

**Professional Geologists of Indiana, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**

**Indianapolis, Indiana
June 19, 2007**

Present: Larry Studebaker, Kevin Strunk, Ron Hosek, Jim King, Don Neeley, Kim Forster, Charly Zuppann.

Absent: Ann Garner, Chris Parks.

Guest: Dr. John Steinmetz, Indiana State Geologist and Chair of the LPG Board.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by president Larry Studebaker. A quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved after amending to include Charly's proposed motions regarding the draft award nomination forms and website (attached).

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the 4/24/07 meeting were approved after accepting Charly's suggestions to (1) revise language related to the Board's intent that award recipients be selected via a more standardized and formalized nominating process and (2) remove references to individuals who have already been nominated. The revised minutes will be redistributed to the board members.

Previous Action Items: The status of action items listed in the 4/24/07 meeting minutes was reviewed.

1. **Action Item:** Larry S. and Jim K. will prepare draft nominating forms for the annual awards. The draft forms will be emailed to other board members for review.

One iteration of drafting and reviewing the forms was completed. Charly had suggested revisions that were not yet made at the time of the June meeting; the forms will be revised accordingly and redistributed to board members for another review.

2. **Action Item:** Ann will research awards of appropriate type and value.

Ann was not present; consideration of this item was deferred until the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Attached to these minutes. Don noted that PGI has \$2,755.02 in checking, \$69.11 in savings, and \$14,172.54 in CDs, for a total net worth of \$16,996.67. Income since the prior meeting was \$240 in membership dues and \$91.74 in accrued CD interest for the Feb-Mar 2007 period. Picnic expenses came to \$197.57.

Discussion with Dr. Steinmetz: Dr. John was given the floor and opened his remarks by passing out information (attached to these minutes) summarizing the activities of the Indiana LPG Board in 2007, a list of several topics for discussion, and LPG Board news. So far in 2007, the LPG Board has:

- Granted 19 LPG licenses, for a total of 1,264 current licenses; 2,229 licenses have been issued since inception of the program.
- Administered the ASBOG exam to 25 applicants on 3/2/07; next exam is on 9/28/07.

- Developed a non-rule policy for sanctioning to provide consistency in the LPG's Board's sanctioning process. The Board will attempt to resubmit sanctioning rule language to the legislature.
- Invited neighboring state licensing boards to consider establishing reciprocity agreements with the Indiana LPG Board.
- Invited nominations for the Lay Member of the LPG Board; the Board now has 2-3 names to send to the governor for the appointment.
- Revised the LPG database for better administration of the LPG program.
- Remodeled the LPG website to facilitate its use and updating.

Dr. John and the PGI board discussed the following topics:

- Position of the PGI and LPG boards on stamping and sealing LPG work documents - Dr. John will review the statute to clarify the LPG Board's authority to require sealing and stamping. Kevin suggested that a careful legal review may also be warranted.
- Strategy to move sanctioning language into a rule - **Action Item:** Larry will draft a letter to the LPG Board encouraging adoption of the sanctioning rule once the rule is sent back through the rule-making process.
- Strategy to address modifications to the statute – Larry recapped events surrounding the PGI and the LPG boards' last attempt to modify the statute and suggested that the LPG Board's representative from the Attorney General's office review the statute to clarify the Board's latitude in that regard. Modifying the rules rather than the statute was discussed as a potentially more effective option.

Dr. John noted that some things can only be accomplished by modifying the statute, e.g., staggering the terms of LPG Board members. The Board will attempt to have the legislature act on that item.

Larry suggested establishing a PGI legislative committee to assist the LPG Board in managing the rule-making processing. Ann and Kim have agreed to serve on such a committee.

LPG Board News:

- Next LPG Board meeting is on 7/12/07 at 1 p.m., Indiana Government Center South, Indianapolis.
- Effective fall 2008, the ASBOG exam fees will be:
 - Fundamentals of Geology – remaining at \$150
 - Practices of Geology - \$200 (increase of \$50)

Spring BBQ Update: Larry reported ±45 attendees, including many children. He received much positive feedback.

Action on Proposed Motions: A summary of proposed motions is attached.

- Motion to accept the Awards Committee's draft nomination forms was tabled until the next meeting (see "Previous Action Items").
- Website changes:
 - Adding a public "Consulting Geologists" page/list to the PGI website. Geologists would be added to this list on a voluntary basis. Charly provided an example listing.

- Adding a list of PGI members to the website. Privacy concerns were expressed by some board members. Motion was accepted by consensus pending spelling corrections and amending the motion to (1) limit the list of consulting geologists to PGI members, (2) allow members to opt out of the listing, and (3) limit access to the list to PGI members by using a password in a log-in procedure.

Other Action Items:

- Don N. will send notices via PGI's email list about "Faces of the Earth", encouraging members to forward the information to non-geologists.
- Kevin will invite the new president of Purdue University to speak at the PGI fall meeting, leaving the meeting date flexible within the first two weeks of November to better accommodate her schedule.

Date, Time, and Location of Next Board Meeting. The next PGI board meeting is scheduled for 3:00 pm on August 21, 2007, at PSI in Indianapolis. Agenda items are to be submitted to Larry in writing on or before August 1.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:15 pm.