

# Indiana Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

## Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2006

### Board Members Present

John Steinmetz

Tom Bruns

Mark Howell

Tom Partin

### Others Present

Amanda Wilson, Licensing

Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm. A quorum of the Board was present.

Minutes of the February 27, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Mark Howell moved that the minutes be accepted. Tom Bruns seconded. Unanimously approved.

The Board discussed and voted on the acceptance of credits and courses for Juliet Port. Ms. Port requested that her transcript be evaluated because the university she attended (Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut) doesn't use the credit hour system. Mark Howell reviewed the transcript and recommended that the Board vote to accept her education toward the licensing requirement. Tom Bruns seconded. The Board unanimously approved the acceptance of the degree from Wesleyan University toward the licensing requirement.

John Steinmetz updated the Board on the "Find a Geologist" feature that was added to the Board's website. The geologists listed there are those who responded to the Specialty Database mailing. The database can be searched by name, location, and specialty.

The Board reviewed and discussed the justification and effect on small business of the proposed sanctioning rule. Tom Bruns moved that the language compiled by Amanda Wilson be modified to mention the general public as beneficiaries of this rule. Tom Partin seconded. The language was modified to mention the general public as beneficiaries of this rule. Mark Howell then moved that the Board accept the rule justification and small business statement for the proposed rule. Tom Partin seconded. The Board unanimously accepted the modified rule justification and small business statement.

Mark Howell gave a report on his meeting with IDEM staff regarding the public practice of geology. John Steinmetz will write a letter to IDEM Commissioner Tom Easterly regarding the requirement of licensed professional geologists publicly practicing geology.

The Board discussed the rule language recommendation proposed by Professional Geologists of Indiana (PGI) Rule Committee. The Board made changes to the recommended language, and a new draft will be circulated to the Board for review and possible adoption at the May 2006 meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 15, at 1:00 in Bloomington, Indiana at the Indiana Geological Survey, Conference Room S-102.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.