

December 3, 1999 Minutes

Indiana Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists
Meeting Minutes
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The meeting convened at 1:08 p.m., December 3, 1999, in Conference Room 10, Indiana State Government Center, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Members present:

John Steinmetz
Eric Fry
J. Richard Harris
Christopher M. Scott
Harlan H. Roepke

Others Present:

John R. Hill
Amanda Wilson
Stephen Lucas

Visitors:

Charles Zuppann
Kevin Strunk
Matthew Dagon

Open Session:

Minutes of the September 22, 1999 meeting of the Board were amended to note that the public hearing on the revision of Title 305, Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was moved from November 29, 1999 to December 22, 1999. The amended minutes were approved.

The agenda distributed by Dr. Steinmetz was adopted.

1. The conscientious service of Christopher M. Scott to the Board of Licensure was recognized with a gift, in response to his resignation. Mr. Scott will continue to serve until Governor O'Bannon selects his replacement.
2. Stephen Lucas, Director, Natural Resources Commission, Division of Hearings, discussed the previously proposed Code of Ethics. He noted that implementation of the Code would require following the procedure for adopting a Rule. Interim non-rule documents have little weight. Chairman Steinmetz proposed to send all Indiana LPG's a letter soliciting responses to the Draft version of the Code, to attend to the responses and

to advise accordingly. Kevin Strunk suggested following the procedure used by other state agencies: (1) Publish notification of intent to make a rule on a code of ethics; (2) have an open meeting for interested parties to make recommendations; (3) then prepare a draft Code for a public hearing. Mr. Strunk also suggested that the code be in three parts: Duty to Employer, Duty to Public, and Duty to others in the Profession.* It was agreed by the Board that Indiana LPG's be invited to a meeting at Indiana Geological Survey offices in Bloomington, in late January, or send written suggestions by that date. These preliminary comments will be published on the Indiana Geological Survey Web Page and will be discussed by the Board at its next meeting.

3. The South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists sent a memorandum and agreement for reciprocity of registration of geologists. Copies of the agreement and the state law establishing their procedures for registration were distributed to our Board members to prepare for future action on the agreement.

4. Dr. Steinmetz was reelected Chairman of the Board and Amanda Wilson was elected Secretary to the Board.

Executive Session:
to discuss applications for licensure.

One applicant, lacking overdue letters of recommendation, was disapproved.

One applicant was asked to provide a letter from a supervisor regarding the geological nature of the applicant's work.

The next meeting of the Board will be held at 1:00 pm, Friday, March 3, 2000, at the Indiana Geological Survey offices, Bloomington, IN. Board Chairman John Steinmetz will distribute the agenda for the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Submitted by Harlan H. Roepke, Board Secretary, December 14, 1999.

*This section was amended in the March 3, 2000 meeting. The document Mr. Strunk referred to included a section titled "Duty to Clients" instead of "Duty to Employer".

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