



Professional Geologists of Indiana

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Rick Sumner, Chris Parks, Rob George, Stephen Brellenthin, Scott Johanson, Rachel Walker, Dustin Graves

November 16, 2016, Blind Owl Brewery, Indianapolis, IN, 4:30pm

1. Call to Order/Quorum declaration – **Rob** called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Quorum was declared.
2. Review of last Meeting Minutes / Secretary Report – minutes from 9/15/16 meeting. **Rick** motioned to approve, **Chris** second; minutes approved.
3. Treasurer's Report – **Chris** provided report: many pre-payments for annual meeting dinner made online through PayPal. Costs included field trip expenses, seminar costs and insurance costs.
4. Committee updates
 - a. Awards/Annual Meeting – **Chris/Rob**
 - i. Ballots for vote are ready to be handed out at the dinner meeting, plan to hand them out while the board nominees are being introduced.
 - ii. Awards are ready to go for John Steinmetz, Larry Studebaker and Jim Nowacki.
 - b. Membership – **Andy** has also prepared a letter to send in snail mail to LPGs not currently in PGI. Still working on sending this out.
 - c. Earth Science Education – **Scott** reports that GeoFest is coming up and volunteer calls will need to be put out. Feb 17-19, 2017, Indiana State Museum.
 - d. Continuing Education – **Rachel** reported on the 9/23/2016 seminar event. Presentations went well although turnout was small. PGI thanks the speakers who presented at the seminar.
 - e. Legislative – **Dustin** notes that some minor tweaks were made to the language. Attended ACEC meeting in September and reception to the proposed language seemed supportive with some pointers provided as to potential hurdles to getting the legislation passed. Surveyor group also contacted but had not heard anything

back from them as yet. Next step after vote at annual meeting is to find a bill sponsor. Kevin will put together a list of potential contacts.

- f. *Events/Field Trips – field trip was a great success with about 60 people in attendance. Possible ideas for 2017: Corydon Quarry (IMI owned); Fall of the Ohio; Indiana Caverns.*
 - g. *Publications/Website – **Stephen** stated that website traffic is lesser on weekends than on weekdays. He is working on a job posting page for the site.*
5. *Good of the Order*
- i. *AAPG Delegate issue: Rachel cannot serve as AAPG delegate any longer and the lack of PGI representation at the annual AAPG meeting has prompted AAPG to contact PGI over continuance of our affiliate status. We need to decide whether we want to remain an affiliate. Board agrees that we should maintain affiliate status and a new delegate needs to be chosen. New delegate will be selected at board meeting in January 2017. Dustin proposed that PGI could partially support having the PGI delegate attend the annual AAPG meeting as well. Rob George will contact AAPG and respond to their inquiry re: affiliate status and delegate situation.*
 - ii. ***Rachel** raised issue of possibly reinstating PGI student award and what format/amount that would take. We could support an undergrad to attend the field camp for \$250-500 and maybe a graduate student project for \$1,000. More discussion required before a decision is made.*
6. *Set next meeting time/date. 01/19/2017, 3:00 pm at the Blind Owl*
7. *Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm*