



Professional Geologists of Indiana

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2018: Conference call initially scheduled from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Participating by phone/in attendance: Andy Wallace, Chris Parks, Shane Schmidt, Stephen Brellenthin, Dave Busch, Rick Sumner, Jeremy Kinman, John Morris, and Bill Karban

1. Call to Order/Quorum declaration – **Andy** called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM. Quorum was declared.
2. Review of last Meeting Minutes/Secretary Report – **Bill** submitted the minutes from January 11, 2018 meeting electronically prior to this meeting. **Rick** motioned to approve the minutes, **Shane** second. Minutes approved.
3. Treasurer’s Report – **Chris** presented new expenses included \$142 for P.O. Box rental, and receivables including a \$50 annual membership renewal. **Chris** will provide a more formal statement during the next meeting. No motion to approve was required since this was more of a discussion than a report.
4. President’s Report – **Andy** requested that we segue directly into individual committee reports at this time in lieu of a formal President’s Report due to time constraints. **Andy** also requested that we move the Legislative Committee report toward the end of the meeting. The Board agreed.
5. Committee Updates
 - a. Awards/Annual Meeting – **Chris**
 - i. 2018 is the 25th anniversary for PGI. The Board discussed methods to commemorate this occasion including a 25th anniversary banner on the PGI website, modifying the PGI logo for this year, and including a discussion of the anniversary in an email blast or mailer to members. Also discussed was recognizing past board members at the meeting. **Action Item:** After the meeting, **Jeremy** volunteered to work with a graphics artist to modify the PGI logo. The goal is for the logo to be modified for publication by March 1, 2018. **Note:** Additional action items related to the email blast, membership mailer and website modifications will be summarized in the Publications/Website Committee update section of these minutes.
 - ii. The Board agreed that 1911 Grill was a successful venue for the annual meeting, and it was agreed that the 2018 meeting should also be held there. **Action Item:** **Chris** to reserve the 1911 Grill for the 2018 meeting.
 - iii. The Board discussed getting the speaker lined up by July/August 2018. Make recommendations to Chris. Andy discussed being strategic in

deciding who to invite for speaker. Potentially inviting a potential legislative sponsor to speak. **Action Item:** The Board will determine the meeting speaker by August 1, 2018.

- iv. The Board discussed subsidizing less of each meal this year. To be discussed at the next meeting. **Action Item:** The Board will decide the subsidized (if any) amount during the next meeting on March 7, 2018.

b. Earth Science Education – **Shane**

- i. PGI will have a table for GeoFest. **Action Item: Shane** will circulate a signup sheet within the next week for Board members, then send out to membership. Parking will be limited to three passes per day. Volunteers will likely need to pay for their own parking.
- ii. Earth Day Exhibit - Earth Day will be April 21, 2018 at Military Park from 11:00 AM-4:00 PM. The theme is “Bee Green”. \$40 for a booth. Our exhibit needs to promote sustainability, conservation and environmental protection. The Board needs to work together to develop that statement. **Action Item: Shane** will talk to Scott Johansen about using the same statement as last year and get signed up.
- iii. **Andy** recommended that we advertise our outreach better. The Board needs to improve on communicating PGI activities to membership. The Board should consider sending out a “Did you know” email blast to the membership. This is also a good opportunity to promote the groundwater model. **Action Item:** Someone needs to put together a log of those who have checked out the model.

c. Continuing Education – **Rick**

- i. The Board agreed that Ivy Tech was an excellent venue for the Continuing Education/Professional Development Seminar. **Action Item: Rick** will check with Ivy Tech to check availability in June/July. Note – **Rick** narrowed the seminar window to the last week in June after the meeting. He will notify The Board when the seminar is scheduled. The Board will not advertise the seminar date until the speakers are confirmed.
- ii. **Andy** recommended that we compile a list of previous continuing education topics PGI has held in the last 4-5 years to avoid repetition. **Action Item: Rick** will reach out to the membership soliciting ideas for topics/speakers and will attempt to create a list of subjects reviewed previously. No time line was discussed.
- iii. **Rick** discussed being more proactive on campus, recommending PGI offering ambassador positions to the membership to encourage more student participation and involvement. **Action Item: Rick** will work with **Shane and Bill** to put an action plan together for future discussion. No time line was discussed.

- d. Publications/Website – **Stephen and Jeremy**
 - i. **Action Items:** **Stephen and Jeremy** will update the website with photos and events. The committee chairs need to provide committee summaries to Stephen to put on the website to promote membership involvement. An email blast newsletter will be prepared to send out to the membership by mid-February 2018. Meeting minutes will be updated.
 - ii. **Andy** discussed who is answering email responses to the PGI general email address. **Action Item:** **Stephen, Jeremy and Chris** will be responsible for checking this regularly and reporting to the Board as needed. **Chris** will serve as the point for the email account.
- e. Membership – **Bill**
 - i. **Action Items:** **Bill** will work with **Andy** to discuss previous efforts. **Bill** discussed being consistent, and working with **Rick and Shane** on student involvement. **Bill** will coordinate email blast to the membership with **Stephen and Jeremy**.
- f. Events/Field Trips – **Dave**
 - i. **Dave** discussed that he was considering several ideas at this time for the 2018 field trip. **Action Item:** **Dave** will work with **Shane** to circulate a list of potential destinations for field trips to build consensus. **Dave** will circulate an email to the Board today.
 - ii. **Dave** would like to remove the cap for future field trips that was necessary for the 2017 trip.
- g. Legislature – **John and Andy**
 - i. **John and Andy** looked at the revision language to see where it was left at. They met with Kevin Strunk to discuss given his institutional knowledge and background of the legislative issues. **Action Item:** **John and Andy** will do some outreach to engineers and surveyors to make sure all parties are in agreement with the revisions. No time line was established.
 - ii. **John** discussed continuing education credits and working with Todd Thompson if needed.
 - iii. **John** discussed working with a lobbyist if needed, and the need to identify a bill sponsor and coordinate with reelected officials. An idea presented was to invite the bill sponsor to be the annual meeting speaker.
 - iv. **Action Item:** **John and Andy** will have everything completed by mid-summer 2018 and communicate this to the PGI membership.
- 6. Good of the Order
 - a. **Andy** – The Indiana Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists (IBLPG) meeting is Thursday, January 25th at the Indiana Government Center. Several PGI Board members will attend to show support to the IBLPG and represent PGI.

- b. Reoccurring item: Need to determine PGI involvement with GSA in Indianapolis, November 2018.
 - c. **Note:** After the meeting, **Chris** made a motion to appropriate \$100 to PGI member Greg Scarpone for use at the Ball State University Geology Job Fair on February 24, 2018. Second by **Rick**. The \$100 appropriation to Greg Scarpone was approved.
7. Next meeting time and date: March 7, 2018, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the ERM office located at 8425 Woodfield Crossing Boulevard, Suite 560-W, Indianapolis, Indiana.
 8. Motion to adjourn by **Andy**. Second by **Rick**. Meeting adjourned at 2:14 PM.