



Professional Geologists of Indiana

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2018: Woodfield II, 8440 Woodfield Crossing Boulevard, Indianapolis, Indiana

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

In attendance: Board members Andy Wallace, Shane Schmidt, Bill Karban, Jeremy Kinman, John Morris, Dave Busch (conference line) and Rick Sumner (conference line). Guest Kevin Stunk.

1. Call to Order/Quorum declaration – **Andy** called the meeting to order at 3:08 PM. Quorum was declared.
2. President’s Remarks – **Andy** introduced and welcomed Kevin Strunk to the meeting and encouraged all Board members to pitch-in and assist where needed for the next few months leading up to the end of the year.
3. Review of last Meeting Minutes/Secretary Report – **Jeremy** asked if anyone had any edits and/or revisions for the minutes from the July 11, 2018 meeting. No edits were requested or made during this time. **Andy** motioned to approve the minutes, **Shane** second. Minutes approved.
4. Treasurer’s Report – **Shane** presented an updated financial statement. New receivables included \$168 for membership renewals via PayPal. This doesn’t reflect \$315 in recent membership renewals received. New expenses include \$250 for Liberty Mutual insurance renewal. **Shane** and **Bill** discussed membership numbers. The new membership renewals reflect nine additional members. **Andy** motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Report, **Bill** second. Treasurer’s Report was approved.
5. Committee Updates
 - a. Legislative
 - i. **Andy, John** and **Kevin Strunk** met with the Indiana Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists (“B of L”) on July 12, 2018 to discuss PGI’s legislative agenda regarding the LPG statute (HB 1362). **Andy** summarized his email dated July 16, 2018 that he previously sent to the Board. The B of L didn’t provide much feedback on HB 1362 during the July 12, 2018 meeting. A comment summary follows:
 1. B of L Chair, Todd Thompson commented that the draft bill contained a lot of repetition and some repetitive language could be omitted.
 2. B of L member, Lee Florea commented that some university departments are re-branding themselves as earth and space sciences departments as opposed to geology departments and the B of L may

- need to consider approving LPG applications with this revised language.
3. The B of L discussed the financial implications for a continuing education requirement for LPG holders. PGI noted that raising application and renewal fees would offset increased costs. B of L personnel acknowledged this and stated that a fee increase is in process and could take up to a year to be effective due to legislative difficulties.
 4. The B of L requested that PGI send a Word file version of HB 1362 to the B of L and formally request a review if PGI requires additional feedback. It was implied that the B of L would significantly revise HB 1362 if PGI formally requested a review.
- ii. Open discussion. The Board discussed formally requesting the B of L to provide a review and feedback of HB 1362.
1. Pros:
 - a. Would demonstrate PGI's effort to continuously involve the B of L in this process. PGI is on public record soliciting B of L involvement;
 - b. The B of L previously reviewed HB 1362 on an unofficial basis potentially indicating that the B of L is aware of the language and content of HB 1362;
 - c. Presenting the request as a matter of public record to the B of L;
 - d. PGI can review B of L comments but isn't required to incorporate them into the final version of HB 1362.
 2. Cons:
 - a. Timeliness of receiving and incorporating a B of L review of HB 1362. The next B of L meeting occurs in January 2019 after the next legislative session begins; however, it might be possible that the B of L could review HB 1362 and get it back to PGI before January 2019. It was also discussed at this time if PGI should ask the B of L when an official B of L review of HB 1362 could be received by PGI. Additionally, the Board discussed providing HB 1362 to the B of L with a "deadline" when B of L comments would be considered and potentially incorporated into the final version of HB 1362;
 - b. The B of L edits/revisions of HB 1362 will become a matter of public record available by FOIA request. The B of L edited version of HB 1362 could be compared with the final version potentially raising questions why all the B of L edits weren't incorporated into the final version (if applicable);

- c. The B of L will be preoccupied with the November 6, 2018 Geological Society of America (GSA) meeting, and might not have time to devote to a PGI request for HB 1362 review;
- d. Many people and multiple organizations participated in preparing the current version of HB 1362 and significant revisions at this time could potentially delay getting the bill into the next legislative session.

Action Item: The PGI Board will send an email to the B of L as a courtesy informing the B of L that the PGI Board is moving forward with this process. The email will include the updated portions of HB 1362 that includes the timelines and dates for continuing education requirements on pages 5 & 6 of the bill and formally requests a B of L review and opinion of those specific portions of the bill with an acknowledgement of gratitude for the B of L for cooperation and feedback on the preparation and submittal processes of HB 1362. The PGI Board email will state that the B of L comments on those specific portions of HB 1362 will be considered for incorporation into the final version of HB 1362 by the PGI Board until (TIME NOT DETERMINED).

3. Timeline/Milestones:

- a. The next legislative session is from mid-January 2019 to mid-April 2019. The following items need completed prior to mid-January 2019 (in no particular order):
 - i. Finalize the language in HB 1362;
 - ii. Send HB 1362 to the legislative services to finalize the bill;
 - iii. Find a lawmaker to introduce HB 1362. The Board discussed approaching John Ruckleshaus, a sitting Republican senator, and Kerry Hamilton who is up for re-election in the House. The Board decided Ruckleshaus was the more favorable option, and the legislative committee would discuss this more in depth and make a recommendation to the Board; and
 - iv. Discuss HB 1362 with potentially affected organizations (engineers & surveyors). Contact them and send them a finalized version of HB 1362.

Action Items: 1. **Andy** will draft an email to be sent to Todd Thompson and forward to the Board for review and comment. 2. The legislative committee will meet separately and develop action items, dates and milestones and send that

to the Board for review and comment. This will likely necessitate a conference call Board meeting prior to the November 2018 Board meeting.

b. Events/Field Trips - **Shane**

- i. Everything has been arranged for the upcoming field trip. Shane is working with Stephen on setting up the PayPal account on the PGI website. It's imperative to have the PayPal account setup prior to PGI sending out the field trip notice to the membership.
- ii. Falls of the Ohio - Begin sign-ins 9:00 to 9:30 AM. The tour will start at about 9:30AM. A \$2 parking fee is charged by the Falls of the Ohio State Park. This parking fee needs to be added to the notice to membership. The length of the tour is unknown and depends on the amount of questions the tour guide receives and the water levels at the Falls of the Ohio which directly affects the amount of fossils available for observation. Lunch will be delivered to the Falls of the Ohio by Jimmy John's. Shane will call the lunch order into Jimmy John's two days prior to the field trip. Lunch will be from 12:00 to 1:00PM. At 1:00PM, the group will depart and drive to the Mega Caverns. The Mega Caverns tour doesn't have a specific set time. The Mega Caverns will be a tram tour through the tunnels discussing the history of the quarry and highlighting some of the modern activities. Mega Caverns run group tours through the facility on a continuous basis. A tour of the Mega Caverns typically takes 1 hour and 20 minutes. The field trip group will likely arrive at the Mega Caverns by 2:00PM and the tour will conclude around 3:30PM. The drive from the Falls of the Ohio to the Mega Caverns is around 15 minutes. **Andy** recommended including a field trip agenda with approximate times with the field trip notice sent to the PGI membership. **Shane** will send a draft field trip notice to the Board to review prior to sending to the PGI membership. No limitations on field trip attendee numbers. **Shane** will also include a blurb about renewing PGI membership in the notice.
- iii. **Andy** discussed the upcoming GSA meeting and encouraged individual participation. Todd Thompson and GSA representatives encouraged PGI involvement in the mentoring aspect of the GSA meeting. It's good for PGI to be involved in encouraging attendance and mentoring of the PGI membership. Andy recommended putting together an email about GSA to encourage PGI membership to be mentors during the GSA meeting. Explaining what that is. **Action Item: Jeremy** volunteered to draft an email to the PGI membership about GSA and mentoring opportunities. **Jeremy** will send the draft email to the Board for review prior to sending to the PGI membership.

c. Membership – **Bill**

- i. Nine members have renewed their PGI membership since the last email solicitation on July 10, 2018. PGI has a database of 212 past members. Of those, 149 are not current paying members. Current PGI membership is at 66. Bill will send out a follow-up email to those 149 past members as a reminder to rejoin PGI. **Bill** has prepared a draft postcard to be sent to past members. 500 single-sided postcards will be \$92, Double-sided is \$120. Postage is \$0.35 for each postcard. Membership continues to decrease. July 2017 membership was at 87. The Board discussed increasing opportunities to remind past members about renewing their membership. Advertising the annual meeting on the postcard. PGI has a list of 2017 addresses provided by Todd Thompson. **Action Item:** The Board voted unanimously to send out 200 postcards to past members for a cost of approximately \$300, and to highlight upcoming PGI activities. **Bill** will forward the postcard draft to the Board for review prior to finalizing and sending to the membership.

d. Annual Meeting/Continuing Education – **Chris absent**

- i. The Annual Meeting and Continuing Education Seminar will be at the 1911 Grill. The venue has not been booked yet. **John** volunteered to touch base with **Chris** about booking the 1911 Grill.
- ii. **Andy** discussed seeking out qualified people for nominations on the upcoming open Board positions. **Andy** encouraged everyone to consider associates and colleagues who would make good candidates, and to consider diversity including gender, industry, age, experience level, etc. Two Board positions will be open (**Andy** and **Chris**). The Board discussed ways to encourage membership interest in serving on the Board. The Board decided that individual Board members will consider and encourage colleagues and associates to run for election and to solicit the membership for nominees also. **Action Item:** **Bill** will draft an email invitation to send to the membership for future interested Board members.
- iii. Annual Meeting speaker suggestions – Andy has been discussing the annual meeting speaker with Kevin Strunk and Don Neeley with the Indiana Geologists since the annual meeting will be a joint meeting with them. Bev Guard is a former state senator and head of a water committee. Bev spoke previously a few years ago. Jill Hoffman is head of the White River Alliance.
- iv. **Rick** has been coordinating with Chris on the CE Seminar. **Rick** will send out a flier to the membership when the schedule is set. Brandon Nutall with the Kentucky Geological Survey will speak at the CE Seminar. Brandon has been working on a joint project with the EPA about shale fracking working toward a low-carbon future. This brings oil & gas and environmental together. The second CE Seminar speaker **Rick** has been talking to is Rachel Walker who has been working with Mundell on future infrastructure with

Indianapolis Water. A potential drawback to Rachel's presentation is that she just gave a talk at a recent Indiana Geologists meeting. **Chris** is talking to someone at IDEM to obtain permission to present at the CE seminar also. **Dave** is working with Ryan Taylor with the Geist Quarry regarding Citizens plans to convert the quarry into a water reservoir. **Dave** will circle back with the Board when he hears back from Ryan. **Action Item** – **Rick** will follow-up with **Chris** and send out a note to the Board about the speakers and timeframe. The Board discussed having the Board meeting from 10:00AM to 11:30AM at Wilcox Environmental Engineering on Main Street in Speedway. The Continuing Education Seminar will be at the 1911 Grill from 1:00PM to 4:30PM. Happy hour will proceed after the seminar followed by the annual meeting.

- e. Earth Science Education – **Shane**
 - i. Received a request for participation at a school that is hosting a science Olympiad for a discussion about paleontology. The event is not scheduled yet.
 - ii. Highlight PGI outreach during the Annual Meeting. Places we've been, all the schools we've been.
 - iii. Boy Scouts – **Action Item: Jeremy** will continue attempts to establish contact with the Boy Scout Pack in Greenwood that were pursuing their geology merit badge to invite them to and recognize them at the Annual Meeting.
 - iv. Girl Scouts – **John** is signed up for the Circle the City event on October 20, 2018. John's VP is actively involved in the Girl Scouts and will be lining up STEM events in 2019 for PGI to partner with.
 - f. Publications – **Stephen absent**
 - i. The website will be populated with photos. Additional storage space was purchased. **Action Item: John** will provide his Board member profile to be featured in the next PGI newsletter.
6. Good of the Order
 - a. **Andy** – The AAPG Eastern Section Meeting in Pittsburgh is coming up on October 7, 2018. **Dave** is the PGI representative for AAPG, **Kevin Strunk** is the first alternate. **Dave** is unable to attend, and recommended **Kevin** to attend representing PGI. The Board voted unanimously in favor of approving **Kevin** to attend AAPG and represent PGI.
 7. Next meeting time and date: November 14, 2018, 10:00AM to 11:30AM at Wilcox Environmental Engineering located at 1552 Main Street, Speedway, Indiana.
 8. Motion to adjourn by **Andy**. Second by **John**. Meeting adjourned at 5:13PM.