



## Professional Geologists of Indiana

### Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Sean Hall, Jeremiah Armitage, Andy Wallace, Rachel Walker, Dustin Graves, Chris Parks, Rob George, Stephen Brellenthin, Patrick Scher, Kevin Strunk, and Bill Karban

January 13, 2015

Broad Ripple Brewpub

3:30pm – 5:00pm

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1. Call to Order/Quorum declaration – *Sean called the meeting to order at 3:50 pm. Quorum was declared.*
2. Introductions – *New board members were introduced and welcomed to first meeting. New board members are: Rob George (returning after a hiatus), Stephen Brellenthin, Patrick Scher, and Bill Karban*
3. Approval of Proposed Agenda. *Sean submitted the agenda electronically prior to the meeting. Dustin motioned to approve, Rob second. Agenda approved.*
4. Review of last Meeting Minutes / Secretary Report – **Rachel.** *Rachel supplied minutes from 11/18/15 meeting. Andy motioned to approve, Rob second. Minutes approved.*
5. Treasurer's Report – **Andy.** *Andy presented treasurer's report. Item of note: jump in yearly profits \$8,500.00 resulting from hosting the AAPG meeting. This income increase should not be something we anticipate yearly. Without the AAPG event, the annual finances would have been nearly identical to 2014. Kevin provided additional detail on the finances of the event (how much money came in (~\$101K), what were the expenses (hotel, buses, Eastern Section of AAPG, and more)). This information is detailed on the treasurer's report. Kevin recognized Rachel's efforts in making the event a success. In planning for the event, they had hoped for 300-400 professionals. In actuality, ~250 professional were registered and attended, along with students. Next year, the event will be held in Lexington, KY.*  
  
*Rob motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, Rachel second. Report approved.*
6. President's Remarks – **Sean.** *Sean is outgoing President/Vice President (filling Angie Kattmann's President position.) Sean wished the Board good luck, and encouraged the Board's pursuit of continuing education requirements for licensure.*
7. 2016 Elections Board Positions, Officers and Committee Chairs

- a. Vacant Board Member Positions. *Sean reminded the Board that one of the incoming elected Board members is filling a one year term that was vacated by Ms. Kattmann. This position will be eligible for re-election to an additional 2-year term at the next annual meeting. Bill volunteered to take that spot.*
- b. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. *Rob appointed as President. Andy appointed as Vice President. Bill appointed as Secretary. Stephen appointed as Treasurer. All officers were approved by election. (\*\*\*)After the meeting, it was agreed that Chris Parks will assume the role of treasurer, due to the extent of Stephen's other duties on the board(\*\*\*)).*

*Rob spoke as newly elected president, thanking everyone for service. Andy and Rob discussed PGI's support of Angie Kattmann. Andy has had correspondence with Angie, and is working on ways for the board to show support for the Kattmann's daughter who is battling cancer. Andy has discussed appropriate gifts with Angie, and will correspond with the Board regarding final determination.*

- c. Committees

8. Committee Updates and Plans for 2016

- a. Awards/Annual Meeting – *Chris and Rob will take this responsibility. Discussions began for location, and how the 2015 location was a bit small.*
  - i. *Later in the meeting, Kevin mentioned that Jim Nowacki, Larry Studebaker, and John Steinmetz should be recognized/awarded this year.*
  - ii. *Recap of November meeting*
- b. Earth Science Education – *Scott will retain this responsibility. Keeper of the groundwater model.*
  - i. *GeoFest 2016 (2/19-21/2016). Scott will email volunteer time slots. Rachel will forward the email to a larger list of recipients.*

*The Ball State job fair is the same weekend. Greg Scarpone, IWM, is an alum. Chris will email him to ask what we can do.*

*Andy recommended traveling to other universities, build relationships, discuss real world situations, etc.*

- ii. *Earth Day 2016*
- iii. *Other?*
- c. Continuing Education – *Rachel will send a note by 1/31/2016 asking Board members for ideas for topics. Should we pay for outside presenter? Need to*

*focus on multiple facets of geology. How can we appeal to consulting, regulatory personnel, exploration?*

- i. Potential date(s), location(s), topics(s), speaker(s) for 2016 event(s)
- d. Legislative – *Dustin submitted a report on recent legislative activities.*
  - i. LPG CEU requirement discussion. *Dustin – how to address CEU requirements for licensure. Dustin made a motion that the Board continue to advance this cause, Bill second. Approved. We have notes from the 2010 attempt to pass legislation in support of CEU requirements. We need to prepare our package for this attempt by this summer to present to PGI members. We may be the only profession that doesn't require CEUs. We may need to modify the "practice of geology" definition. Dustin will provide schedule for plan and action items by February. Dustin will also provide updates on legislative issues. Rachel can include this information on the monthly newsletter, as a value added service to all who visit the website.*
- e. Events/Field Trips – *Patrick and Kevin discussed this. Nothing new to report. What to do this year? Something at the dunes? What about hydroelectric? Should we reach out to other states? How about Todd Thompson leading a field trip at the dunes?*
- f. Publications/Website – *Stephen will handle this. He will also update the LinkedIn presence.*
  - i. New website host options
- g. Membership – *Andy will handle this. He has particular thoughts about increasing student participation. Can we subsidize student attendance at the annual meeting? Andy would like to reach out to professors and universities. Could PGI offer a scholarship?*

*Other questions came from this idea. Kevin mentioned that we should be mindful of the PGI nest egg to be reserved for defense of our licensure. Could sponsorships of PGI go to our fund for offering scholarships? Should there be a special group for scholarship discussion?*

9. Good of the Order

10. Set next meeting time/date. 3/9/2016, 3:30 pm at the Blind Owl(?)

11. Adjourn