

Indiana Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

June 27, 2013

Board Members Present

John Steinmetz, Chair
Tom Bruns
Chad Crabtree
Mark Howell
Tom Partin

Others Present

Teresa Blevins,
Secretary of the Board
Philip Thompson, Board Counsel

Visitors Present

None

Open Session

John Steinmetz called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum of the Board was present, so official business could be conducted.

The minutes of the January 31, 2013 meetings were reviewed. John Steinmetz moved to approve the minutes. Tom Partin seconded. Tom Partin requested a change to paragraph 4 to "Tom Partin volunteered to serve as the Chair for the Committee and will select two Indiana licensed professional geologists to serve on the Search and Screen Committee. The names of the candidates will be provided to the Board for its consideration." The minutes were unanimously approved with the changes. Tom Bruns abstained from voting because he was absent from the January 31, 2013, meeting.

John Steinmetz introduced Chad Crabtree as the new Member-at-Large for the Board. He was re-appointed as Member-at-Large by Governor Pence, effective April 19, 2013, and his four-year term expires April 19, 2017. Mr. Crabtree has previous experience with the InBLPG. In 2001, Governor O'Bannon appointed him to serve as the Member-at-Large, and he served until December 2004, when he moved out of state and had to relinquish his appointment. Mr. Crabtree lives in Elkhart and works at Indiana University South Bend.

A discussion was held regarding the annual fiscal analysis, actuals, approved budget, and proposed budget for FY2014-2015. A copy of the fiscal analysis, actuals, approved budget, and proposed budget (FY2014-2015) had been e-mailed in advance of the meeting to the Board members. Tom Bruns moved for approval of the annual fiscal analysis, actuals, approved budget and proposed budget for FY2014-2015. Tom Partin seconded. The fiscal analysis, actuals, approved budget, and proposed budget were unanimously approved. They will be posted on the InBLPG Web site.

Tom Partin reported that the solicitations for replacement of the forthcoming Board vacancy were submitted to four professional geological organizations in Indiana. The Search and Screen Committee received four applicants interested in serving on the Board. Further discussion will be held today in a closed session.

John Steinmetz shared the status on Indiana Assembly S.B. 520, the ERASER Committee. The bill had passed through the Senate Committee, but it did not pass out of a House Committee and died. John Steinmetz raised the question: Should the InBLPG issue a newsletter to all Indiana licensed professional geologists? The Board consensus was that a newsletter was not necessary and any news or information could be more effectively distributed on the InBLPG Web site.

The Board reviewed, discussed, and voted on the following applications for licensure as a professional geologist in the state of Indiana:

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| <i>Douglas Beal</i> | Chad Crabtree moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded.
Unanimously approved. |
| <i>Everett Bonniwell</i> | Tom Partin moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded.
Unanimously approved. |
| <i>Stephen Brellenthin</i> | John Steinmetz moved for approval. Chad Crabtree seconded.
Unanimously approved. |
| <i>Christine Horch</i> | Mark Howell moved for approval. Tom Bruns seconded.
Unanimously approved. |
| <i>Marjory McCartney</i> | Tom Bruns moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded.
Unanimously approved. |
| <i>Tracey Michael</i> | John Steinmetz moved for approval. Chad Crabtree seconded.
Unanimously approved. |
| <i>Christopher Newell</i> | Mark Howell moved for approval. Tom Partin seconded.
Unanimously approved. |
| <i>Eric Ruckert</i> | John Steinmetz moved for approval. Mark Howell seconded.
Unanimously approved. |
| <i>Cheryl Tophinke</i> | Tom Partin moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded.
Unanimously approved. |
| <i>Eric Wallis</i> | Tom Bruns moved for approval. Mark Howell seconded.
Unanimously approved. |
| <i>Eric Wysong</i> | Chad Crabtree moved for approval. Tom Bruns seconded.
Unanimously approved. |

The Board agreed to tentatively schedule the next meeting on December 19, 2013 or January 2014. Location to be determined. The details of the meeting will be posted on the InBLPG Web site.

Executive Session

Under provisions of IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (Indiana Open Door Law: Executive Session), the InBLPG met to discuss the applications for the forthcoming Board vacancy, December 31, 2013.

Following a presentation by Search and Screen Committee Chair and Board Member Tom Partin, the Board discussed and selected three applicants whose names would be forwarded to Governor Pence by Board Chair John Steinmetz for his selection of one to fill the vacancy.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.