



Professional Geologists of Indiana

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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

May 18, 2016, Blind Owl Brewery, Indianapolis, IN

3:15pm – 5:00pm

1. Call to Order/Quorum declaration – *Rob called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm. Quorum was declared.*
2. Review of last Meeting Minutes / Secretary Report – **Bill** supplied minutes from 3/9/16 meeting. *Chris motioned to approve, Andy second, minutes approved.*
3. Treasurer’s Report – **Chris** presented treasurer’s report. *Chris commented that we are down approximately \$1,000 from May 2015, which is due to website expenses. Dusin motioned to approve, Rachel second, treasurer’s report approved.*
4. President’s Remarks – **Rob** welcomed Rick Sumner, our new Board Member. *We discussed PGI mission statement, as found on website, and committees that are available for Rick to volunteer.*
5. Committee updates
 - a. Awards/Annual Meeting – *Chris and Rob.*
 - i. *Blind Owl secured for 11/16/2016*
 - ii. *Awards will be presented as follows: Rachel Walker (distinguished service); John Steinmetz, Jim Nowacki, and Larry Studebaker (lifetime achievement).*
 - iii. **Rachel** will print out certificates. *We will coordinate framing the certificates.*
 - iv. **Rob** will obtain rock specimens as awards
 - v. **Chris** will notify each of the awardees to “save the date”.
 - vi. **Rachel** will post a notification/RSVP for the annual meeting on the newsletter. \$20/person
 - vii. *Speaker: Bruce Stephens, Executive Director of the Indiana Coal Council. Kevin will send him an email to request his speaking services.*
 - viii. *Alternate speaker: Vince Griffin’s replacement (IN Chamber of Commerce Environmental Representative)*
 - b. Earth Science Education – *Scott.*

- i. Earth Day 2016 (4/23/2016). **Scott** stated that four people volunteered at the PGI booth (Scott, Sarah, Larry, and Juliet). Poor involvement; how to change?
 - 1. Earth Day event: Always the 3rd Saturday in April. There are approximately 150 exhibitors. ~20,000 people walk through the fest.
 - 2. PGI Booth Staffing needs: Should have 2-4 people at the booth at all times. Need to man the rock core sample, groundwater model, and talk to people.
 - 3. How to get more volunteers: Advertise earlier. Have a sign-up during the annual meeting for GeoFest and Earth Day volunteer opportunities. **Rob** will announce the volunteer opportunities during the annual meeting.
- ii. HydroGeo Model. Scott mentioned that the model is being booked every other month on average by school or scout groups. **Rick** stated that he may have a use for the GW model at Ivy Tech.
- c. Continuing Education – Rachel.
 - i. Potential topics:
 - 1. **Rick** could give a talk on the history of oil in Indiana. He has presented this information to a variety of audiences.
 - 2. Indiana mineral resources: develop a theme, then seek out 3-4 speakers
 - a. Limestone
 - b. Coal
 - c. Permitting for mines/oil wells (Herschel's office)
 - 3. Don't set a theme? Historically there have been a range of topics, like Kim Forster's, "dirty words in report writing". Other ideas?
- d. Legislative – Dustin.
 - i. Changes to the proposed statute reviewed before the PGI Board meeting. Dustin has forwarded the information via email to the Board for final review.
 - ii. Review of state legislative activities: Dustin stated that legislative actions are done for the year. Next year is a long session, and we will be ready.
 - iii. Will need to coordinate our efforts with State Geologist office and potential bill sponsors.
- e. Events/Field Trips – Kevin.
 - i. 10/8/16 at the dunes, with Todd Thompson. Set a time 10 am – 3 pm? Box lunches to be supplied (\$10?)

1. **Kevin** will check with Todd on requirements for the field trip. Hard hats? Access? We will need to use waivers.
- f. Publications/Website – Stephen
 - i. **Stephen** stated that website design update is progressing. They are pulling content from existing website. Everything is editable! They would like to launch ASAP.
 1. Details: NEXTfly is doing the work with Stephen. PGI purchased a template for the website design for \$50. Should be operational within a month.
 - g. Membership – Andy
 - i. Follow up on last meeting’s membership drop discussion: **Andy** stated that he will draft a letter for recruiting LPGs to PGI.
 1. Should the letter be sent via snail mail?
 2. Is there a current template for this letter? **Rob** and **Chris** mentioned that they could research for historical letters.
 3. Andy will send draft letter to the Board for review.
 - ii. **Andy** presented additional ideas for publicizing the Board and Board members, profiling individuals with a photo and answering several standard questions. Andy has forwarded the questions and template for board member profiles via email.
 - iii. **Rick** presented additional ideas for membership: kick off the PGI scholarship at the annual meeting. We should work out a plan for how to implement the scholarship by the September meeting.
6. Good of the Order
7. Set next meeting time/date. 7/14/2016, 3:00 pm at the Blind Owl.
8. Adjourn

Note: Credit to Rick for covering the bar tab!