

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council October 11, 2007

Present for the meeting on Thursday, October 11, 2007 were: Richard Lorenz, member and acting chair; Vui Chung, member; Robert Brown, member; Beth Darnell, member; Richard Reed, member; Kirk Leifheit, member; Dave Bornino, Certification Unit, Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit; Jessica Dingman, Certification Unit. Jim Simpson, member, arrived at 8:47 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:34 a.m. Richard Reed made a motion seconded by Kirk Leifheit that the minutes of the September 13, 2007 meeting be approved. Motion carried. Richard Lorenz abstained from the vote. Jim Simpson was not present for the vote.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In Review)

WATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	BD	RL	VC	JS	CC	RR	RB
Phillip A. Farrar, City of Clyde (resubmittal)	**	**	**	**				
Thomas E. Holloway, Mahoning Valley Sanitary District (resubmittal)	**	**	**	**				
Mark A. Petrie, City of Lorain (resubmittal)	**	**	**	**				

WASTEWATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	BD	RL	VC	JS	CC	RR	RB
Edward J. Haller, NEORS (resubmittal)	**					mail	**	**
Douglas M. Hastings, City of Alliance (resubmittal)					**	mail	**	**
Jim Johnson, City of Fremont (1 copy)	X			**				
Gregory A. Squire, Warren County (resubmittal – 2 copies)					**	mail		
James L. Webber, City of Youngstown (resubmittal)				**		mail	**	**
David M. Wilson, Butler County (resubmittal)					**	mail	**	**

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

2) Class IV Actions

WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Lawrence Ploscik	City of Cleveland	W	Return for additional information
James L. Six	City of Akron	W	Return for additional information

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
John Augustine	NEORS	WW	Recommend for approval
Mark Chandler	Village of Byesville	WW	Recommend for approval
Carline M. Curry	City of Mansfield	WW	Return for additional information
Todd A. Madden	Butler County	WW	Return for additional information
Daniel R. Siler	City of Cincinnati	WW	Return for additional information
Donald E. West	Portage County	WW	Return for additional information

Kirk Leifheit made a motion seconded by Robert Brown that the examinations from John Augustine and Mark Chandler be recommended for approval and that the examinations from Lawrence Ploscik, James L. Six, Carline Curry, Todd Madden, Kurt Reszegi, Daniel Siler and Donald West be returned for additional information. Motion carried.

3) OITs

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
Martin Bell	WW III	Recommended for approval
Bradley Coil	WS I	Recommended for approval
William Collins	WW I	Recommended for approval
Tyler Darr	WSIII	Recommend approval pending DMA
Michael Judson	WW II	Recommended for approval
Korey Guerrant	WS I	Recommended for approval
Mark Hill	WS I	Recommended for approval
Daniel Klein	WW I	Recommended for approval

Russell W. Kring	WS III	Recommended for approval
Kevin Smith	WW I	Recommended for approval
Nicole Solomanoff	WW III	Recommended for approval
Josh Zwick	WW I	Recommended for approval

Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung, recommending that Martin Bell, Bradley Coil, William Collins, Michael Judson, Korey Gerrant, Mark Hill, Daniel Klein, Russell W. Kring, Richard Krumreig, Kevin Smith, Nicole Solomanoff, and Josh Zwick be issued certificates and that Tyler Darr be issued WS III certificate pending receipt of signed DMA form. Motion carried.

4) Extension Requests

Vui Chung made a motion, seconded by Beth Darnell that Kenneth Yee, City of Berea, be granted an extension until March 1, 2008 to submit his Water Supply Class IV examination. Motion carried.

5) Reciprocity

The Council discussed the reciprocity application from Robert L. Bailey, State of Colorado, Water Class C certificate. The State of Colorado uses the Association of Boards of Certification (ABC) bank of questions for its examinations with ABC's Class II bank used for the Class C exam. The Council previously determined the ABC Class II examination is not equivalent to any of Ohio's examinations. Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Richard Reed, recommending Robert Bailey's request be denied. Motion carried.

6) Other Business

Andrew Barienbrock updated the Council on a recent meeting involving Ohio EPA, Ohio State Attorney General's Office, AOMWA, and Cincinnati MSD. Rule appeal issues including definitions, minimum staffing time, ORC reporting requirements and the Class IV examination were again voiced. The Attorney General's office is writing a response.

At 9:43 a.m. Kirk Leifheit made a motion seconded by Beth Darnell that Council move into executive session to discuss enforcement issues. Motion carried. At 10:08 a.m. Kirk Leifheit made a motion seconded by Robert Brown that Council move out of executive session to continue regular business. Motion carried.

Andrew Barienbrock reported to Council that the Operator Training Committee of Ohio (OTCO) Trustees were researching ideas regarding the Advisory Council's recent discussions pertaining to course credit in lieu of experience, but have not provided a response.

The Council discussed developing Need to Know Criteria for water distribution. Andrew Barienbrock will obtain information from other states and send it to Dick Lorenz. Ohio EPA will also try to define typical Class I and Class II distribution systems

The wastewater and water exams will be given November 7 and 8, 2007 at the Ohio State Fairgrounds on 17th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. An invitation was extended to Council members to proctor either or both of the exams.

The Ohio State University was contracted to conduct DACUM assessments of Water Supply I and II positions October 22/23, 2007, October 25/26, 2007 and the Class A Water position in December, 2007.

360water is offering the last all day training on October 10, 2007. Interested parties may also go to the 360water Web site, complete the course and participate in the examination.

When the Class A training contract with 360water expires, the ABC examination will continue to be used. The process for conducting the examinations has not been established but there is a potential to either combine them with the regular exams or to attempt multiple testing locations, perhaps the Ohio EPA District offices.

Andrew Barienbrock reported on a recent meeting held at the Green Springs training facility and hosted by Wood, Seneca, Ottawa and Sandusky Counties to discuss an entry level operator training program. Among attendees were representatives from the counties, Ohio EPA, OWEA, OTCO, and RCAP.

The Agency approved Class IV wastewater applications for Thomas Rice and James Reider and Class IV water applications for Tim Miller, James Barnette, Phillip Farrar, John Bui, and Shawn McCormick between the August and September 2007 Council meetings.

7) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Kirk Leifheit made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung, that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m. on Thursday October 11, 2007. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, November 15, 2007 DDAGW Conference Room B on the seventh floor.

Council Approved: November 15, 2007