



PGI Featured Board Member - October 2016



Robert F. George, Jr., LPG #2220

Rob George is an LPG licensed in Indiana, Kentucky, and North Carolina. He is owner and President of Active Environmental Services, Inc. located in Indianapolis, Indiana. He has a BS in Geology and his career background is diversified in environmental remediation and consulting, geotechnical engineering, and oil & gas exploration. He has been in Indiana since 2000.

Question & Answer for Rob George:

Q: *How long have you been on the Board and what position do you currently hold, if any?*

A: **I am currently President, however I was previously on the Board in 2009, as Vice President (2010) and President (2011-2012).**

Q: *Where are you from and what is your educational and professional background?*

A: **I grew up in North Carolina, received my BS Degree in geology from the University of North Carolina Wilmington. I began my career in oil & gas exploration and mostly worked in Australia, China, South America, and Europe. During my time off from oil & gas, I was a subcontract geologist and began my career in environmental consulting/remediation and**

geotechnical engineering. I am currently President of Active Environmental Services, Inc. located in Indianapolis, IN.

Q: What inspired you to become a Geologist?

A: A Geology 101 professor and friend inspired me to move forward with geology and I like that I can go outside to do field work. I am outdoor person who likes to rock climb, and this was a big part of why I wanted to be a geologist. However, I am getting fat sitting behind the desk as much as I have been in the last 10 years...

Q: What are some of your hobbies or how do you spend your free time?

A: I like to be with my family, rock climb, hike, mountain bike, and go boating.

Q: Why are you passionate about PGI what do you see as PGI's main role(s)?

A: I would like to see Continuing Education become a larger part of our profession and help get younger geologists (and more experienced geologists) more involved in the profession again. I feel that geologists as a professional group have not been working together or getting involved in our profession like they were when I started in the "real world" work force.

I believe some of PGI's main roles are to keep geologists relevant in the work force and help the public understand that geologists are specialized in our education to protect the public health and environment. A geologist's educational background has much more science involved than some universities' science programs that are offered.

PGI is also very important in providing professional information that is relevant to geologists whether it concerns legislative changes that affect our profession or local companies that are hiring. Not many members know how much PGI's Board of Directors does for this.....

Q: What do you hope to see in the future for PGI?

A: I would like to see more people get more involved in the profession and begin to communicate with each other again. I feel there is a disconnect in the geoscience profession and we need to get geologists involved in training, continuing education, and working with each other again.