

## Indiana Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

January 30, 2014

### Board Members Present

John Steinmetz, Chair  
Tom Bruns  
Chad Crabtree  
Lee Florea  
Mark Howell

### Others Present

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

### Visitors Present

Dustin Graves  
Tom Partin  
Juliet Port  
Kevin Strunk

### Open Session

John Steinmetz called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. A quorum of the Board was present, so official business could be conducted.

John Steinmetz introduced and welcomed Dr. Lee Florea as the new Board Member. He was appointed January 14, 2014, by Governor Pence and will serve a 4-year term expiring December 31, 2017.

John Steinmetz presented a certificate of appreciation to Tom Partin in recognition of his dedicated services on the Board for the past eight years.

The minutes of the June 27, 2013 meeting will be tabled for review and approval at the next Board meeting tentatively scheduled for July 24, 2014.

John Steinmetz reported that Mark Howell's term will expire on December 31, 2013. A discussion was held, and Mark Howell volunteered to serve as the Chair for the Committee to seek his replacement. He will select among Indiana licensed professional geologists to serve on the committee. Applications for Board Membership will be solicited, and the committee will provide a ranked list of candidates to the Board for its consideration.

The Board discussed the upcoming ASBOG Annual Meeting and field trip that will be held in Indianapolis in November 2014. John Steinmetz solicited ideas from the Board and visitors. Further work needs to be done, and no decisions were made.

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

#### ***Ryan Brumbaugh***

Tom Bruns moved that the applicant submit proof of employment reflecting seven years of professional work experience through April 1, 2014. Pending receipt of that proof, a license will be issued. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.

#### ***Christopher Burns***

John Steinmetz moved for approval. Mark Howell seconded. Unanimously approved.

#### ***Martin Clifford***

John Steinmetz moved for approval. Tom Bruns seconded. Unanimously approved.

<b><i>Andrew Herrmann</i></b>	Tom Bruns moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.
<b><i>Nicholas Hill</i></b>	Mark Howell moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.
<b><i>Bryant Hoffer</i></b>	Tom Bruns moved for approval. Mark Howell seconded. Unanimously approved.
<b><i>Wesley Janes</i></b>	Chad Crabtree moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.
<b><i>Timothy Pranger</i></b>	Chad Crabtree moved for approval. Mark Howell seconded. Unanimously approved.
<b><i>Matthew Sedor</i></b>	Chad Crabtree moved for approval. Mark Howell seconded. Unanimously approved.
<b><i>Amanda Sprinzi</i></b>	Mark Howell moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded. Unanimously approved.
<b><i>Peter Townsend</i></b>	John Steinmetz moved for approval. Chad Crabtree seconded. Unanimously approved.

Visitor Kevin Strunk raised a concern he has about an unnamed individual, whom he knows does not have a geology degree, purporting to be a Hydrogeologist. Chair Steinmetz mentioned that this Board does not have any authority over unlicensed individuals, and that Mr. Strunk's concerns should be brought to the attention of the Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection. Dr. Steinmetz asked Board Counsel Philip Thompson to research the state statute. [Subsequent to the meeting, Assistant Attorney General Thompson cited IC 25-1-7-14, addressing cease and desist orders. In Mr. Thompson's opinion, inasmuch as the Indiana Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists was created outside of "regulated occupations" listed in 25-1-7-1, the cease and desist proceeding available to the other professions is not available to this Board.]

The Board agreed to tentatively schedule the next meeting on July 24, 2014 in Indianapolis. The details of the meeting will be posted on the InBLPG Web site.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.