



## PGI Featured Board Member - December 2016



### **Stephen E. Brellenthin LPG #2393**

**Stephen Brellenthin is an LPG licensed in Indiana and Kentucky. He has a B.S. in Geology from the University of Tennessee. He started his career as an Army Corp of Engineers contractor, conducting geophysical surveys for Unexploded Ordnance and Munitions and Explosives of Concern (UXO/MEC). Originally from Alabama, he moved to Indiana from Virginia in 2012 to work in the environmental field. He is currently a geologist and geophysicist at Earth Exploration, Inc.**

Question & Answer for Stephen Brellenthin:

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

**A: I am finishing up my first year on the board and I am the committee chair for website and publications.**

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

**A: I was born in Tennessee but spent the majority of my adolescence in Alabama. I attended the University of Tennessee, graduating in 2007. I started my career working for a geophysical surveying company based in Virginia. I traveled all over the U.S. and Puerto Rico, conducting geophysical surveys at munition and ordnance testing facilities. In 2012, I moved to Indy for a position in environmental consulting. In 2014, I accepted a position as geologist/geophysicist at Earth Exploration, Inc.**

*Q: What inspired you to become a Geologist?*

**A: I come from a family of a wildlife biologist, a zoologist and an environmental scientist so I was destined to work in an environmental field. Early on, I developed an understanding of responsible use of the earth's resources and preservation of natural processes. Fortunately, I had a civil engineering professor suggest geology after less than optimal differential equation grades. I stopped by the geology department on the way home and knew it was a perfect fit.**

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

**A: I spend a lot of time hiking with my dog and backpacking. I completed my 5<sup>th</sup> trip to Yosemite this fall and enjoy getting far into the backcountry. My wife and I caught the international travel bug a few years ago and are planning a trip to Iceland this summer. Other than travel, I enjoy reading, trail running and socializing with friends.**

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

**A: Community outreach and science literacy has been a passion of mine for a while. With the increased influence that humans have on the environment, PGI plays a big role with educating the public on the world around them. We provide not only information on earth science and geology but also work to safeguard our profession, helping our members practice geology in a responsible, ethical manner and with current industry knowledge.**

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

**A: I hope to see PGI continue to grow and grow younger (no offense to our older members!). I hope that our current efforts in digital outreach provide a way for up and coming geology students to see the value in association with PGI. I hope we are successful in our legislative initiatives that will strengthen our profession and promote the interest of earth sciences to prospective students.**

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