

**Illinois Chapter of the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG)**  
**Draft Meeting Minutes**  
**Illinois Chapter Executive Committee and Advisory Board**

**Date** Wednesday, November 8, 2000  
**Time:** 5:30 pm  
**Place:** Clayton Environmental Offices – Downers Grove, IL

**Roll Call:**

Executive Committee Officers

Ron St. John, President – *Present*  
Martin Hamper, V.P./President Elect – *Not Present*  
Gerald Kraemer, Secretary - *Present*

Advisory Board

William Green - *Present*  
Mike McCarrin – *Not Present*  
Ronald Dye - *Present*  
Alan Curtiss - *Present*  
Brian Montgomery – *Present*  
Rob Stanley – *Present*

Ron St. John, Gerald Kraemer and William Green were present in the Clayton Offices. Ronald Dye, Alan Curtiss, Brian Montgomery and Rob Stanley were present via teleconferencing. A quorum of the Executive Committee was present and the meeting commenced.

Meeting Called to Order: 5:40 p.m.

**Old Business**

Ron St. John discussed the results of the first Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB) hearing held in Chicago regarding the proposed changes to the TACO regulations. Ron attended that meeting and the only technical issue discussed was the use of dry weight versus wet weight in the analysis of soil, which does not pertain to the issue of the practice of Licensed Professional Geologists (PGs). There were no issues regarding the practice of PGs associated with the TACO changes; therefore, Ron decided that attendance by the Illinois Chapter of AIPG at future hearings was not necessary.

Ron also briefly discussed the political workshop held by AIPG in Springfield, IL on August 16, 2000. IL Chapter members Ron St. John, Ron Dye, Monte Nienkerk, Rob Stanley, Myrna Kiley, Al Schmidt and Jerry Kraemer attended the workshop. Several of the Executive Committee members had stated that the workshop was very informative and that there were several good ideas that were presented regarding the types of things that can be accomplished to interact with local state representatives. More of these issues will be taken up by the Executive Committee at a later date.

**New Business**

The agenda of this meeting was outlined as follows:

- Participation of the IL Chapter with the Illinois Association of Environmental Professionals (IAEP) regarding commentary on changes to the Illinois Environmental Protection Act.
- Formulation of the decal/sticker to be provided to all IL Chapter Members (IL PGs)
- IL Chapter Newsletter

## **1.) IL Chapter Participation with the IAEP on Changes to the Environmental Protection Act**

Ron St. John recently received information that the IAEP (organization made up of environmental professionals, attorneys, regulators, etc.) was asked by the Illinois Environmental Regulatory Commission (who evaluates recommended revisions to the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (Act) to review potential changes to the Act. Bill Forcade is the President of IAEP and has been named to the Commission. In order for any changes made to the Regulations (i.e., Parts 732 and 740) to become effective and enforceable, the Act must be changed to reflect those issues (can only be changed by the State of Illinois legislature). These recommended changes are forwarded to the Illinois Pollution Control Board, who through their process will vote on the final changes and then send it to the State legislature for voting. Specific to the IL Chapter are the changes, which involve Illinois PGs and requirements for sign-off of documents.

Ron had met with Bill Forcade who said that he would like the Illinois Chapter to get involved with the process. Consequently, Ron received from Bill draft changes to the Act to review. Ron has picked out those issues as it relates to IL PGs, which include Title 16 (USTs), Title 17 (SRP), Title 5 (Land Disposal & Refuse Disposal) and Titles 4 & 4A (Public Waterways). The Committee agreed to limit our review to these issues at this time and may get involved on a larger scale at a later date.

Some of the individual issues were discussed and several suggestions were made, however, it was decided to have some of the Executive Committee members review each of the Titles and formulate comments and potential changes. Ron St. John volunteered to review Title 16, Ron Dye has volunteered to review Title 17 and Rob Stanley has volunteered to review Titles 4, 4A and 5.

The Executive Committee members who will review the Titles will forward their comments to the Committee for further comments when completed. The changes to Titles 16 and 17 will also be compared to the changes previously made to Parts 732 and 740 for consistency purposes. Ron will then send a letter to the Commission outlining our comments to the changes in the Act. It will also be suggested that an IL PG serve on the Commission.

## **2.) Decal/Sticker for IL Chapter Members**

At the previous August 10, 2000 Executive Committee meeting, it was voted to formulate a decal/sticker to distribute to Illinois Chapter members (PGs) for display to show that an Illinois Licensed Professional Geologist is employed at their particular place of business on the front door, company vehicle, etc. One or two additional decals (dependent on funds available) may be included for other uses (one's car, etc.). The overall idea is to promote the IL PGs and get more visibility for the profession. This is currently being done successfully in the State of Florida.

Ron St. John had formulated a draft decal/sticker (round in shape and red in color with a white State of Illinois symbol) showing the State of Illinois with various symbols representing the different areas of geologic practice (oil derrick for the oil industry, water spigot for the groundwater industry, mine symbol for mining, and microscope for academia) and words around the perimeter saying Licensed Professional Geologist. Ron had e-mailed the draft decal to the membership and received several comments. Most of the comments said that it looked great. One person did not like the water spigot and another did not like the outline, which resembled a gear. Another suggestion was to add rivers to the Illinois

symbol and another suggested to add a drill stem or auger. Another member said that he new a graphics designer that might help for no additional cost. Ron e-mailed this member and said that we would accept this offer. Also suggested was to add the glacial map (or something equivalent) to the State of Illinois symbol. A final suggestion from a Committee member was to add a mining hard hat representing the coal mining industry.

It was also suggested to add something to the decal, which would mention the IL Chapter, however, it was agreed not to do this since the purpose of the decal is for recognition of IL PGs.

The Committee decided to add the mining hard hat and glacial map (or something equivalent) to the State of Illinois symbol and formulate new drafts with various colors. Once the final drafts have been completed, the Executive Committee will vote on the final at a later date. It was decided to have only two colors in order to be cost effective.

Also discussed was how the decals would be mailed and how to let the sponsor(s) advertise their sponsorship for the decals. To date, only Mid-America Drilling Services, Inc. have donated funds (\$1,000) for the Chapter, which is in the Section treasury. It was decided that the decals would be mailed with a newsletter that would likely be tri-fold or half-fold and stapled. If it is cost effective, everything will be mailed in an envelope. Also, in order to update the membership file, Ron completed another Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, which has the current list of IL PGs. The decals/stickers will be done by a printer and the mailings will be done by a professional service.

The following motion was made for a sponsor advertisement or insert in the decal mailing:

*Motion: Move to allow the sponsor(s) to advertise either on the back of the newsletter or on a separate insert (depends upon mailing costs).*

*Motion seconded.*

*Motion approved by a vote of 7 to 0.*

### **3.) IL Chapter Newsletter**

An IL Chapter newsletter will be written and sent to the membership in the mailing with the decals/stickers. The newsletter will be no more than two pages double sided. The following items were suggested to add to the newsletter:

- Explanation of the Illinois Chapters Charter – what is our purpose and goal, what have we been doing, our accomplishments and what is planned for the future.
- Who the Executive Committees members are and how they can be contacted.
- Remind members that we need their e-mail addresses because there will be very few mailings. Most correspondence will be accomplished by e-mail.
- Encourage use of our web site.

Ron St. John has volunteered to write the first draft of the newsletter.

#### **4.) Other New Business**

To date, the Chapter By-Laws have not been officially approved by the Institute. Ron will check with the Bill Siok (Executive Director) as to the status.

There was no other New Business.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. CST.

These minutes are officially submitted this day, the 28<sup>th</sup> of December, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald M. Kraemer, Secretary

Approved this day, the \_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000  
(Minutes to be approved via e-mail)