

Indiana Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

January 29, 2015

Board Members Present

John Steinmetz, Chair
Tom Bruns
Chad Crabtree
Lee Florea

Others Present

DeAnn Reinhart, Licensing Coordinator
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 July 24, 2014 meeting were voted on and approved.

John Steinmetz presented the statistical and fiscal analysis of the InBLPG including the proposed 2015-16 budget. The budget for 2015-2016 was unanimously approved.

Mark Howell's second 4-year term as a Board Member ended on December 31, 2014. At the request of the Chair, he had assembled an outside search committee, and he presented to the Board its top three candidates for the position. The recommendations of the committee were considered, voted on, and approved by the Board. The applications of William Davis, Don Neeley, and Scott Stoldt will be forwarded to Governor Pence for his consideration and appointment of one to fill Mr. Howell's vacant position. The Board thanks Ms. Juliet Port (LPG #2214) and Mr. John Rupp (LPG #2027) in assisting Mr. Howell with the search and screen process.

The Board discussed the complaint against John M. Shamo (LPG #1903). The InBLPG had received verification that Mr. Shamo had pled guilty to 12 class C felonies in Posey County, Indiana, for selling unlicensed securities and for failure to register to sell securities (State of Indiana vs. John Shamo). At its previous meeting, the Board voted to take action under IC 25-17.6-8-1 (Grounds for suspension, refusal to renew, revocation, reprimand, or probation of licensed professional geologist) and filed a complaint against Mr. Shamo. Having received no request for a review from Mr. Shamo, the Board unanimously approved revocation of Mr. Shamo's LPG license.

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

Crystal Amato

John Steinmetz moved for approval. Chad Crabtree seconded.
Unanimously approved.

Val Forest Britton

Tom Bruns moved to table the application until new letters of reference are submitted. Chad Crabtree seconded. Tabled until next meeting.

- Travis Bukach** Lee Florea moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded.
Unanimously approved.
- Greg Grose** John Steinmetz moved for approval. Lee Florea seconded.
Approved with Tom Bruns abstaining.
- Dawn Knipe** Chad Crabtree moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded.
Unanimously approved.
- Sylvan Long** John Steinmetz moved for approval. Tom Bruns seconded.
Unanimously approved.
- Colleen Bonner Myers** Tom Bruns moved for approval. Chad Crabtree seconded.
Unanimously approved.
- Matthew Nemecek** Lee Florea moved for approval. John Steinmetz seconded.
Unanimously approved.
- Joshua Richards** John Steinmetz moved for approval. Lee Florea seconded.
Unanimously approved.

Discussion about the ASBOG Annual Meeting that was held November 10-15, 2014. The meeting was a working workshop. All upcoming annual meetings through 2018 are set as video conferences. In 2013, there were 1687 exams given nationwide, with 53 in Indiana.

The Board agreed to schedule the next meeting tentatively on July 30, 2015 at the Indiana Geological Survey in Bloomington. The details of the meeting will be posted on the InBLPG Web site.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.