



## Professional Geologists of Indiana

### Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Andy Wallace, Chris Parks, Rob George, Stephen Brellenthin, Rachel Walker, Rick Sumner, Scott Johanson, Dave Busch, Shane Schmidt, Kevin Strunk, and Bill Karban

January 19, 2017, 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 – **Rachel** supplied minutes from 11/16/16 meeting. *No edits. Meeting minutes approved.*
3. Treasurer’s Report – **Chris** presented treasurer’s report. *Note: Annual meeting expenses shown; the use of PGI’s new “square” payment option worked well during the annual meeting. Report approved.*
4. President’s Remarks – **Rob** introduced two new PGI board members: *Dave Busch (Citizens Energy) and Shane Schmidt (IDEM). Welcome aboard, and thanks for your service!*
5. Committee updates
  - a. Awards/Annual Meeting – **Chris** will continue to chair this committee
    - i. *The 11/16/16 event went very well. The Board received positive feedback on the venue, food, awards, etc. Thanks to all for attending.*
    - ii. *Planning for 2017 event has not yet begun.*
  - b. Earth Science Education – **Scott**.
    - i. *GeoFest 2017 (2/17-19/2017). Scott commented that GeoFest sign-ups are filling. Saturday slots are open (9:30-12:30, 12:30-3:30, 3:30-close). Strive for 4-6 people in the booth during a shift.*
    - ii. *No other comments on Earth Day 2017 or the HydroGeo Model.*
  - c. Continuing Education – **Rick** will chair this committee, taking over for **Rachel**. **Dave** will assist **Rick**.
    - i. *Can we use Ivy Tech as a venue?*
    - ii. *Should we offer some type of ASBOG training in preparation for the exam?*

- iii. *Our annual continuing education seminar has typically been in the summer time. Other topics for this event are up for discussion. Maybe we could target a July ASBOG training event?*
  - d. Legislative – **Rob** currently serves with **Kevin**. **Bill** offered to join this committee.
    - i. *We have a sponsor for our bill, amending PG licensure in IN – Corey Hamilton*
    - ii. *We have received comments from Professional Engineer group, requesting an exemption in our language. How to deal with this request?*
      - 1. *Agree with Professional Engineers, and adopt their exemption language*
      - 2. *Disagree, and push forward without their amendment*
      - 3. *Make other adjustments to the language and request Professional Engineers review and approval*
      - 4. *Drop the bill*
    - iii. *Rob will contact Todd to discuss this input from the Professional Engineers*
    - iv. *Rachel and Kevin will speak with John Mundell, who is both a PE and LPG, for his input on alternative language.*
    - v. *We need to have alternative language very soon, as the timing for when the bill is introduced could be very soon, or it may wait awhile.*
  - e. Events/Field Trips – **Shane** has volunteered to chair this.
    - i. *Shane also serves on the AIPG board (Chicagoland). Can we look for options to do a dual PGI/AIPG field trip?*
    - ii. *Ideas offered:*
      - 1. *Brian Keith/Todd Thompson Limestone roadcut field trip*
      - 2. *Quarries in northwest IN*
      - 3. *Others?*
  - f. Publications/Website – **Stephen**
    - i. *Stephen will work on posting a job board on the PGI website*
    - ii. *How to deal with all of the corporate links?*
      - 1. *Delete the “servicing geologists” page on the website that lists companies that are not sponsors. PGI Board voted and approved unanimously.*
      - 2. *PGI Board voted “no” unanimously to the request from “affordable online colleges” to post a link to the PGI website.*
      - 3. *Discussed reaching out to other corporations to see if they would like to be sponsors.*
    - iii. *Stephen will also take over the newsletter duties*
  - g. Membership – **Andy**

- i. *Andy discussed the “featured members” piece in the monthly newsletter. Schedule for upcoming months:*
    - 1. *Shane (January)*
    - 2. *Dave (February)*
    - 3. *Chris (March)*
    - 4. *Andy (April)*
    - 5. *Scott (May)*
    - 6. *Rick (June)*
    - 7. *Bill (July)*
  - ii. *We are currently at 48 members. Andy will send an email blast (to whom?)*
    - 1. *Andy and Stephen will use an internet company similar to InstaPrint to create and send a post card reminder to all LPGs in Indiana*
    - 2. *The post card will be a reminder of the ANNUAL membership*
    - 3. *Goal to send out cards by end of February/early March*
6. Good of the Order
- a. *AAPG Delegates: Dave volunteered to serve. He will submit an application, etc. Kevin will serve as an alternate.*
  - b. *Officer elections:*
    - i. *President – Rob George*
    - ii. *Vice President – Andy Wallace*
    - iii. *Treasurer – Chris Parks*
    - iv. *Secretary – Bill Karban*
  - c. *Committees*
    - i. *Awards/Annual Mtg – Chris Parks*
    - ii. *Earth Science Education – Scott Johanson/Shane Schmidt*
    - iii. *Continuing Education – Rick Sumner/Dave Busch*
    - iv. *Legislative – Rob George/Bill Karban/Kevin Strunk*
    - v. *Events/Field Trips – Shane Schmidt*
    - vi. *Publications/Website – Stephen Brellenthin*
    - vii. *Membership – Andy Wallace*
7. Set next meeting time/date. **3/16/2017, 3:00 pm at the Broad Ripple Brew Pub.**
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