



Professional Geologists of Indiana

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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

March 23, 2017, Broad Ripple Brew Pub, Indianapolis, IN

3:30pm – 5:00pm

1. Call to Order/Quorum declaration – **Rob** called the meeting to order at 3:37 pm. Quorum was declared.
2. Review of last Meeting Minutes / Secretary Report – **Bill** supplied minutes from 1/19/17 meeting. No edits. Meeting minutes approved.
3. Treasurer's Report – **Chris** presented treasurer's report. Note: After Chris' membership reminder email, 20 new/renewed memberships were paid. We're up to 74 members, and an increase of \$842 in the account. An expense for representing PGI at the Ball State job fair. Report approved.
4. Committee updates
 - a. Awards/Annual Meeting – **Chris/Rob**
 - i. Discussed location options – Blind Owl seems fine and would maintain consistency. Will contact Big Woods Brewery as an alternative.
 - ii. Date – 2nd Wednesday of November: 11/8/2017?
 - b. Earth Science Education – **Scott**.
 - i. GeoFest 2017 (2/17-19/2017). The event went well and the PGI booth was well staffed with 3-4 people/shift.
 - ii. Earth Day 2017 (4/22/2017) same day as the "March for Science" – need 4 people total – 5 hours on Saturday. Looking forward to extra people milling around for the multiple events in one location.
 - iii. HydroGeo Model – continues to be checked out ~once/month.
 - c. Continuing Education – **Rick**.
 - i. Ivy Tech will host the annual event at the Meridian/Illinois (downtown) location.
 - ii. Target date 7/13/2017; 12:00-4:00 pm; Anticipating 35 (+/- 10) attendees.

- iii. *Proposed schedule of topics: 1 hour for ASBOG test prep; **Scott** has an idea for a talk; **Rachel** has a talk; and **Tom Ward** (works with **Dave**) has a talk.*
 - 1. ***Shane** will contact ASBOG test prep folks to inquire about cost and availability*
 - d. Legislative – **Rob**.
 - i. *Nothing happened with our bill*
 - ii. *We still have a major discrepancy between what the engineers want and our language (see January 2017 meeting notes).*
 - iii. *We need better definition language*
 - iv. *Going forward, we are deciding whether we should*
 - 1. *Include the PE's recommended language and finish our proposed bill,*
 - 2. *Keep working on new language in dialogue with PEs, or*
 - 3. *Make no changes to our bill and try to present it again*
 - v. *Can AAPG assist us with this task? We need to consider how to approach this.*
 - e. Events/Field Trips – **Shane**.
 - i. ***Shane** researched a joint field trip with AIPG in NW Indiana. However, AIPG is partnering with AEG, so they are not interested. Back to planning our own event.*
 - ii. *Ideas offered:*
 - 1. *Bear Run Mine in Vigo County? Oil and natural gas wells nearby. **Shane** will continue to explore this option*
 - 2. *Deep Rock Tunnel tour from Citizens' Energy, using **Dave Busch's** contacts. **Dave** will look into this before next meeting.*
 - f. Publications/Website – **Stephen**
 - i. ***Stephen** is currently working on job posting page on PGI website*
 - ii. *Website traffic is steady*
 - iii. ***Stephen** will work on reaching out to corporations to partner/sponsor the website. Maybe incorporate the invitation in the newsletter.*
 - iv. *May post meeting dates to website and newsletter*
 - g. Membership – **Andy (not present)**
 - i. ***Chris** reported on the boost in membership after the email. Up to 74 members.*
 - ii. ***Stephen** has followed up with **Andy** on post card options for invitations to PGs for membership.*
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- a. *AAPG Delegates: **Dave** will serve as AAPG delegate.*
6. Set next meeting time/date. **5/10/2017, 3:30 pm at the Broad Ripple Brew Pub.**
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