

Indiana Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

December 17, 2008

Board Members Present

John Steinmetz, Chair
Tom Bruns (via teleconference)
Michael Crouch (via teleconference)
Mark Howell
Tom Partin (via teleconference)

Others Present

Teresa Blevins,
Licensing Coordinator
Tim Grogg,
Office of the Attorney General
(via teleconference)

Visitors Present

Philip Ward

John Steinmetz called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. A quorum of the Board was present in person and via teleconference.

The minutes of the August 14, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Tom Bruns 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:

- Richard Binder:** Tom Bruns moved for application to be tabled for next meeting pending receipt of additional acceptable reference letters from outside referees. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Steven Cooper:** John Steinmetz moved for approval. Mark Howell seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Gregory Cornett:** Mark Howell moved for approval. Tom Partin seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Bradley Green:** Tom Partin moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.
- David Holmes:** Tom Bruns moved for application to be tabled for next meeting pending receipt of additional acceptable reference letters from outside referees. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Robert Hoverman:** John Steinmetz moved for approval. Michael Crouch seconded. Majority approved. Mark Howell abstained.
- John Nealon:** John Steinmetz moved for approval. Mark Howell seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Robert Newman:** Mark Howell moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Mark Pomfrey:** Tom Partin moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Morgan Saltsgiver:** Mark Howell moved for approval. Tom Partin seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Andrew Sargent:** Tom Partin moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Anthony Silva:** John Steinmetz moved for approval. Mark Howell seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Louis Stratigakos:** Tom Bruns moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Philip Ward:** John Steinmetz moved for approval for a conditional license of 2 years, which includes that the applicant must report annually to the Board, the applicant cannot seek licensure in any other state within the conditional 2 year period. If the Board receives any complaints against the applicant within the 2 year conditional period, the Board will take further action. Tom Bruns seconded. Majority accepted the terms of the approval with conditions. Mark Howell opposed.

An extensive discussion was held regarding an Indiana LPG convicted and incarcerated for mail fraud in Indiana. A copy of the judgment and sentencing was distributed to the Board members prior to the meeting. The Board agreed to give notice to Timothy Boisture (LPG #1376) that a complaint to revoke his license will be filed. The matter will be voted on at for the next Board meeting.

John Steinmetz reported that the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists has submitted a letter for consideration of offer to establish reciprocity. A copy of the requirements for licensure in Texas was distributed to the Board members prior to the meeting. Based on the difference of licensing qualifications, John Steinmetz moved to decline the offer. Tom Partin seconded. Unanimously declined.

John Steinmetz reported that Mark Howell and Terry Blevins attended the annual ASBOG meeting in St. Charles, IL. Terry Blevins reported that the Administrator's Workshop was cancelled this year due to low attendance because of the lack of funding from states. She reported that the annual membership fees will be increasing in the near future from \$2,950 to \$4,000 and that the Fundamentals of Geology examination fee will increase from \$150 to \$200. Mark Howell reported that among the Council of Examiners, there was discussion concerning how the evolving curricula in geoscience departments is reflected in ASBOG scores. For example, as emphasis is shifted away from traditional courses such as Paleontology and Petrography, younger test takers do not score well in these areas of the examination. ASBOG is studying this trend and may make changes in its tests.

An extensive discussion was held regarding reference letters submitted on behalf of the applicants. The Board recommended that more specific instructions be provided on the Request for Reference form. They will be changed to reflect that all reference letters should be on

letterhead, signed by the referee, all three letters cannot be submitted by the same company, and at least one should be from another outside referee.

Tentative dates for the next meeting are May 7, May 8, or May 22, 2009. A decision on the next meeting will be determined in early 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.