

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council January 15, 2009

Present for the meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2009 were: Chris Clark, member and chair; Kirk Leifheit, member; Richard Reed, member; Richard Lorenz, member; Terry Meister, member; Beth Darnell, member; Vui Chung, member; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit; Jessica Dingman, Certification Unit and Dave Bornino, Certification Unit. Jim Simpson, member arrived at 9:02 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:35 a.m. Kirk Leifheit made a motion seconded by Terry Meister that the minutes of the December 18, 2008 meeting be approved as amended. Motion carried.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In review)

WATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	BD	RL	VC	JS	CC	RR	TM
Richard Klima, City of Piqua Original submittal, 4 copies	X	X	Xs	X				
Robert J. Ribar, City of Steubenville Original submittal, 4 copies	Xs	X	X	X				

WASTEWATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	BD	RL	VC	JS	CC	RR	TM
William W. Young, City of Springfield 3rd submittal, 4 copies					X	XS	X	X s
Brian T. Schultz II, City of Sidney Original submittal, 4 copies	X				X		X s	X

**** Denotes who currently has package. "X" Denotes who has reviewed package
"S" Denotes who preparing summary.**

2) Class IV Actions

WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Tim S. Miller	City of Toronto	WS	Return for additional information

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Bryan D. Curry	City of Newark	WW	Recommend for approval
Daniel C. Leavitt	City of London	WW	Return for additional information
Tracy A. McPheron	City of Lima	WW	Return for additional information

Richard Reed made a motion seconded by Jim Simpson that the examination from Bryan D. Curry be approved and that the examinations from Tim S. Miller, Daniel C. Leavitt and Tracy A. McPheron be returned for additional information. Motion carried.

3) OITs

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
Barhorst, Douglas	WD I	Recommend approval
Bland, Marcia	WC II	Pending receipt of originals
Brooks, Matt	WW I	Recommend approval
Boone, Michael	WS I	Recommend approval
Borton, James	WS III	Pending receipt of originals
Coy, Steven	WW I	Recommend approval
Cullins, Larry	WS I	Recommend approval
Evans, Michael	WS I	Recommend approval
Hall, Chad	WW III	Recommend approval
Hammond, Michael	WS I	Recommend approval
Krejny, Kevin	WS I	Recommend approval
Lucas, Stan	WS III	As of 01/30/2009
McCarron, Chris	WC II	Recommend approval
Miller, John	WD I	Recommend approval
Ogle, Charles	WS I	Pending receipt of DMA
Farmer, Daniel	WD II	Pending receipt of originals
Reese, Paul	WWII	Recommend approval
Stephan, Eric	WW I	Pending receipt of originals
Stevens, David	WC I	As of 01/22/2009
Turner, Shawn	WD I	Recommend approval
Vance Jr., Charles	WD I	Recommend approval
Vance, John	WW I	Recommend approval
Vandrasik, Timothy	WW I	Recommend approval

Terry Meister made a motion, seconded by Richard Lorenz, recommending that all the above be issued certificates and that Marcia Bland, James Borton, Charles Ogle, Daniel Farmer and Eric Stephan be issued their certificates upon receipt of documentation with original signatures. Motion carried.

4) **Extensions**

Kirk Leifheit made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung that Allen A. Hruska of Youngstown be granted a one year extension to submit his Class IV Wastewater examination. Motion carried.

5) **Reciprocity**

Michael L. Perriguet's requests for reciprocity were discussed. Mr. Perriguet holds a Class II Water Certificate and a Class II Wastewater Certificate in Indiana. Indiana was unwilling to share either exam.

Indiana's water supply certification program currently uses questions from the Association of Boards of Certification (ABC) class II databank. The Council is familiar with this database and had determined it is not equivalent to any of Ohio's examinations. The Indiana wastewater certification program indicated they do not use the ABC databank; therefore the Council is unable to compare the level of exams.

Richard Lorenz made a motion, seconded by Beth Darnell that Mr. Perriguet's requests for reciprocity be rejected. Motion carried.

7) **Course Relevancy**

Council viewed and discussed the relevancy of "**The History of Water and Wastewater Parts 1-6**". Beth Darnell made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung indicating the courses were not relevant to the operation of a water or wastewater facility and should not be approved for future contact hours. Motion carried.

8) **Strategic Planning**

Council discussed strategic planning issues. Chris Clark will provide a revised version of the strategic plan as discussed recently to use in upcoming planning. Council will begin to establish schedules for the afternoon sessions to work on planning issues.

9) **Other Business**

Council brain stormed about additional items to be included in upcoming strategic planning discussions. Strategic planning will be on the agenda for afternoon Council meetings. Chris Clark will provide revised plan draft for February 19, 2009.

Additional examination questions will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Class IV application for Gregory P. Wilson (WS) was approved between the December 2008 and January 2009 Council meetings.

10) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Kirk Leifheit made a motion seconded by Richard Reed, that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 2:31 p.m. on Thursday January 15, 2009. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, February 19, 2009 in Ohio EPA Conference room B (6th floor).

Council Approved: _____