

**Minutes of the Advisory Council of Examiners
for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator
Certification
January 25, 2007**

Present for the meeting on January 25, 2007 were: Deborah Metz, member and chair, Chris Clark member; Robert Brown, member; Dail Hollopeter, member; Kirk Leifheit, member; Vui Chung, member; Dave Bornino, Certification Unit; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit; Jessica Dingman, Certification Unit; Jim Simpson, member arrived 9:00 a.m.; Richard Lorenz, member arrived at 10:13 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:40 a.m. Chris Clark made a motion, seconded by Dail Hollopeter, to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2006 meeting. Motion carried. Deborah Metz abstained from voting.

1) Class IV, Applications

The Council received notification that the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters and the Division of Surface Water had reviewed and recommended the approval of the Class IV applications for the following:

Water

Tyler S. Converse, City of Canton
Ronald T. Klima, City of Piqua
Jeffrey Newcomer, City of Findlay

Wastewater

Owen Bledsoe, Veolia water
Richard R. Davis , Clermont County
Donnie Fawcett, Twin City Water and Sewer District
Gary L. Haydel, City of Perrysburg
James R. Johnson, City of Fremont
Michael F. LaCivita, Jr., City of Ravenna
Thomas S. Mirante, City of Youngstown
Dustin Mostoller, City of Niles
Kenneth Rosenbaum, Delaware County OECC
Brian T. Schultz II, City of Sidney
Lance H. Willard, City of Columbiana

2) Class IV, Examinations (In Review)
WATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	CC	VC	RL	DH	DM	RB
Kurt Reszegi, City of Cleveland (1 copy - resubmittal)				X		**	
Sandra O. Vozar, City of Elyria (resubmittal)	**		**	**		**	
J.D. Williams, City of Canton (resubmittal)	**		**	**		**	
Kenneth Yee, City of Berea (resubmittal)	**		**	**		**	

WASTEWATER

NAME, LOCATION	JS	CC	VC	RL	DH	KL	RB
Anthony M. Branham, City of Fairborn (resubmittal)		**		**	**		**
Lawrence W. Cinadr, City of Solon	**	**			**		**
Allen Dawson, City of Washington		**			**	**	**
Larry Scanlan, Hamilton Co. (resubmittal)		**		**	**		**
Hobart Wells, Village of Grafton (resubmittal 1 copy)							**

**** Denotes who currently has package x Denotes who has reviewed package**

4) Class IV, Examinations Actions

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Douglas Brown	City of Lorain	WW	Return for additional information
Billy Slaven	Clermont County	WW	Invite to February meeting.
Ronnie Spencer	Montgomery Co	WW	Return for additional information

Chris Clark made a motion, seconded by Dail Hollopeter that the Class IV exams for Douglas Brown, and Ronnie Spencer be returned for additional information and that Billy Slaven be invited to the February 15, 2007 Council meeting. Motion carried.

5) OITs

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
Joseph M. Bates	WS III	Recommended for approval
Christopher P. Cahill	WW II	Recommended for approval
Dennis J. Capo	WW II	Recommended for approval
Britton A. Cook	WW I	Recommended for approval
Brian D. Crum	WS II	Recommended for approval
Roger A. Donnell	WS III	Not enough time
Daisy K. Evans	WW I	Recommended for approval
Larry D. Flora	WS I	Not enough time
Christopher J. Gilcher	WS III	Recommended for approval with receipt of original DMA
Donald Johnson	WS III	Not enough time
Karen L. Okonek	WW I	Not enough time
Seth E. Pettit	WW I	Recommended for approval
James W. Randall	WW I	Recommended for approval
Robert E. Rathbun	WW I	Recommended for approval

Chris Clark made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung, recommending that all of the above be issued certificates, except that Christopher Gilcher's certificate be issued contingent upon receipt of original DMA form; and that Roger Donnell, Larry Flora and Karen Okonek provide additional information and that Donald Johnson's application be review in conjunction with the new OTCO correspondence course determination. Motion carried.

6) Reciprocity

Dean A. Reynolds, State of Iowa Water Supply Class 2 - Iowa would not share examination.

Brooks Snyder, State of Indiana, Wastewater "B" and Nicholas Welte, State of Indiana, Wastewater "B" - Indiana would not share examination.

Chris Clark made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung, recommending that all requests be denied.

7) Enforcement

The Council moved into executive session to discuss enforcement cases.

8) Other Business

Exam Challenges - Challenges from reviews of the November exams were discussed and evaluated. Chris Clark made a motion, seconded by Kirk Leifheit, recommending that all challenges be denied.

Course relevance: "Pavement Management Systems" – explanation from Ohio LTAP. Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Chris Clark recommending the course not be approved based upon the explanation the subject matter does not appear to be relevant to Ohio's Operator Certification Program. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed OTCO's Water and Wastewater correspondence course materials in order to determine credit for work experience. The Council was impressed with the amount of material covered in the courses. Discussions were held on the benefits obtained via classroom participation vs. correspondence type courses. The Council felt strongly that classroom courses provided a greater opportunity for learning experience. The Council also discussed OTCO's request that counselors be given contact hour credit. The Council indicated that they felt that two hours of contact time would be appropriate if OTCO were to apply for contact hour credit. Dail Holloperter made a motion seconded by Robert Brown recommending that OTCO's Basic and Advanced Water correspondence courses and Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Wastewater correspondence courses which were revised in August of 2004 each be accepted for four months of experience credit and that correspondence courses purchased or completed before that date should not be accepted for experience time. Motion carried.

Kirk Leifheit announced that Chris Korleski has been named the new agency director beginning February 1, 2007. Korleski served as counsel to Honda of America Mfg., Inc. in Marysville, Ohio since 1996 and was an assistant attorney general in the Ohio Attorney General's Office in the Environmental Enforcement Section from 1993-1995.

Andy Barienbrock and Kirk Leifheit provided the Council with an update on coordination with the Division of Surface Water on the implementation of the new operator certification rules.

An update was provided regarding the new rules. A challenge to rules 3745-07-01, 3745-07-03, 3745-07-04, and 3745-07-09, was filed by the City of Cincinnati on behalf of Cincinnati Metropolitan Sewer District and AOMWA. These rules became effective on December 21, 2006.

Robert Brown suggested that Ohio EPA provide articles for *Buckeye Bulletin* and the *AWWA Newsletter* pertaining to the new rules. Andy indicated that articles were being drafted for AWWA's spring newsletter and that OWEA will also be contacted.

9) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:54 A.M. on Thursday, January 25, 2007. Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 15, 2007.

Council Approved: March 15, 2007