

Professional Geologists of Indiana



PGI is a not-for-profit society aimed at promoting the profession of geology and the careers of Licensed Professional Geologists within the State of Indiana. PGI advocates for and supports continuing education opportunities in the geosciences and participates in legislative and administrative activities as they relate to the science and business of Geology.

Welcome to the November 2016 PGI Newsletter. Please send announcements for the newsletter to this email:
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As always, Professional Geologists of Indiana greatly appreciates the support of its Members and Corporate Sponsors. Without this support our field trips, seminars, educational opportunities, and PGI events would not be possible. Both Individual and Corporate Members can pay their dues online at the PGI website. Thank you!
www.professionalgeologistsofindiana.org

PGI is on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/professionalgeologistsofindiana/>
PGI also has a group on LinkedIn – just login to your LinkedIn account and search for Professional Geologists of Indiana.

PGI ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

The joint PGI-Indiana Geologists Annual Meeting and Dinner was held on November 16th at the Blind Owl Brewery. Our speaker for the event Bruce Stephens, Executive Director of the Indiana Coal Council, provided insight into the status of the Indiana coal industry and its prospects.

Two PGI Board positions were up for voting at this meeting. With the votes tallied, the PGI Board would like to welcome Dave Busch and Shane Schmidt as the two new board members, starting in 2017. Many thanks to Dustin Graves and Rachel Walker who will be leaving the board at the end of the 2016.

A member vote was also held regarding the PGI Board initiative to introduce continuing education requirements to the Indiana professional geologist license. Members voted to move forward with the process and news on our progress will be forthcoming as we move into the 2017 Indiana legislative session.



Distinguished Geologist awards were presented to three geologists in appreciation of their contributions to geology and the profession of geology in Indiana.

At left: Dr John Steinmetz, Larry Studebaker and Jim Nowacki. A service award was also presented to Rachel Walker for her work on the 2015 Eastern Section AAPG meeting that PGI hosted.

GROUNDWATER MODEL

PGI has access to a great Groundwater Model that allows the user to demonstrate how groundwater and contaminant plumes can move through the ground using simple food dye. It has several different layers of soil, a 'leaky landfill', a lake and a number of wells to use for injection or extraction. If you are interested in borrowing the groundwater model, please contact Scott Johanson at sjohanso@idem.in.gov

GEOFEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

GeoFest will return to the Indiana State Museum on February 17, 18 and 19, 2017. Once again, PGI will host a booth to promote geology and the profession of geology to the general public. Booth shifts are typically 3 hours each. If you are interested in volunteering for the PGI booth at GeoFest, please contact Scott Johanson at sjohanso@idem.in.gov

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS

December 14, 2016, 5:30pm

Social event to be held jointly with Indiana Geologists at the Elbow Room, downtown Indy. <http://www.inaep.info/>

INDIANA GEOLOGISTS

December 14, 2016, 5:30pm

Social event to be held jointly with INAEP at the Elbow Room, downtown Indianapolis.

CALL FOR PAPERS - INDIANA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

March 25, 2017, J.W. Marriott, Indianapolis

The IAS is a nice venue for presentations, and is an especially good place for undergraduates and new graduate students to get experience giving oral and poster presentations at meetings. The meeting lasts but a single day, is easy to get to, and is very inexpensive! For more details, see the IAS website: www.indianaacademyofscience.org

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Innovative Water Monitoring Techniques - Indiana Water Monitoring Council

December 12, 2016, Danville Indiana.

Register now for the 2016 Indiana Water Monitoring Council Symposium co-sponsored by the Indiana Water Resources Association. <http://www.inwmc.org/event-2385411>

Aquifer Testing for Improved Hydrogeologic Site Characterization

January 24 & 25, 2017, San Marcos, Texas.

<http://www.midwestgeo.com/courses/aquifer2017-sanmarcos.php>

EPA Online Training in Watershed Management

Available free anytime. Watershed Academy Web is a distance learning program. The website offers a variety of self-paced training modules that represent a basic and broad introduction to the watershed management field. The modules are organized by the six themes listed below. Modules vary in the time they take to complete, from ½ hour to two hours.

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