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Indiana Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

**Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2006**

Board Members Present

John Steinmetz, Chair
Mark Howell
Tom Partin

Others Present

Teresa Blevins, Licensing Coordinator
Larry Studebaker

John Steinmetz called the meeting to order at 1:21 pm. A quorum of the Board was present.

The minutes of the May 15, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Tom Partin moved that the minutes be accepted. Mark Howell seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

The Board reviewed, discussed, and voted on the following applications for licensure as a professional geologist in the state of Indiana:

- Warren Bates:** *John Steinmetz moved for approval. Mark Howell seconded. Unanimously approved.*
- Dora Florindo:** *Mark Howell moved for approval of application pending a written statement of professional experience with CDM and acceptable reference letters attesting to the applicant's adherence to high professional and ethical standards. Tom Partin seconded. Unanimously approved.*
- Ernest Hargrove:** *John Steinmetz moved for approval pending receipt of request for reference form from Michael Wightman. Mark Howell seconded. Unanimously approved.*
- Thais Hubbard:** *John Steinmetz moved for approval pending the applicant needs to meet the professional experience requirements. Tom Partin seconded. Unanimously approved.*
- Daniel Huffaker:** *Tom Partin moved for approval and Mark Howell seconded. Unanimously approved.*
- Douglas Hunter:** *John Steinmetz moved for approval pending receipt of acceptable third reference letter. Tom Partin seconded. Unanimously approved.*
- Steven Kroll:** *Tom Partin moved for approval and Mark Howell seconded. Unanimously approved.*
- Holly Parsons:** *Mark Howell moved for approval and Tom Partin seconded. Unanimously approved.*

John Steinmetz reported that the State Budget Agency requested a cost benefit analysis for review on the Board's proposed sanctioning rule. John Steinmetz will prepare and submit it.

A discussion was held regarding the status on the LPG Board's letter to IDEM Commissioner Thomas Easterly concerning acceptance of reports from unlicensed individuals practicing geology. Larry Studebaker informed the Board that he received a copy of the letter. Larry Studebaker will follow-up on the status with the IDEM Legal Department and report back to the Board.

An extensive discussion was held regarding the proposed rule language related to the expanded definition of the public practice of geology and other clarifications in the language. The Board agreed to continue discussion on this issue at the next meeting.

Mark Howell requested that the language on the LPG web site under "What is the public practice of geology?" be modified with the removal of the second paragraph "The public practice of geology does not include the practice of engineering or land surveying or the preparation of design recommendations, designs, or plans related to the practice of engineering or land surveying." The Board unanimously approved the modification.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 2006 at 1:00 in Indianapolis, Indiana at the Indiana Government Center, room to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.