

# Indiana Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists

Thursday, July 12, 2018

## Board Members Present

Todd Thompson, Chair  
Chad Crabtree  
Lee Florea  
Ronald Hosek  
Don Neeley

## Others Present

DeAnn Reinhart,  
Licensing Coordinator  
Nicole Schuster,  
Board Counsel

## Visitors Present

Leif Johnson,  
Deputy Atty, General  
Kevin Strunk, PGI  
Andy Wallace, PGI,  
Env. Resources Mgmt.

## Open Session

Todd Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The minutes of the January 25, 2018 meeting were amended, voted on and approved.

Todd Thompson gave an update the rule amendments that are to increase the application and renewal fees. We are waiting for approval from Governor Holcomb to move forward. Once we receive approval, we will get the packet of information finalized and submitted.

Andrew Wallace and Kevin Strunk from the Professional Geologists of Indiana (PGI) went before the Board to discuss possible amendment of House Bill 1362 (2017) <https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2017/bills/house/1362#digest-heading>. The Bill includes the requirement of Indiana LPG's needing to have Continuing Education (CE). The PGI Board has made changes to wording. They asked about possible input from the LPG Board on the changes. Todd said that Lee would be the representative for the LPG Board and would present his wording recommendations to the LPG Board in a webinar. If the PGI Board decides to go forward with getting the LPG Board's input, they will let the Board know. Todd pointed out that if the CE requirement does go into effect, the LPG Board will need to hire another clerical to manage. This would result in another increase not included in the increase that the LPG Board is currently working on. Don Neeley moved for approval to have edits made if the PGI Board requests. Chad Crabtree seconded. Unanimously approved.

Todd Thompson and Nicole Schuster gave information on Bill HEA 1245. (<https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/bills/house/1245#digest-heading>) The bill pertains to Occupational Licensing and indicates that state and local government units would explicitly list the crimes that will disqualify an individual from receiving an occupational license. Discussed the possible crimes that would apply to the Indiana LPG program. Nicole will send a list of crimes to the Board members to determine which will apply. After review, a webinar with the Board will be scheduled to discuss and vote.

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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| <b>Greg Alfrey</b>      | Don Neeley moved for approval. Ron Hosek seconded. Unanimously approved.     |
| <b>Samuel Blazey</b>    | Chad Crabtree moved for approval. Lee Florea seconded. Unanimously approved. |
| <b>Gary Blinkiewicz</b> | Ron Hosek moved for approval. Chad Crabtree seconded. Unanimously approved.  |
| <b>Mitchell Cline</b>   | Lee Florea moved for approval. Chad Crabtree seconded. Unanimously approved. |
| <b>Ronald Counts</b>    | Don Neeley moved for approval. Ron Hosek seconded. Unanimously approved.     |
| <b>Heather Foxx</b>     | Ron Hosek moved for approval. Chad Crabtree seconded. Unanimously approved.  |

- Charles Gomez** Chad Crabtree moved for approval. Don Neeley seconded. Unanimously approved.
- D’Arcy Gravelle** Todd Thompson moved for approval. Lee Florea seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Matthew Hennessy** Todd Thompson moved for approval. Ron Hosek seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Daniel Hurst** Chad Crabtree moved for approval. Don Neeley seconded. Unanimously approved.
- David Kulczycki** Lee Florea moved for approval. Chad Crabtree seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Richard Moore** Todd Thompson moved for approval. Ron Hosek seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Andrew Savill** Don Neeley moved for approval. Todd Thompson seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Stephen Sellwood** Ron Hosek moved for approval. Lee Florea seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Mihir Shah** Todd Thompson moved for approval. Don Neeley seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Garry Stanley** Lee Florea moved for approval. Ron Hosek seconded. Unanimously approved.
- William Stephens** Chad Crabtree moved for approval. Don Neeley seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Kari Ann Wallover** Ron Hosek moved for approval. Chad Crabtree seconded. Unanimously approved.

DeAnn Reinhart gave an update on getting current contact information for the 1,297 active LPG’s. There are still about 13% that have not given updated information. DeAnn will continue to pursue.

Todd Thompson discussed a letter from Douglas Rambo at ASBOG regarding the addition of disciplinary action information to state websites. Nicole Schuster indicated that all the documentation for the determination is public record. She will check but all should be part of public record and can be listed. Todd asked if the Board would prefer links or an online database for all Boards to search. The Board agreed on the database option. Todd said that he could contact ASBOG to let them know our willingness to participate in pursuing a national database. Don Neeley moved to approve. Ron Hosek seconded. Unanimously approved.

Todd Thompson discussed an email from Aaron Johnson at the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) regarding a national database of everyone licensed. Aaron is working with Deana Sneyd at ASBOG on this. He has received a lot of pushback from some states.

The Board agreed to schedule the next meeting on January 24, 2019 at the Indiana Government Center South in Indianapolis. The details of the meeting will be posted on the InBLPG website.

Chad Crabtree moved to adjourn. Ron Hosek seconded. Unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.