

Geologic Names Committee Status and Activities

The purpose of the Geologic Names Committee is to assist Indiana Geological Survey authors in presenting formal geologic information in a consistent, systematic, and predictable manner. The proper use of geologic names and related terms allows for dissemination of the author's geologic information and concepts within the accepted language of the geologic literature. The Committee maintains an official stratigraphic nomenclature for Indiana that Survey authors use for both Survey and non-Survey manuscripts. The Committee is responsible for the approval of the use of both Indiana and non-Indiana names; however, Survey authors are free to revise stratigraphic classification and to create new nomenclature in accord with standard practices.

The Committee is guided by the provisions of the North American Stratigraphic Code (The North American Commission on Stratigraphic Nomenclature). This code is published in the American Association of Petroleum Geologists Bulletin, Volume 89, Number 11 (November 2005), p. 1,547-1,591. See also <http://ngmdb.usgs.gov/Info/NACSN/Code2/code2.html>.

Current committee members are Nancy R. Hasenmueller and Walter A. Hasenmueller. This committee is responsible to the Director and State Geologist, John C. Steinmetz, but in its routine activities it operates through the Survey's Publication Committee.