

Professional Geologists of Indiana, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Indianapolis, Indiana
November 14, 2006

Present: Don Neeley, Larry Studebaker, Charly Zuppann, Kevin Strunk, Ron Hosek, and Jim King and guests Dr. John Steinmetz and Dave Nance.

Absent: Kim Forster, Matt Jordan, Jennifer Gilles.

Meeting was called to order at 3:40 pm by President Don Neeley. Quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was amended to include discussions of the organization's tax ID number and awards.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the October 4, 2006, meeting were approved as presented.

Mail Review: Ron Hosek noted that the only mail received since the October meeting was several dues payments.

Membership Report: Kevin Strunk noted that he is considering sending an email reminder to members circa December 1 regarding 2007 dues, possibly with an attached invoice. The email would be followed by a direct mailing. Less than 20% of resident LPG's have joined PGI to date. The member list would be reviewed and updated by the end of 2006.

Treasurer's Report: Ron Hosek provided the financial statement (attached to official minutes) as of the meeting date. PGI has \$2,459.67 in checking, \$68.14 in savings, and \$12,359.76 in money market funds. Assets total \$14,887.57. PGI has no outstanding liabilities, so its net worth equals its assets. Significant expenditures since the October meeting were field trip and scholarship fund expenses (\$1,600.00) and trophy engraving (\$134.64). Significant deposits since the October meeting were member dues (\$330.00), field trip and scholarship funds (\$610.00), and interest income (\$91.89).

A discussion regarding PGI's tax ID number stemmed from Ron's receipt of a request from the IGS for a W-9 form so that the IGS could pay an employee's PGI dues. Some confusion surrounds PGI's tax ID number, even after consulting the IRS. Concern was also expressed that using our tax ID number would create a requirement for filing returns. It was determined that this concern was unfounded. Larry motioned to proceed with obtaining PGI's correct tax ID number. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously with one abstention.

Field Trips: Kevin reported that 65 people attended the fall field trip, including the Earlham College contingent. The turnout and experience were good overall in spite of a few logistical problems. Charly noted that presentations at stops on the trip would have improved the experience. He suggested that PGI consider minimum suggestions for field trips, e.g., presentations at stops and using a PA system.

Don noted that a solicitation for suggestions for 2007 field trips would appear on the January 2007 agenda. A general discussion followed about teaming with college geology departments for future field trips. Concern was expressed about the willingness of large geology departments to join PGI in hosting field trips.

The Board asked Jim King to contact Solomon Isiorho, geology professor at IPFW, to consider hosting the fall 2007 field trip. Contacting the geology department at the University of Toledo was also mentioned. Kevin will pursue other possible opportunities in central Indiana (e.g., quarries and mine sites). He'll also contact the department at Purdue.

Newsletter and Website Updates: Charly reported that the latest newsletter issue was recently published. Two to three issues per year will be produced at the present publication rate.

Chris Wells has been working on the web site. The plan is to have the updated site on line by the end of 2006. Dave Nance gave Charly the domain registration information; the current registration is good until February 2007. The 5-year registration renewal will be done at the time the ISP is changed. The website hosting can be changed to the new ISP (IGS) at renewal or as soon as we have the new ISP address.

Legislative/LPG Rule Update: Dr. Steinmetz discussed the LPG Board's meeting with the Indiana Office of Management and Budget. He briefed the PGI Board regarding sanctions that can be imposed by the LPG Board.

The IGS hosted the last ASBOG exam, which was taken by 23-24 people. Feedback indicated the exam was tough, though Indiana scores well on a national basis. Dr. Steinmetz expects a higher level of future interaction by the LPG Board with the ASBOG exam process.

Stamping/sealing issues are still under consideration by the LPG Board. IDEM could add more impetus by requiring stamping/sealing of documents. Dr. Steinmetz had sent a letter to IDEM Commissioner Tom Easterly in May or June, encouraging IDEM to adopt a non-rule policy for sealing and stamping. No response thus far.

Awards: Charly indicated that no nominations had been received for spring awards. He suggested that PGI combine the Lifetime Achievement Award and Distinguished Service Award into a single award with three recipients. He'll bring this recommendation to the Board in January as a motion.

Spring Meeting: The Board engaged in general discussion about revamping the spring meeting due to poor attendance in the past. The Board observed that numerous types and combinations of events, times, and formats have been tried in the past with little change in attendance. Weather seems to influence attendance the most. Better coordination of the event with the schedules of award recipients, who usually bring families, was discussed.

Date, Time, and Location of Next Board Meeting. The PGI board will meet at 3:00 pm on January 9, 2007, at PSI in Indianapolis.

Adjournment: The regular Board meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30 pm.

Board Elections: The meeting for annual Board elections was called to order at 5:50 pm. The floor was opened for nominations. No nominations were received from the floor; therefore, nominations were closed and ballots were distributed.

The following slate of Board members was elected:

Ann Garner
Chris Parks
Larry Studebaker, President
Charly Zuppann

Ron Hosek, Treasurer
Jim King, Secretary
Kevin Strunk, Vice President