

Professional Geologists of Indiana, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting

Indianapolis, Indiana
January 9, 2007

Present: Larry Studebaker, Charly Zuppann, Kevin Strunk, Ann Garner, Ron Hosek, Jim King, and Chris Parks.

Absent: Don Neeley, Kim Forster.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm by President Larry Studebaker. A quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the November 14, 2006, meeting were approved as presented.

Mail Review: Ron Hosek noted that the only mail received since the November 2006 meeting was a \$50 dues notice from the Indiana Academy of Science; renewal of PGI's IAS membership was approved.

Committees and Assignments: Deferred until the next meeting.

Membership Report: The board discussed member lists and direct mailing vs. using email as renewal reminders. Charly will check with the LPG Board to see if an updated LPG list is available for future communications.

Kevin stated that all 2006 members and past members have been billed in some fashion; 25 had paid 2007 dues so far. He noted that a large number of LPGs have never been PGI members, adding that both members and non-members have essentially the same benefits. A discussion of the value PGI offers to the profession ensued. The board reviewed PGI's purpose, as stated in the constitution, and discussed the narrow range of its appeal to prospective members, especially younger geologists. Developing a stronger social orientation, providing exclusive benefits for members, engaging high-quality speakers at quarterly meetings, and providing a list of member benefits on renewal notices were discussed as possible promotional approaches.

Charly suggested that board members prepare thoughtful proposals for increasing membership and improving benefits. The proposals are to be sent to Larry at his home email and to all board members for consideration.

Treasurer's Report: Ron Hosek provided two reports - the financial statement as of the meeting date and the unaudited annual statement for 2006 (both attached to official minutes). PGI has \$1,068.67 in checking, \$68.42 in savings, and \$13,947.22 in money market funds. Assets total \$15,084.31. PGI has no outstanding liabilities, so its net worth equals its assets. Significant expenditures since the November 2006 annual meeting were meeting-related expenses (\$706.00) and administrative expenses (\$90.00). Significant deposits since the November meeting were member dues (\$365.00), meeting-attendee fees (\$540.00), and interest income (\$87.74).

The tax ID number issue has been resolved. One digit had been omitted at some point, which created the earlier confusion.

Field Trip Report: Terry West indicated to Kevin that Purdue has agreed to host the fall 2007 trip, preferably on October 13. No football game occurs on that weekend, and other nearby dates conflict with fall break. Dr. West has requested that, as host, Purdue receive a \$1,000 stipend that would ultimately go to his scholarship endowment fund. Kevin will organize the trip with Matt Dagon's help. IPFW at Fort Wayne was mentioned as a possible host for the 2008 field trip.

Newsletter and Website Updates: Charly suggested that PGI issue spring and fall newsletters with brief, interim issues as needed. He encouraged board members to contribute articles for the spring issue, which would be released a few weeks before the spring meeting.

Charly noted that Chris Walls is about one month behind on updating the web site. The updated site should be on line by the end of January. IU must still approve hosting an outside site, but Charly did not anticipate problems in that regard.

Motion to Consolidate and Revise Timing of Awards: This motion, which is appended to the agenda, was seconded and passed unanimously. The Lifetime Achievement and Distinguished Service awards are now combined into a single award called the PGI Distinguished Geologist Award. No more than four of these awards will be given in a given year.

Legislative/LPG Rule Update: At its October 6, 2006, meeting, the LPG Board stated the sanctions rule previously adopted by the Board, will not be approved by the State budgeting agency (as discussed at the November 2006 PGI meeting). The Daniels administration appears to be using this mechanism to curtail the proliferation of new rules. The PGI board authorized Larry to draft a letter to the LPG Board to reiterate that PGI favors the sanction rule for the good of the profession and to encourage the LPG Board to repromulgate the rule. Approximately one month later, Larry will draft a separate letter encouraging the LPG Board to finish the public-practice rule at its March 2007 meeting. Larry will provide drafts of both letters to PGI board members for review and comment.

Kevin acknowledged that PGI needs fresh faces to interact with the LPG Board – he feels that he and Larry are over-exposed. A discussion followed regarding the role of the LPG Board, how it operates, and its relationship and interaction with the PGI board.

Date, Time, and Location of Next Board Meeting. The PGI board was unable to complete all business and discussions within a reasonable time; therefore, an interim meeting was scheduled for 3:00 pm on February 13, 2007, at PSI in Indianapolis. Agenda items are to be submitted to Larry in writing on or before February 1.

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