

Indiana Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

August 14, 2008

Board Members Present

John Steinmetz, Chair
Tom Bruns
Michael Crouch
Mark Howell
Tom Partin

Others Present

Teresa Blevins,
Licensing Coordinator
Tim Grogg,
Office of the Attorney General

Visitors Present

None

John Steinmetz called the meeting to order at 10:01a.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

The minutes of the March 26, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Tom Partin moved that the minutes be accepted. Mark Howell seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

John Steinmetz introduced Mr. Michael Crouch as the new Member-at-Large of the Board.

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

- Aaron Friedrich:** Tom Bruns moved for approval. Tom Partin seconded. Unanimously approved.
- D. Michael Gragg:** Mark Howell moved for approval. Michael Crouch seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Jesse Harvey:** John Steinmetz moved for approval pending receipt of an acceptable third reference letter attesting to the integrity of the applicant's performance and ethical conduct. Mark Howell seconded. Unanimously approved pending receipt of acceptable third reference letter attesting to the integrity of the applicant's performance and ethical conduct.
- Adam Heft:** Tom Partin moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Andrew Hopf:** A discussion was held for reconsideration of application. Mark Howell reported that there is no change in decision that the applicant did not meet the minimum criteria as specified in 305 IAC 1-3-2. Mark Howell moved to encourage the applicant to withdraw his application and to apply once the application requirements are met or recommend denial of the application on the basis of failure to meet the minimum requirements for licensure. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously agreed by the Board members to encourage the applicant to withdraw his application and to apply once the application requirements are met or recommend denial of the application on the basis of failure to meet the minimum requirements for licensure.
- Jenna Hudson:** Tom Partin moved for approval. Michael Crouch seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Matthew Johnston:** Tom Bruns moved for approval. Mark Howell seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Michael Lutz:** Mark Howell reviewed the resubmission of new application and the explanation of professional geological work experience and moved for approval. Tom Partin seconded. Unanimously approved.
- John Todd McFarland:** Tom Bruns moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Jennifer Overvoorde:** John Steinmetz moved for approval. Mark Howell seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Jennifer Phillippe:** John Steinmetz moved for approval pending receipt of passing the ASBOG examinations. Tom Partin seconded. Unanimously approved pending receipt of passing the ASBOG examinations.
- Edward Rahrig:** Mark Howell moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Georgios Raptis:** John Steinmetz moved for approval. Mark Howell seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Andrew Smith:** Mark Howell reported that the application was previously reviewed and acted upon as denial due to the lack of professional geological work experience. The Board members agreed with this decision.
- Richard Volpi:** Tom Partin moved for approval pending receipt of an acceptable third reference letter attesting to the integrity of the applicant's performance and ethical conduct. Tom Bruns seconded. Unanimously approved pending receipt of an acceptable third reference letter attesting to the integrity of the applicant's performance and ethical conduct.

An extensive discussion was held regarding submission of applications. The Board agreed that an applicant should submit an application for licensure only after receipt of passing of the ASBOG examinations. The Licensing Coordinator will screen applications for completeness prior to review of the Board. The Board agreed that letters will be sent to applicants with incomplete applications to either submit the required documentation within 60 days of receipt of the application in the LPG office or withdraw the application. In these instances, fees are non-refundable. There are currently 6 incomplete applications on file in the office.

An extensive discussion was held regarding an Indiana LPG who has been convicted and incarcerated for mail fraud in Indiana. Tim Grogg will request a copy of the Judgment in the case to the Board. The Board agreed that no action would be taken against the LPG until the Board has an opportunity to review the Judgment and discuss the issue. This matter will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

The annual election of the Board Chair and Secretary was held. Tom Bruns moved that John Steinmetz remain as Chair of the Board and that Teresa Blevins continue to serve as the Secretary of the Board. Mark Howell seconded. Unanimously approved for John Steinmetz to remain as the Chair and Teresa Blevins continue to serve as the Secretary of the Board.

John Steinmetz informed the Board members of the upcoming ASBOG Annual Meeting on November 6-8, 2008 in St. Charles, IL. John Steinmetz asked for volunteers to participate at the ASBOG Council of Examiners Workshop on November 6-7, 2008 in St. Charles, IL. Mark Howell reported that he would be interested in attending the workshop. Teresa Blevins will represent the Board at the ASBOG Annual Meeting.

A discussion was held on possible dates for the next meeting. The next meeting is provisionally scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Bloomington in Room S-102.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.