

# Indiana Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

## Meeting Minutes October 19, 2006

### Board Members Present

John Steinmetz, Chair  
Mark Howell  
Tom Partin

### Others Present

Teresa Blevins,  
Licensing Coordinator  
Julie Alexander,  
Office of the Attorney General  
Jason Thompson,  
Office of the Attorney General

### Visitors Present

Kevin Strunk  
Larry Studebaker

John Steinmetz called the meeting to order at 1:13 pm. A quorum of the Board was present.

The minutes of the July 27, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Mark Howell moved that the minutes be accepted. Tom Partin seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

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

**David Breedon:** Tom Partin moved for approval. Mark Howell seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Michael Casper:** Mark Howell moved for approval. Tom Partin seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Dora Florindo:** Mark Howell moved for approval. Tom Partin seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Maria Pijnenburg:** Tom Partin moved for approval either pending receipt of an official copy of her Florida scores and their dates or passing the ASBOG examinations. Mark Howell seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Steve Wanner:** Mark Howell moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Mark Zeko:** Mark Howell moved for approval. Tom Partin seconded. Unanimously approved.

John Steinmetz reported that a cost benefit analysis was submitted to the State Budget Agency as requested for review on the Board's proposed sanctioning rule. He reported that he received an e-mail from Mike Smith, Assistant Director for Public Safety with the State Budget Agency that the State Budget Director is a very strong supporter of less regulation and felt this proposed may be perceived as "overkill". Mr. Smith suggested that the Board accomplish this with a policy directive. Jason Thompson will discuss the recommendations on adopting a non-rule policy with colleagues. The Board agreed to continue discussion on this issue at the next meeting.

Larry Studebaker reported that IDEM Legal Department has not reached a decision on the LPG Board's letter to IDEM Commissioner Thomas Easterly concerning acceptance of reports from unlicensed individuals practicing geology.

An extensive discussion was held regarding the proposed rule language related to the expanded definition of the public practice of geology and other clarifications in the language. The Board agreed that the agencies are responsible for the enforcement of requiring LPG seals and signatures on public reports. The Board agreed to continue discussion on this issue at the next meeting.

Kevin Strunk requested that a newsletter be sent to all LPGs regarding LPG Board meetings schedule. A discussion was held. The Board agreed that a newsletter be sent to all LPGs sharing LPG Board meetings schedule, agendas, and other pertinent information such as encouragement of signing, sealing, and stamping of public reports.

Kevin Strunk suggested an invitation for public comments on any topics listed on the agenda for the Board meetings. The Board agreed to include a section on action items for the public to comment.

Kevin Strunk reported that the PGI Annual Meeting would be on Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Indianapolis beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 1:00 in Indianapolis, Indiana at the Indiana Government Center, room to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.