

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

**Date** Thursday, December 9, 1999

**Time:** 5:30 pm

**Place:** Clayton Environmental Offices – Downers Grove, IL

**Attendance:**

Executive Committee Officers

Ron St. John, President

Gerald Kraemer, Secretary

Advisory Board

William Green

Ronald Dye (Springfield)

Alan Curtiss (Springfield)

Rob Stanley (Herrin)

Ron St. John, Gerald Kraemer and William Green were present in the Clayton Offices. Ronald Dye, Alan Curtiss and Rob Stanley were present via teleconferencing.

**Old Business**

This was the first Chapter Officer/Committee Meeting; therefore, there was no old business to discuss.

**New Business**

The agenda of this meeting was outlined as follows:

- Discussion of proposed by-laws for the Illinois Chapter (herein referred to as the Chapter) of AIPG.
- Creation of Chapter letterhead for future correspondences.
- Compilation and finalization of all comments received by the Chapter regarding the IEPA proposed changes to the Underground Storage Tank Rules (Part 732).

**1.) Proposed By-Laws**

Prior to this meeting, Ron St. John (Chapter President) assembled draft Chapter by-laws based on the American Institute of Professional Geologists (the “Institute”) by-laws and sent them to the Executive Committee Officers, the Advisory Board, William J. Siok (Institute Executive Director, Myrna M. Killey (Institute Editor), and Al Schmidt (AIPG Illinois/Indiana Section President) for review and comments. Ron had received comments back prior to the meeting for discussion and revisions.

During the meeting, each section of the by-laws was discussed and appropriate changes were made such that they would benefit the Chapter and its primary goal as an “Advocacy Group” and the Institute. Also, the by-laws cannot conflict with the by-laws of the Institute if any

part causes harm to the Institute. Appropriate changes were made based on the comments received by William Siok, Myrna Killey and Al Schmidt.

A copy of the proposed by-laws will be electronically sent to all current Chapter Members (to those the Executive Committee has received e-mail addresses) for their review and comment. The proposed by-laws will show the original struck-out wording and the proposed changes as a result of this meeting. Consequently, these meeting minutes do not go into detail of the original and proposed by-laws and their proposed changes. It was decided by the Committee to extend a deadline of January 3, 2000 to receive comments from the Chapter Membership.

The major highlight and discussion of the proposed by-laws encompassed the section titled "Classes of Membership". It was proposed to have two (2) classes of membership in the Chapter, voting Members and non-voting Members. To attain voting membership, rights an individual must be a Certified Professional Geologist (CPG) in the Institute or be a Registered Member in the Institute. The reason for this is simply because the Chapter is part of the Institute (and Illinois/Indiana Section) and the Institute is funding the efforts of the Chapter as well as providing assistance to advocate the practice of "Geology" in the State of Illinois (i.e., assisting with future legislation). The cover letter accompanying the proposed by-laws will also explain this matter. It was also proposed to extend a grace period of one year (until January 1, 2001) for individuals to become CPGs or Registered Members in the Institute. More information regarding membership in the Institute can be obtained from the AIPG web site at [www.aipg.org](http://www.aipg.org).

## **2.) Proposed Letterhead**

The Officers and the Advisory Board decided to construct Chapter letterhead for future correspondences. The letterhead will contain the title "Illinois Chapter of AIPG", the names of the Executive Committee Officers and the Advisory Board, and a brief mission statement regarding the advocacy of the practice of "Geology" in the State of Illinois. It was also decided that since the Chapter does not have an official office (and will likely not because of future Chapter Officer/Advisory Board changes) the address at the top of the letterhead would reflect the address of the individual Chapter Officer/Advisory Board Member who will send out that particular correspondence. All correspondences and actions taken will be kept in a central file by the Chapter Secretary.

It was voted unanimously by the quorum of those present to accept the letterhead as it was designed. Chapter members will see the letterhead in the next correspondence.

## **3.) Comments on the Proposed UST Rule (Part 732) Changes**

The Chapter has received several comments from the membership regarding the IEPA's proposed UST Rule changes. Some of the comments received had proposed changes to the Rules in addition to the proposed changes by the IEPA. Ron St. John had pointed out that when the IEPA's proposed changes were sent to the Chapter by Mr. Bill Childs (Bureau of Land), it was stated by Mr. Childs that the Bureau of Land wanted the Chapter to only comment on those proposed IEPA changes (includes those sections that incorporate Licensed Professional Geologist issues). Therefore, in response to Mr. Child's request, the Chapter will only submit comments on the IEPA's proposed changes at this time. If the

IEPA requests additional comments on the Rules at a later date, the Chapter will then respond accordingly. The Chapter comments will be submitted to Mr. Child via e-mail. Mr. Child's has requested that the IEPA receive Chapter comments by Christmas of 1999. The IEPA plans to submit its changes to the Illinois Pollution Control Board sometime soon after that.

There was not an extraordinary amount of comments received by the Chapter; therefore, it was decided to have one volunteer from the Chapter Executive/Advisory Board to compile all the comments on the IEPA proposed Rule changes and submit them to the Committee for final review and forwarding to Mr. Bill Childs. Mr. Rob Stanley (Advisory Board) volunteered to complete this task. Mr. Dye volunteered ton assist Mr. Stanley.

No other meetings were scheduled at this time. The membership will be advised of any meetings planned in the future. All correspondences will be done by e-mail.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. CST.

These minutes are officially submitted this day, the 12<sup>th</sup> of December, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald M. Kraemer, Secretary

Approved this day, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, 2000