

Professional Geologists of Indiana, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Indianapolis, Indiana
July 11, 2006

Present: Matt Jordan, Larry Studebaker, Charly Zuppann, Kevin Strunk, Ron Hosek, Jennifer Gilles, and Jim King

Absent: Don Neeley, Kim Forster

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Kevin Strunk. Quorum established.

Approval of Agenda: No additions; agenda approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from April 29, 2006, meeting were approved as presented by Larry Studebaker.

Mail Review: Little mail has been received, including no bank statements. The Indiana Academy of Science newsletter was received, and attendance at the IAS fall meeting on November 2-3 was discussed.

Membership Report: Kevin Strunk noted that he had prepared a test email system for membership renewals, as discussed at the April 29 board meeting. He had not yet done a full-scale emailing but planned to do so soon.

The board also discussed the pros and cons of individual vs. corporate memberships and sponsorships and methods for improving the renewal process. The approach of initial email reminders followed by direct mailings as necessary had the most support. Jennifer encouraged more active PGI involvement in more professional activities for personal enrichment and member recruitment. Kevin urged the board members to give this idea more thought and communicate suggestions to each other. Charly suggested that the board compile a list of PGI's normal activities and benefits that can be clearly articulated to prospective members.

Charly also noted that the PGI web site must be updated more consistently so that both existing and prospective members have more current information. The site is antiquated in appearance and content and is no longer a member benefit. Ron will contact Vince to set up a meeting; he and Charly will discuss site updates with Vince.

Treasurer's Report: Ron Hosek did not have his financial records, and current balances were not reported. He noted that we had received approximately \$1,400 in funds since the April meeting, mostly for dues. The largest expenses were associated with the spring picnic – approximately \$426 for food, the awards, and the shelter.

Larry suggested that we review PGI's financial allocations, such as the amount allocated annually for scholarships and proportions of our funds maintained in the checking account vs. a money market account. In that regard, Ron proposed that all but \$50-75 of the funds in our savings and approximately \$6,000 of our checking account be moved to a money market account. This proposal was unanimously approved.

Legislative Update: Kevin noted that the full package was sent out with several personal comments sent to John Steinmetz on the definition of the earth's crust, the LPG signatory process, and personal ethical responsibilities. The board discussed the ongoing issue of having a non-geologist on the LPG licensing board to represent the public interest. Kevin stated that it is difficult to find a non-geologist who is willing to serve; PGI's ongoing search has not produced an interested candidate.

Larry commented that the LPG licensing board's meeting dates are not posted on the IGS web site. Kevin suggested that the IGS be so notified.

Field Trip. PGI will attempt to partner with Earlham College for this fall's trip. Ron Parker and Meg Streppy are to assemble the field guide for a trip to the Whitewater Gorge area and other nearby sites, including the museum at the college. Saturday, November 4, is the tentative date preferred by Earlham for the trip. The board concurred with this date.

Newsletter. As of the July 5 deadline, no articles had been received. Charly stressed that an issue should be distributed before the field trip.

Other Board Action: The board discussed agenda Item 10, a motion by Charly Zuppan regarding the nomination process for awards recipients. Charly explained that the intent of the motion is the place a larger pool of nominee names into earlier consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

Annual Meeting: The PGI Annual Meeting will be on November 15, 2006, in conjunction with Indiana Geologists. This date was chosen to avoid conflicting with the Indiana Chamber's annual meeting, which will occur on the board's usual meeting date. The board agreed that the joint PGI/IG meeting should be held again at the Gene Glick Junior Achievement Center; Kevin will check on its availability. Several possible speakers for the PGI meeting were discussed.

Date, Time, and Location of Next Board Meeting. The PGI board will meet at 4:00 pm on October 4, 2006, at PSI in Indianapolis. The board will also meet prior to the annual meeting on November 15 to wrap up the year's business. Immediate issues will continue to be handled via email.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:50 pm.