compiled by Steve Lucas, Administrative Law Judge, Natural Resources Commission. The proposed language will be sent to the Attorney General's office to determine the Board's authority in the matters addressed in the proposed legislation. Dr. Steinmetz reminded everyone that the language will be circulated to the professional community for comment before we begin the rulemaking process.

ASBOG sent a questionnaire regarding continuing education that it requested the Board to complete. After discussion of continuing education, Dr. Steinmetz agreed to complete the questionnaire and return it to ASBOG. Mrs. Hasenmueller suggested that the Board poll the Indiana Licensed Professional Geologists to determine an interest in continuing education if the Board is interested in implementing this requirement.

ASBOG's Council of Examiners meeting is scheduled for April 1 & 2 in Columbia, South Carolina. The Board is allowed to send two Subject Matter Experts to participate in exam writing and reviewing.

Dr. Steinmetz asked Kevin Strunk to update the Board on the legislative activities of Professional Geologists of Indiana. The Senate bill that changes the definition of public practice of geology along with other minor changes, passed out of committee. PGI is still looking for a someone to sponsor the bill in the House.

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for May 26, 2005 in Muncie, Indiana, on the Ball State University Campus. Dr. Roepke will schedule a room at the Alumni Center. Dr. Steinmetz adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.