

March 3, 2000 Minutes

Indiana Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists
Meeting Minutes
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The meeting convened at 1:06 p.m., March 3, 2000, in Room S201, Indiana Geological Survey, 611 North Walnut Grove, Bloomington, Indiana.

Members present:
John Steinmetz
Eric Fry
J. Richard Harris

Others Present:
Amanda Wilson

Visitors:
Kevin Strunk
Charles Zuppann

Minutes of the December 3, 1999 meeting of the Board were amended to note that the document Mr. Kevin Strunk referred to read "Duty to Clients" rather than "Duty to Employer". The amended minutes were approved.

The agenda distributed by Dr. Steinmetz was adopted.

Dr. Steinmetz presented a letter and "Draft Statement of Understanding for Comity/Reciprocity" that was received from the Mississippi State Board of Registered Professional Geologists. The concern was expressed that Mississippi requires four years of professional work experience versus Indiana's minimum requirement of five years work experience. Concern was also expressed over how those geologists who were "grandfathered" into the licensing program would receive reciprocity. Dr. Steinmetz agreed to compose a letter to the Mississippi State Board of Registered Professional Geologists to address these concerns.

Dr. Steinmetz updated the Board on the status of LSA Document # 99-158, which contains the changes to Title 305IAC. The new rule was signed and approved by the Attorney General on February 16, 2000 and was to be forwarded to the Governor for his signature.

The definition of "Licensed Professional Geologist" as sited in IC25-17.6 was discussed. In recent times, the Board had interpreted the law to mean a geologist who is licensed in the state of Indiana. Mr. Harris explained that the legislative intent behind the law was

not that exclusive. He believed the term was used to describe a geologist licensed in any state. The Board agreed for Dr. Steinmetz to reevaluate any applications denied after June 1998. If the applicants were denied licensure based on the definition of this term, they would be granted licensure under the grandfathering clause.

The Board began further discussion of the proposed code of conduct. Dr. Steinmetz expressed his appreciation for those who made the effort to send their comments on the code to Amanda. The Board decided to organize the responses by section and begin to go through the proposed code one section at a time. The Board will proceed with further discussion of this issue at the next meeting.

The Board met in executive session to discuss and evaluate applications for licensure.

One applicant from the grandfathering period was approved based on the letter provided by a former supervisor.

Five applications were evaluated and approved pending passing scores on the ASBOG® exam on March 17, 2000.

The next meeting of the Board will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 12th* at Black Beauty Coal Company, Evansville, Indiana.

*Meeting date was changed to July 20th, 2000.

Submitted by Amanda R. Wilson, Board Secretary, March 7, 2000.

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