

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

May 22, 2008

Present for the meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2008 were: Chris Clark, member and chair; Robert Brown, member; Richard Reed, member; Richard Lorenz, member; Vui Chung, member; Dave Bornino, Certification Unit; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Jessica Dingman, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit. Jim Simpson, member, and Beth Darnell, member, arrived at 8:31 a.m. and Kirk Leifheit, member, arrived at 9:44 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:27 a.m. Vui Chung made a motion seconded by Richard Reed that the minutes of the April 17, 2008 meeting be approved. Motion carried. Beth Darnell, Jim Simpson, and Kirk Leifheit were not present for the vote.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In review and/or distributed at May 22, 2008 meeting.)

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NAME, LOCATION	KL	BD	RL	VC	JS	CC	RR	RB
Jeffrey I. Newcomer City of Findlay	**	X	X	X				
Chad Johnson, Bowling Green resubmittal 4 copies	**	X	**	X				

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NAME, LOCATION	KL	BD	RL	VC	JS	CC	RR	RB
Barbara Ann Browne, Cincinnati MSD resubmittal 4 copies					**	**	**	**
Tracy McPheron, City of Lima				**	**	**	**	
Thomas S. Mirante III, City of Youngstown resubmittal 4 copies					**	**	**	**

**** Denotes who currently has package. "X" Denotes who has reviewed package**

2) Class IV Actions

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NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Verna J. Arnette	City of Cincinnati	WS	Recommended for approval
Jeff Swertfeger	City of Cincinnati	WS	Return for additional information

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NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Bryan D. Curry	City of Newark	WW	Return for additional information
Terry Meister	NEORS	WW	Recommended for approval
Bharati Torgalkar	North Olmsted	WW	Return for additional information

Vui Chung made a motion seconded by Richard Reed, that the examinations from Verna Arnette and Terry Meister be approved and that the examinations from Jeff Swertfeger, Bryan Curry, and Bharati Torgalkar be returned for additional information. Motion Carried. Richard Lorenz was absent for the vote.

3) OITs

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
Raymond Baginski	WW II	Recommended for approval
Henry L Dues	WS I	Recommended for approval
Gregory D. Farrar	WC II	Return for additional experience
Robert G. Holt	CA	Recommended for approval
Nicholas Kovalscik	WW II	Return for additional experience
Michael D. Leffew	WW II	Recommended for approval
Zachary F. Martin	WS III	Return for additional experience
Tom L. McGrain	WD I	Recommended for approval
Tom L. McGrain	WC I	Recommended for approval
Jon T. Reed	WW III	Recommended for approval
Adam W. Rotondo	WW I	Recommended for approval
Robert S. Shuman	WW I	Recommended for approval
David E. Starcher	WW I	Recommended for approval
Kimberly R. Stull	WW I	Approved pending additional documentation
Jason W. Weber	WS II	Recommended for approval
Warren P. Yambor	WS I	Recommended for approval

Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Kirk Leifheit, recommending Raymond Baginski, Henry L. Dues, Robert Holt, Michael D. Leffew, Tom L. McGrain, John T. Reed, Adam W. Rotondo, Robert S. Shuman, David E. Starcher, Jason W. Weber, and Warren P. Yambor be issued certificates; that Kimberly Stull be issued a certificate upon receipt of additional documentation; and that Gregory Farrar, Nicholas Kovalscik, and Zachary Martin be advised additional experience is required to be certified. Motion carried. Richard Lorenz was absent for the vote.

4) **Extension**

Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Jim Simpson that Charles W. Murphy, City of Steubenville, be granted a one year extension to submit his Wastewater Treatment IV written examination (until July 1, 2009). Motion carried. Richard Lorenz was absent for the vote.

5) **Course Approvals**

The council reviewed the following courses for relevance: **Maintenance & Repair of Local Roads (Chip Seal & Asphalt)** and **Maintenance & Repair of Low Volume Local Roads (Gravel & Chip Seal)** from Ohio LTAP. After reviewing and discussing the course information, Kirk Leifheit made a motion recommending that the courses not be approved based upon the explanations provided; the subject matter does not appear to be relevant to Ohio's Operator Certification Program. Vui Chung seconded the motion. Motion carried. Richard Lorenz was absent for the vote.

6) **Other Business**

Examination questions from the May 2008 exams were reviewed.

The Council met with Operator Training Committee of Ohio (OTCO) representatives, Curtis Truss, Pat Antonelli, Erin Moore, and Chris Day from 10:00 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. Members of the Council and Ohio EPA staff provided answers to OTCO's questions and listened to OTCO's upcoming training plans and new programs.

Robert Brown's term on the Council expires June 30, 2008. The Council discussed additional names being considered and made a recommendation to the Director for a replacement member pending appropriate discussions with Division of Surface Water, Legal, and the individual(s). The Council would like to invite the new member to attend the June meeting.

The Agency approved Class IV applications for Sheryl Jackson (WW), Timothy A. Hayslip (WS) and Tim E. Newland (WS) between the April 2008 and May 2008 Council meetings.

7) **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Kirk Leifheit made a motion seconded by Beth Darnell, that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 2:03 p.m. on Thursday May 22, 2008. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, June 19, 2008 in Ohio EPA conference room B (6th floor).

Council Approved: June 19, 2008