



PGI Featured Board Member - July 2017



Eric Scott Johanson - LPG #1813

Hello my name is Eric Scott Johanson, I have been living in Indiana since 1995 but started my career in environmental protection working for the state of Kentucky on RCRA corrective action sites. In my spare time I mountain bike and enjoy craft beer. My Wife Sarah and I recently completed a 335 mile bike trip from Pittsburgh PA to Washington DC. I took us six days and I would highly recommend it. The photo I provided is from a kayak trip we took on Lake Superior (it is not usually this calm).

Question & Answer for Scott Johanson:

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

A: This is my third year and I oversee the community education committee

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

A: I grew-up in Louisville Kentucky. I have a BS and MS from the University of Kentucky. I worked for three years for the State of Kentucky in the RCRA Corrective Action Section. I have been working for the State of Indiana for 22 years in the Office of Land Quality Science Services Geology Section. I also teach an intro geology class part-time for Ivy Tech

Q: What inspired you to become a Geologist?

A: When I started college I was in engineering. I quickly found that was not what I wanted to do. I did a little shopping around and found geology. That seemed like a better fit.

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

A: I spend my free time mountain biking (more like trail riding in Indiana). I also work on our 110 year old house (always something to do on an old house). I also collect breweriana (historical items from the brewing industry).

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

A: I like the public outreach that we do (going to schools, Geofest, and Earthday). We need to get the younger generation interested in geology.

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

A: I would like to see PGI provide more public education and outreach, so that the public will know what a geologist is and what we do to make their lives better. Also interacting with school children helps us get young people interested in geology. Who knows there may be so many budding geologists out there.

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