

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

Date Thursday, May 25, 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 - *Present*

Ronald Dye - *Present*

Alan Curtiss - *Present*

Brian Montgomery – *Not Present*

Rob Stanley – *Not Present*

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

Note: Monte Nienkerk (Chapter Member) sat in on the meeting because he has a direct correspondence link to the Illinois Pollution Control Board and the Committee felt it was beneficial for him to relate any information regarding public hearings or any other information regarding the IEPA Part 732, 740 and 742 changes.

Meeting Called to Order: 5:35 p.m.

Old Business

Ron St. John has inserted the letters sent to the IEPA regarding the Part 732 Regulations and the letter sent to the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation Board for Geologists (the Board) regarding IL P.G. sealing and stamping of geological documents as previously discussed on the web page. Ron has not heard from the Board and Mike McCarrin had stated that Mike Bruen (Board President) has been out of the country for some time.

New Business

The agenda of this meeting was outlined as follows:

- IEPA changes to the Part 732 Regulations, submittal to the Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB) for review and scheduled public opinion hearings.
- Comments received from AIPG National (Institute) regarding the proposed Illinois Chapter by-laws.
- Additions to the Illinois Chapter web page.
- Annual Illinois Chapter meeting.
- Coordination with the Illinois-Indiana Section.

1.) IEPA Changes, IPCB Review and Public Opinion Hearings

Monte Nienkerk (invited meeting guest and Chapter Member) related that there has been no scheduled public hearings to date regarding Part 732, 740 and 742 changes; however, the IPCB has the changes in hand. Monte said that the IPCB will first need to publish notice in the Illinois Register and felt that this may occur within the next several weeks. The IPCB will then schedule at least two hearings for which they typically conduct one meeting in the Chicago area and one in Springfield. Monte has his name on the IPCB service list for this particular ruling and will receive official documentation as to when things shall occur. Monte also informed the Committee that only Part 742 (TACO) changes have been sent to the IPCB and Parts 732 and 740 have not. Apparently, there are fewer changes to Part 742, thus they have been the first ones sent to the IPCB.

It was decided to wait until the dates and locations of the public hearings are announced and then assign members to attend those meetings to represent the Chapter. Then once we have received and reviewed the proposed changes, we will then conduct meetings to discuss how to approach the issues at hand and then notify the IPCB in advance (as required by the IPCB) that the Chapter will make a presentation at the hearings. Monte will be notified of anyone who is going to present testimony at the hearings, which will help the Chapter prepare for its presentation. It was discussed as to whether the Chapter will take a preemptive action with others (i.e. meetings with engineering organizations) who may present cases at the hearings. The Committee will further pursue this issue when necessary.

2.) Comments on the IL Chapter Proposed By-Laws Received from the Institute

The IL Chapter has received comments on the proposed Chapter by-laws from the Institute. The document contained various strike-outs and additions, which were discussed by the IL Chapter Executive Committee. Several typographical errors were also found and corrected. Each of the items was discussed individually and either there were no objections or amended by the Chapter Executive Committee. A motion was then made as to whether the actions of the Executive Committee should be accepted or denied. The following primary changes and additions (as received from the Institute) were highlighted and either accepted or changed:

- Section 1.1.2 - Institute change; “It is a self governing component under the supervision of the Section subject to approval of the National Executive Committee of the AIPG, a not-for-profit membership corporation organized under the laws of the State of Colorado.”

Committee Action: No objections.

- Section 1.1.3 Territory – Institute change, “.... is authorized to represent the Institute subject to the by-laws and policies of the Institute as prescribed by the Institute and consists of the State of Illinois” in the sentence “The territory within this Chapter is authorizedand consists of the State of Illinois.”

Committee Action: No objections.

- Section 1.2 Purposes (1) – Institute change, in the sentence “to monitor and influence legislation and regulation.....and objectives of the Chapter, the phrase “the Section and the Institute” was added after the word “Chapter.”

Committee Action: No objections.

- Section 1.3.1 Powers Granted – Institute change, 1.3.1 (5) “ to establish subsidiary districts and groups.....”; was entirely struck out by the Institute.

Committee Action: No objections.

- Section 2.2 Classes of Membership – Institute addition, “by becoming a CPG or a Registered Member of the Institute” was added at the end of the sentence “A grace period.....to obtain rights as voting members.”

Committee Action: No objections.

- Section 2.3 Rights and Privileges of Members – Institute addition, “All” was added at the beginning of “Chapter Members shall provide comment on issues.....and represent the Chapter as directed by the Executive Committee.”

Committee Action: The Chapter Executive Committee feels that there may be certain negative implications to using the word “all” in this context. The Committee feels that the sentence implies that “all” Chapter Members will be required to comment on issues (whatever they may be) and it is unlikely that this will occur; therefore, issues cannot be resolved without every Member commenting. Consequently, the word “all” is stricken by the Committee and will be presented to the Institute.

- Section 3.3.1 Quorum – Institute change, 3.3.1 “A quorum at any meeting of the Chapter shall be.....”. The phrase “a minimum of 10 voting member.” was added after the word “be” and the phrase “formed by the members attending that meeting.....but in no event shall a quorum be less than 10 Chapter Members” was stricken.

Committee Action: Leave the change; however, since the issue of a quorum relates to meetings, it was decided to strike the word “Other” in Section 3.2 Other Meetings so it just reads “Meetings” (in the title and in the first sentence). This shall be presented to the Institute.

- Section 3.3.3 Mail Ballot – Institute change, the word “electronic” was stricken from the sentence “ any election or question that may be decided at a meeting....., be decided by a electronic mail ballot.”

Committee Action: No Objections.

- Section 3.3.4 Parliamentary Authority – Institute change, in the sentence, “Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition or revision of Robert’s Rules of Order, to.....and are not superseded by these Bylaws....”, the phrase “in conflict with” was added in front of “these Bylaws” and the word superseded was stricken.

Committee Action: It was brought up that there may be several recent editions (by various authors; therefore it was decided to specify a specific edition written by a specific author in the Bylaws. The Committee Secretary shall find a recent edition to use and shall be presented to the Institute for addition into the Bylaws.

- Section 4.1.1 Chapter Executive Committee – Institute change, the phrase “composed of the following elected Officers and positions: the President.....and six Advisory Board members” was stricken after the phrase “The business and affairs of this Chapter shall be managed.....direction of the Chapter Executive Committee.”

Committee Action: No Objections.

- Section 4.2 Executive Committee – Institute change, the phrase “comprised of the Chapter Officers and Advisory Board” was stricken after “The Chapter Executive Committee shall be” and the phrase “composed of the following elected Officers and positions: the President, the Vice President/President elect, and the Secretary; and six Advisory Board members.”

Committee Action: No Objections.

- Section 4.2.1 Officers – Institute change, the phrase “CPG or RM” was stricken and the phrase “voting member” was added to “To serve as an Officer of the Chapter after 1/1/2001, the elected Officer must be a..”

Committee Action: No Objections.

- Section 4.2.6 Removal of Officers – Institute change, in the section Title “Removal of Officers”, the word “Officers” was stricken.

Committee Action: No Objections.

- Section 4.3.3 Write-In Candidates – Institute addition, the phrase “writing in” was added after the word “for” in the sentence “Provision shall be made on the ballots for additional candidates for each office.”

Committee Action: No Objections.

- Section 4.3.4 Election of Officers and Advisory Board – Institute change, the word “electronic” was stricken from the phrase “ Election shall be by electronic mail ballot.” The phrase “for each office” was added after the word “plurality” in the sentence “Election shall be by a plurality.....”

Committee Action: No Objections to the Institute changes; however, it was decided to delete the word “all” in the phrase “The ballot shall be sent to all Members no later.....”

- Section 4.4.1 President – Institute addition, the sentence “President responsible for coordinating activities with Section and submitting annual report.” as it relates to the President’s responsibilities.

Committee Action: Change to read “The President is responsible for coordinating activities with the Section and submitting the annual report.”

- Section 4.4.4 Treasurer– Institute change, the word “of” was replaced with the word “from” in the sentence “The Illinois-Indiana Section (Section) Treasurer shall supervise the collection and disbursement of all funds of the Institute.....” The word “Institute” was replaced with “Section” in two places in relation to monies deposited and records of receipts and disbursements.

Committee Action: No Objections.

- Section 5.2.3 Reporting – Institute addition, the phrase “by the Chapter” was added after the word “reported” and the phrase “Section and the” was added after the phrase “required by” in the sentence “All financial transactions.....shall be reported.....”

Committee Action: No Objections.

- Section 6.1 Approval by Institute – Institute change, the phrase “Section and the” was added after the phrases “initial approval of the” and “subject of the approval of the” in the paragraph “These Bylaws are subject to the initial approval.....shall be recorded herein.

Committee Action: No Objections.

- Section 6.2.1 Amendments at meetings of the Members – Institute added the phrase “Section and the” after “approval of the” in the sentence “Subject to the subsequent approval of the Institute’s Executive Committee.....”

Committee Action: No Objections.

After discussion and modifications of the Bylaw changes as presented by the Institute, the following motion was made:

Motion: Move to adopt the actions of the Executive Committee regarding the Institute changes and additions.

Motion seconded.

Motion approved by a vote of 6 to 0.

3.) Additions to the Illinois Chapter Web Page

The following items were suggested as additions to the Illinois Chapter web site:

- Links to Other Web Pages;

1. Illinois Department of Professional Regulation (Department) and the Board of Professional Geologists.
2. The AIPG Institute
3. Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)
4. Illinois State Geological Survey (ISGS)
5. Other sites such as Universities and Colleges that have Geology programs – Officers shall obtain this information.

We shall also find out if these various Agencies will add a link to the Illinois Chapter web site.

- Section for Comments from Chapter members. Chapter members can send comments by e-mail to any of the Executive Committee Officers.
- Officers shall send all items to be listed on the web site (via e-mail) to Ms. Becker of Clayton (web site administrator).
- Ron St. John will work with Ms. Becker on establishing keywords to the web site through various search engines.
- The membership section of the Chapter web site will have a description added on how to become a Chapter Member and a CPG or Registered Member of the Institute.

4.) Annual Illinois Chapter Meeting

The Chapter needs to have an annual meeting as prescribed in the Bylaws. The Committee needs to give the membership 45 days prior notice and it cannot be in conflict with the annual meeting of the Institute (October 10-14, 2000). Ron St. John suggested that the Chapter annual meeting be held on the same day as the Section annual meeting. After discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion: Move to conduct the annual meeting on the same day and the same place as the annual Section meeting (when the Section conducts their meeting – has not yet been identified).

Motion seconded.

Motion approved by a vote of 6 to 0.

5.) Other New Business

Jerry Kraemer had recently received a letter from Mr. Doug Hambley (an IL Chapter member) regarding the P.G. sealing and stamping of documents. The Committee discussed the issue and it

was suggested to post the letter on the web page so that the membership could get an additional viewpoint from another member who was not on the Committee. The issue was further discussed since Mr. Hambley was currently on the Illinois Board of Professional Regulation for Geologists (Board) and it may conflict with his duties as a Board member. Therefore, it was suggested that the Committee receive permission from Mr. Hambley (as an Illinois Chapter member and not a Board member) to post the letter on the web site. Consequently, the following motion was made:

Motion: Move to obtain permission from Mr. Doug Hambley to post his letter on the IL Chapter website as an opinion received from an IL Chapter member and not as a response from the Board.

Motion seconded.

Motion approved by a vote of 6 to 0. Jerry Kraemer will contact Mr. Hambley to obtain his permission.

The Institute seminar on effective lobbying for the advocacy of Geologists will be conducted on August 26, 2000. It was discussed on who can attend the seminar and Ron St. John said that any Chapter member (volunteering their time) can attend.

Mike McCarrin suggested that the Committee find out if the Institute has or offers Directors and Officers Insurance (Professional Liability) that shall cover the Chapter Officers for any decisions made regarding Chapter issues. Ron St. John shall obtain this information from the Institute.

A discussion was made as to the Chapter President assigning committees within the Chapter to address various issues. As a result, Ron St. John (President) appointed Mike McCarrin as chairman of the nominating committee for the election of Officers for next year. Other appointments will be made in the future as needed.

There was no other New Business.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m. CST.

These minutes are officially submitted this day, the 8th of July, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald M. Kraemer, Secretary

Approved this day, the 8th of August, 2000
(Minutes approved via e-mail vote)