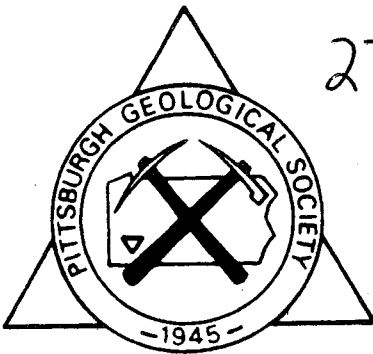


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Reference No. 16A-4710 (continuing education)

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Pittsburgh Geological Society (PGS) regarding the proposed plan for continuing education required to maintain Geologist Registration. We feel that as the regulation is written we have some concerns that we would like to discuss with the Board.

The proposed regulation explicitly prohibits using "participation in a professional society" as counting toward credit (37.13 (e)). We see no reason why attending a technical talk on a geological subject, or in some cases, participating in a field trip should not be included as instruction provided other requirements are met: payment of the application fee and issuance of an attendance certificate.

In addition, the proposed regulation specifies that only a state wide or national professional society will be qualified to offer courses without pre-approval. The Pittsburgh Geological Society has been active for more than 40 years and includes members from all segments of the geologic community: academia, industry and government agencies. We suggest that there should be some mechanism for a society such as ours to qualify for pre-approval of courses.

We agree that the goal of the continuing education requirement is laudable. Requirements for maintaining a professional license should include encouraging license holders to maintain professional acuity and to keep abreast of advances in their field of practice.

Sincerely,

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