



Professional Geologists of Indiana

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2018: ERM Office, 8425 Woodfield Crossing Boulevard, Indianapolis, Indiana

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

In attendance: Board members Andy Wallace, Chris Parks, Shane Schmidt, Stephen Brellenthin, Dave Busch, Rick Sumner, Jeremy Kinman, John Morris, and Bill Karban. Guests Kevin Stunk and an anonymous PGI member.

1. Call to Order/Quorum declaration – **Andy** called the meeting to order at 3:11 PM. Quorum was declared.
2. **Andy** reviews board member meeting guest procedures.
3. Review of last Meeting Minutes/Secretary Report – **Jeremy** submitted the minutes from January 23, 2018 meeting. No edits were requested or made during this time. **Bill** motioned to approve the minutes, **Andy** second. Minutes approved.
4. Treasurer's Report – **Shane** presented an updated financial statement. New expenses included \$142 for P.O. Box rental, and \$100 for PGI member Greg Scarpone for expenses related to the Ball State Job Fair. New receivables included \$50 for the annual dinner, and \$379 for membership renewals and PayPal. Requested Board approval for a check in the amount of \$109 to reserve table space for the PGI for Earth Day. **Andy** motioned to approve the expense, **Rick** second. The \$109 expense was approved. **Andy** motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, **Dave** second. Treasurer's Report was approved.
5. Committee Updates
 - a. Awards/Annual Meeting – **Chris**
 - i. Provided the financial summary of the 2017 annual meeting. Total cost was \$1,912.50 which included a \$300 room fee. 57 people attended the meeting for a breakdown of \$33.55 per person and PGI charged \$25 per person. Total subsidized amount was \$487. This amount is typical compared to previous annual meetings – generally around \$5 per person. The Board discussed revising the subsidized costs, potentially not subsidizing any amount moving forward. The Board discussed the purpose or intent of PGI funds. **Action Item:** **Chris** will contact the 1911 Grill for availability and costs and report back to the board. The Board decided to table the subsidizing topic until next meeting when we know the exact costs and make a decision at that time.
 - ii. The Board discussed who the speaker will be for the annual meeting. Andy recommended reaching out to Indiana Geologists concerning the speaker since this is a joint meeting between the two organizations. An **Action Item**

set during the January 23, 2018 meeting was to determine the meeting speaker by August 1, 2018.

b. Earth Science Education – **Shane**

- i. GeoFest this year was successful with a good representation of PGI members. Some PGI-owned maps are missing and might need to be replaced for future outreach-education events.
- ii. PGI Board members continue to be solicited for classroom presentations from teachers. The Board discussed advertising this outreach component more effectively using pamphlets and email blasts writing educational outreach opportunities in the subject line.
- iii. The Board discussed pursuing professional mentoring opportunities for members and students, and using this as an extension of delegates to universities. The Board discussed assigning specific PGI members as delegates to specific universities. **Shane** discussed encouraging geology clubs such as the IUPUI geology club to present research information to the membership. IUPUI geology faculty has approached **Shane** to sponsor a research day, perhaps during the next academic year. **Action Item: Shane** will discuss with the IUPUI geology club and present additional information to the Board during the next meeting. An additional idea discussed to encourage student involvement in PGI was to solicit poster presentations during the annual meeting and/or the continuing education day and award a \$500 scholarship to the winning presenter.
- iv. **Jeremy** and **Stephen** discussed the recent geology presentation to a Boy Scout troop in Greenwood. The Boy Scouts were pursuing their Geology Merit Badge achievement. It was discussed to invite the Scouts to the annual meeting for recognition. **Action Item: Jeremy** volunteered to keep in touch with the Boy Scouts and inform them of our proposal. **Jeremy** volunteered to reach out to the Girl Scouts also to pursue similar opportunities.
- v. Earth Day Indiana event on April 21st from 9AM to 3PM. **Shane** will send out a volunteer list by email.

c. Continuing Education – **Rick**

- i. The Continuing Education/Professional Development Seminar is scheduled for June 27th at Ivy Tech with free parking. The Board discussed soliciting the PGI membership for topics/presentations/case studies with an email. There are four 45-minute slots to fill. The Board also discussed moving the Continuing Education/Professional Development Seminar to the same day/same venue as the annual meeting. The Board decided to move forward with securing the Ivy Tech facility for June 27th and tabling the discussion of hosting the seminar on the same day as the annual meeting until next meeting.

- d. Publications/Website – **Stephen** and **Jeremy**
 - i. **Stephen** discussed some recent access/connectivity issues with the website. Updates to the website have occurred and are ongoing. **Action Item:** **Stephen** will contact the website host service to find out the cost for increased storage space, and will table the Google One Drive tutorial until the next meeting.
 - e. Membership – **Bill**
 - i. **Action Items:** **Bill** will work with **Andy**, **Rick** and **Shane** on student involvement.
 - f. Events/Field Trips – **Dave**
 - i. **Dave** has received a list for potential field trip venues. **Action Item:** **Dave** will send out to the Board and go from there.
 - g. Legislature – **John** and **Andy**
 - i. **John** and **Andy** met with Kevin Strunk to discuss legislative issues. **Action Item:** **John** and **Andy** will document past and current efforts of what has been done previously. Who are the people we reached out to before? What organizations should be contacted that haven't been? The committee will review the bill and mark it up to gain a better understanding. The committee will circulate by email and request a conference call meeting if needed.
6. Good of the Order
 - a. **Andy** – GSA is November 4th through 7th.
 7. Open Forum – Anonymous PGI Member discussed the INDOT Prequalification process does not mention geologists. One of the main concerns is that INDOT is requesting geological activities (mapping, sampling, surveying, etc.) be performed without specifically requesting the work be conducted by licensed geologists. No public comment period was offered for the INDOT guidance. The Board discussed that the INDOT activities are a public practice of geology. **Action Item:** The anonymous PGI member will submit a draft document to the Board for review and consideration. The Board will discuss and revise the document as necessary, and will further discuss sending the letter to and/or soliciting partnership from the governor's office, INDOT, IDEM, IBLPG, IGS, etc.
 8. Next meeting time and date: May 3, 2018, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the ERM office located at 8425 Woodfield Crossing Boulevard, Suite 560-W, Indianapolis, Indiana.
 9. Motion to adjourn by **Andy**. Second by **Bill**. Meeting adjourned at 5:18 PM.