

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council

March 21, 2013

Present for the meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2013, were: Vui Chung, member and chair, Richard Reed, member; Dan Cloyd, member Terry Meister, member; Debora Roth, member; Tracey Phelps, member; Beth Darnell, member; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:10 a.m. in EPA Conference Room A for a Class IV Presentation. Three operators, William Bregant, David L. Pitsenbarger and Ron Smith attended the presentation and all remained to review Class IV examinations. The presentation and follow up questions ended at approximately 9:55 a.m. and attendees were given the opportunity to review successful Class IV examinations.

At approximately 10:07 a.m. Vui Chung, Chair, called the regular Council meeting to order.

Richard Reed made a motion, seconded by Terry Meister recommending the February 21, 2012 minutes be approved as amended. Verna Arnette participated in voting via phone conferencing. Motion carried. Vui Chung, Tracey Phelps and Beth Darnell abstained.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In review)

WATER

NAME, LOCATION	DC	BD	VA	VC	DR	TP	RR	TM
Matthew R. Hampton, Village of Archbold 2nd submittal, 4 copies	**s	**	** mail	**				
Dean A. Reynolds, City of Alliance 1st submittal, 4 copies	**	**s	** mail	**				

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

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NAME, LOCATION	DC	BD	VA	VC	DR	TP	RR	TM
Owen K. Bledsoe, Lucas Co Sanitary 2 nd submittal, 4 copies					**	**	**s	**
Richard D. Duncan, City of Portsmouth 1 st submittal, 4 copies					**	**s	**	**

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2) Class IV Actions

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NAME	EMPLOYER	ACTION
Jeffrey A. Kephart	City of Marietta	Return for additional information

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Elizabeth C. Moore	City of Miamisburg	Return for additional information
Terry Robinson	NEORS	Return for additional information
Andrew Rossiter	NEORS	Recommend Passing
William E. Schesventer	City of Kent	Return for additional information
Michael L. Sullivan	NEORS	Return for additional information

The Council conducted a brief review of Class IV exam submittals from William R. Roberts and Nicholas Jordan. Richard Reed made a motion, seconded by Tracey Phelps that the submittal from Mr. Roberts was inadequate and should be returned giving him the option to withdraw his examination or schedule a meeting with the Council; recommending the Class IV of Nicholas Jordan be held for additional information prior to review; recommending the return of the examinations of Jeffrey Kephart, Terry Robinson, Michael Sullivan, Elizabeth Moore and William Schesventer for additional information and recommending passing the examination of Andrew Rossiter. Motion carried. Terry Meister abstained.

3) OITs

NAME	EXAM	LOCATION	ACTION
Baker, Brandon M.	WS 1	Village of Sugarcreek	After 03/21/2013
Fox, Richard K	WWA	Fox's Den Campground	Recommend Approval
Hartzler, Gerald A.	WD 1	City of Wooster	Recommend Approval
Lambert, Ronald C.	WW2	Village of Ashley	Recommend Approval
Larkin, Michael L.	WWA	Telemarc Concepts, Inc.	Recommend Approval
Lengler, Michael E.	WS 2	City of Dover	After 03/26/2013
Magrum, Todd E.	WW2	City of Port Clinton	Recommend Approval
Maraczi, Michael R	WWA	Bristol Local Schools & Maraczi Excavating	Recommend Approval
McCoy, Joseph	WC 2	NEORS	Recommend Approval
Mowery, Michael	WW 1	City of Columbus	Recommend Approval
Nussbaum, Blake D.	WS A	Dalton Local Schools	Recommend Approval
Rila, Mark A.	WW A	Eastern Ohio Extension Camp	Recommend Approval
Spiers, David L.	WS 1	City of Piqua	Recommend Approval
Swanson, Randal L.	WW 2	City of Salem	Recommend Approval
Sweeney Jr., Timothy C.	WC1	City of Fremont	Recommend Approval
Thompson, Russell A.	WS 1	City of Westerville	Recommend Approval
Wells, Justin	WW 1	Clow Water Systems	Recommend Approval

Welsh, Ryan D.	WW 2	City of Cincinnati MSD	Recommend Approval
Yurchick, Robert B.	WS 1	Lake Co Dept. of Utilities	Recommend Approval
Zdinak, Christopher M.	WW 2	Cincinnati MSD	Recommend Approval

Richard Reed made a motion, seconded by Dan Cloyd, recommending the certification of Brandon Baker be approved after 03/21/2013, recommending the certification of Michael Lengler be approved after 03/26/2013 and the remaining listed certifications be recommended for approval. Motion carried. Terry Meister and Tracey Phelps abstained.

4) Contact Hour Approval

Professional membership benefits and contact hours were discussed. Previously the only memberships approved for contact hours have been for national or state wide organizations. The Northeast Section of Ohio Water Environment Association (NESOWEA) has been providing a contact hour a course approval number for their sectional membership without Ohio EPA's approval. NESOWEA information and benefits were discussed. Terry Meister made a motion, seconded by Tracey Phelps, recommending contact hour approval for the NESOWEA membership be rejected for not providing a benefit equivalent to a national or statewide membership. Motion carried.

5) Other Business

At 12:04 p.m. Tracey Phelps made a motion seconded by Beth Darnell to move into executive session. Motion carried.

Richard Reed made a motion seconded by Tracey Phelps to recommend revocation of five certifications and the suspension of an additional certification. Motion Carried. Dan Cloyd and Debora Roth abstained.

At 12:32 p.m. Terry Meister made a motion seconded by Debora Roth to move out of executive session. Motion carried.

Class IV applications for William Skinner and Shawn McCormick (Water Supply) and David S. Low and Amy Elliott (Wastewater Treatment) were approved between the February 21, 2013 and March 21, 2013 Council meetings.

6) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Debora Roth made a motion, the meeting be adjourned at approximately 12:33 p.m. Dan Cloyd seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. Thursday April 18, 2013 in Ohio EPA Conference room B (6th floor).

Council Approved: April 18, 2013