

Indiana Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

December 14, 2006

Board Members Present

John Steinmetz, Chair
Tom Bruns
Mark Howell
Tom Partin

Others Present

Teresa Blevins,
Licensing Coordinator
Jason Thompson,
Office of the Attorney General

Visitors Present

Kevin Strunk
Larry Studebaker

John Steinmetz called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm. A quorum of the Board was present.

The minutes of the October 19, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Tom Partin reported that he had seconded the motion to approve Mark Zeko's application. Mark Howell moved that the minutes be accepted with the correction. Tom Partin seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved with the correction.

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

Todd Feenstra: *John Steinmetz moved for approval. Mark Howell seconded. Unanimously approved.*

Shayne Wiesemann: *Mark Howell moved for approval pending receipt of a third letter of reference. Tom Bruns seconded. Unanimously approved.*

John Steinmetz reported that he received a letter from Anthony Armstrong with the State Budget Agency disapproving with no reason the Board's proposed administrative rule LSA#06-1 establishing a sanctioning rule.

The Board discussed and voted on adopting the sanctioning language as non-rule policy. The Board will disseminate the policy in the LPG newsletter and website. John Steinmetz will redraft the policy into a proper format.

The Board continued a discussion from the last meeting on language related to the expanded definition of the public practice of geology and other clarifications. The Board recommended to PGI President Larry Studebaker, that the Board and PGI meet in the New Year to discuss proposed language for submittal to the next session of the Indiana General Assembly to be convened in January 2008.

A discussion was held on the establishment of reciprocal licensing relationships with other states. The Board strongly favored reciprocity while recommending consistency with the laws. John Steinmetz will research the requirements of other states along with fee structures for further discussion at the next meeting.

The Board continued a discussion on the prospect of requiring LPG seals and signatures on public reports. John Steinmetz will research how other professions handle the requirement of sealing and stamping for further discussion at the next meeting.

John Steinmetz reviewed the drafts of a LPG newsletter and an updated brochure. A recommendation was made to solicit for a non-geologist to serve as a lay member on the Board possibly close to Indianapolis. John Steinmetz will prepare a draft for the newsletter and brochure for our next meeting.

John Steinmetz reported that Mark Howell and Terry Blevins attended the annual ASBOG meeting in Park City, UT. Mark Howell shared he enjoyed being involved in the Council of Examiners' Workshop. Terry Blevins reported that the Practice of Geology (PG) examination fee will be \$200, effective in the fall 2008, representing a \$50 increase. The fee for the Fundamentals of Geology (FG) examination will remain the same (\$150). The next annual meeting will be in late October 2007 in Denver, CO.

Jason Thompson informed the Board that he will be on sabbatical beginning in March 2007.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. in Indianapolis, Indiana at the Indiana Government Center in room 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.