



PGI Featured Board Member - October 2017



Bill Karban - LPG #2376

Bill is a Senior Geologist at EnviroSolutions, Inc., managing the South Bend, IN, office. He studied at the University of Dayton, earning a B.S. in Geology with a second major in Psychology. Bill completed the executive management program from the University of Notre Dame in 2014. Bill has been involved in environmental consulting and remediation since 1998, starting as a field geologist for Trileaf Corporation in St. Louis, MO, and moving to EnviroSolutions in 2000.

Question & Answer for Bill:

Q: How long have you been on the Board and what position do you currently hold, if any?

A: I'm finishing my second year on the Board. I have served as Secretary, and enjoy being a part of the discussion regarding PG licensure in Indiana

Q: Where are you from and what is your educational and professional background?

A: I grew up in the rural community of Hillsboro, IL. After attending college in Ohio, I took my first job in St. Louis, MO. My wife and I moved from St. Louis to South Bend, Indiana when we were expecting our first child. As stated above, I studied Geology and Psychology in undergraduate and enjoyed completing a business management program after I had embarked on my career. My entire career has been spent in environmental consulting and remediation, and has included the spectrum of activities from environmental site assessments and environmental compliance consulting through subsurface investigation and remediation.

Q: What inspired you to become a Geologist?

A: I've always enjoyed science and being outside. I went to school hoping to study environmental issues. When I found geology courses, I was really inspired by the lens through which geologists view the world. Geologists are trained to look at situations from different perspectives, both with a very broad scope of time and physical space and an instantaneous and microscopic point of view. It's cool to use these tools when we conduct investigations and attempt to solve problems.

Q: What are some of your hobbies or how do you spend your free time?

A: I'm married with three kids. I enjoy supporting my wife and kids in their activities. I serve as a garden leader for Unity Gardens, a non-profit community garden organization in South Bend. I volunteer at the Boys & Girls Club in South Bend. I've also been really into training jiu jitsu for the past few years.

Q: Why are you passionate about PGI what do you see as PGI's main role(s)?

A: I strongly agree with the original mission of PGI: "to enhance the unity and professionalism in the geological community." I have been particularly moved by the topic of PG licensure legislation Indiana. This is a great call to action for members of our profession to work together and demonstrate the great value professional geologists bring to our state. PGI provides the perfect forum for us to take actions toward that goal.

Q: What do you hope to see in the future for PGI?

A: I would like to see opportunities for members (not just Board members) to participate in PGI activities more frequently. Let's try to find members who are interested in our tasks, like educational outreach, legislative change, continuing education, etc., and see how they can help. (Many hands make light work)

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