



## Professional Geologists of Indiana

### Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Andy Wallace, Dustin Graves, Chris Parks, Rob George, Stephen Brellenthin, Kevin Strunk, Scott Johanson, and Bill Karban

March 9, 2016, Blind Owl Brewery, Indianapolis, IN

3:30pm – 5:00pm

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1. Call to Order/Quorum declaration – *Rob called the meeting to order at 3:40 pm. Quorum was declared.*
2. Review of last Meeting Minutes / Secretary Report – *Bill supplied minutes from 1/13/16 meeting. Andy raised an edit to the minutes: the details of the ESAAPG meeting are not included in the Treasurer's report that was approved during the 1/13/16 meeting. Noting the edit, the minutes were approved.*
3. Treasurer's Report – *Chris presented treasurer's report. Note: Chris and Kevin will add notes from ESAAPG meeting expenses to the Treasurer's file. Chris pointed to the increase in PayPal usage. The gift for past-president, Angie's daughter, Ellen, is confirmed in the report. Report approved.*
4. President's Remarks – *Rob proceeded with committee and other activity updates.*
5. Committee updates
  - a. Awards/Annual Meeting – *Chris and Rob.*
    - i. *Awards or recognitions will be given to Jim Nowacki, Larry Studebaker, and John Steinmetz at Annual Meeting.*
    - ii. *Reserved the Blind Owl Brewery for 11/16/2016. They have 85 person capacity. Cost is \$18-\$22/person for food and drink. Potential speaker ideas: needs to be 'big-picture' geology discussion, needs to be free, and should be scheduled by late summer. The Board considers Carol Comer, IDEM Commissioner or Vince Griffin's replacement at the Indiana Chamber of Commerce good candidates.*
  - b. Earth Science Education – *Scott.*
    - i. *GeoFest 2016 (2/19-21/2016). Scott commented that GeoFest went very well. There were sufficient volunteers – the spots filled up close to the event date. Note: GeoFest usually happens the same weekend in February annually.*

- ii. Earth Day 2016 (4/23/2016). *Scott will email the volunteer time slots for this event. The time slots will be shorter, as this event is shorter than GeoFest.*
    - iii. HydroGeo Model. *Scott mentioned that the model is being booked every other month on average by school or scout groups.*
  - c. Continuing Education – Scott and Rachel.
    - i. *Scott has a list of the potential topics for continuing ed. He will forward the list to the Board for review. They are looking to have the main continuing ed. event in July, 2016. Scott and Rachel would like to finalize the date, and then discuss with prospective presenters.*
  - d. Legislative – Dustin.
    - i. *PGI Board continues with discussion of the statute changes. Draft language has been reviewed and edited, but not finalized. Dustin and Rob George will be meeting with Todd Thompson on 3/16 in an effort to build cooperation between groups and seek input into our efforts to modify the statute.*
    - ii. *Review of state legislative activities: Dustin provided a summary table. Note: HB1082 would prohibit the state from adopting rules more stringent than federal. This is an example of a bill that would significantly impact PGI members. PGI could join other environmental groups in opposition to this proposed bill.*
    - iii. *Dustin and Kevin will review groups that may be worthwhile to cooperate with when certain legislative proposals arise that may necessitate a response.*
    - iv. *Dustin will add a column to the legislative summary table that evaluates whether a bill should trigger some type of action from PGI.*
  - e. Events/Field Trips – Patrick and Kevin.

*Kevin discussed this. Something at the dunes? Could we discuss this with Todd Thompson? What about hydroelectric? Should we reach out to other states? Patrick/Kevin will continue to work on this. The event will take place early- to mid-October, 2016.*
  - f. Publications/Website – Stephen

*Stephen stated that current software is out-of-date, which leads to our website problems. DNN used to be industry standard. Most are currently using WordPress. Our website is DNN, with which we require a non-local host. In order to update completely (to WordPress), it could cost \$2500 (using a template design – up to \$5000 for customized design) + \$30/month for hosting. At a*

*minimum, to make our website work (remaining DNN), we would need a new host for \$22/month – but this would not update to a mobile-friendly website.*

*The last update to the website was ~10 years ago. After discussion, Rob motioned to move forward with a full WordPress update. It was seconded, and approved. Stephen will proceed with IT providers to get a formal quote, and proceed if the costs are within the stated range. Stephen will look to Dustin and Chris for additional input on the website update.*

*i. Stephen has also updated PGI's LinkedIn and Facebook pages, and encouraged all members to utilize them. These could be great platforms for PGI to post job listings, minutes, etc.*

*g. Membership – Andy*

*Andy presented data on membership trends from 2007-2016. Why is membership dropping? No snail mail mailings? Does it have something to do with the annual meeting – where many renew their memberships? Could we reinstate offering free membership to new LPGs? We need to obtain a database of LPGs from the IGS, so that we can ensure that we are contacting the full list.*

6. Good of the Order

7. Set next meeting time/date. 5/11/2016, 3:30 pm at the Blind Owl. Legislative meeting at 2:30 (same day)

8. Adjourn