

**Minutes**  
**Indiana Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists**  
**October 8, 2002**

**Members Present:**

John C. Steinmetz  
Eric Fry  
Harlan H. Roepke  
J. Richard Harris

**Visitors Present:**

David Nance  
Kevin Strunk  
Larry Studebaker  
Steven Poe  
Greg Scarpone

**Others Present:**

Amanda Wilson, Secretary to the Board  
Tracy Richardson, Office of the Attorney General  
Dave Stewart, Office of the Attorney General  
Mike Mullett, Mullett & Associates

**Members Absent**

Chad Crabtree

John Steinmetz called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

Harlan Roepke moved that the minutes from the May 21, 2002 LPG Board meeting be approved. Dick Harris seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

The Board discussed and voted on applications for licensure. The following applicants were evaluated:

<i>Michael Piepenburg:</i>	Harlan Roepke moved for approval. Dick Harris seconded. Unanimously approved.
<i>Philip Odenkirk:</i>	Dick Harris moved for approval. Harlan Roepke seconded. Unanimously approved.
<i>Gerald Unterreiner:</i>	John Steinmetz moved for approval. Harlan Roepke seconded. Unanimously approved.

After discussion of the orders of Administrative Law Judge, Sylvia Wilcox, in Administrative Cause No. 01-166Y, the Board voted on an application for licensure for Charles Norris. Harlan Roepke moved for approval. Eric Fry seconded. Unanimously approved.

The Board discussed two complaints filed against a geologist, for allegedly publicly practicing geology without a valid license & falsifying reports. After much discussion, John Steinmetz asked for a motion to forward the complaints to the Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division. Harlan Roepke moved to do so. Dick Harris seconded. Unanimously approved. The complaints will be forwarded to David Stewart of the Attorney General's Office for further action.

John Steinmetz petitioned the Board to vote to allow posting of an abbreviated roster on the Indiana Geological Survey's webpage. The roster for the web would show Name, License number, Date of Licensure, and Expiration Date. No addresses would be included. Posting of this roster will not change the roster compiled annually & distributed to the licensed professional geologists. Harlan Roepke moved for approval. Dick Harris seconded. Unanimously approved.

The Board discussed various issues with the wording of Indiana Administrative Code Title 305. Among the discussion topics was 305IAC 1-2-6(c), where the word "not" was missing. Minor changes are needed to 305IAC 1-3-4(a), (c)(1), & (c)(2) in order for the Board not to have to change the rule any time that they reset the licensing fees. 305IAC 1-4-1(1)(a) needs to have the word "Licensed" removed, in order for the wording to match the image of a seal that may be purchased. Also, 305IAC 1-4-2 needed minor changes to comply with IC25-17.6-3-10(a). The Board accepted the proposed changes, with revisions. Those changes will be forwarded into the rule making process.

John Steinmetz presented proposed language for a "Geologist-In-Training" program. After much discussion with visitors and representatives from the Attorney General's Office, it was agreed that more information needs to be gathered and other issues considered before this language is passed on to Professional Geologists of Indiana for help with getting it included in the statute.

Kevin Strunk addressed the Board regarding the definition of public practice of geology. As president of the Professional Geologists of Indiana, he is taking the initiative to have this definition broadened by getting the statute changed. Mr. Strunk will be circulating his proposed changes among the professional geologic community for comment before proceeding with this endeavor.

John Steinmetz presented information on a workshop that is conducted by David M. Abbott, Jr., of American Institute of Professional Geologists entitled "Professional Geoscience Ethics: Elements & Examples: a short course." Mr. Abbott would be willing to conduct a workshop in Indiana for a nominal fee. Dr. Steinmetz would like the Board to consider the possibility of hosting this workshop in collaboration with Professional Geologists of Indiana. After discussion with the visitors, it was agreed that Dr. Steinmetz would discuss this with Professional Geologists of Indiana at their next meeting, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Larry Studebaker mentioned that he was on the Alumni Board for the Geoscience Department at IUPUI and might be able to convince the Alumni Board to collaborate with the LPG Board as well.

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled tentatively for December 11, 2002.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Compiled by Amanda Wilson, Board Secretary.