

Minutes of the Advisory Board of Examiners for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification July 20, 2006

Present for the meeting on July 20, 2006 were: Deborah Metz member and chair; Dail Holloper, member; Robert Brown, member; Vui Chung member; Richard Lorenz member; Kirk Leifheit, member; Dave Bornino, Certification Unit; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit, Jessica Dingman, Certification Unit. Chris Clark, member arrived at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:46 a.m. Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung, to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

1) Class IV, Examinations (in review)

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| NAME, LOCATION | KL | CC | VC | RL | DH | DM | RB |
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| Joseph Flahiff, City of Fremont (resubmittal) | ** | | ** | ** | | ** | |
| Kenneth Yee, City of Berea | ** | | ** | ** | | ** | |
| Sandra Vozar, City of Elyria | ** | | ** | ** | | ** | |

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| Doug Brown, City of Lorain | | ** | ** | | ** | | ** |
| Allen Dawson, City of Washington Court House | ** | ** | | | ** | | ** |
| Larry Scanlan, Greater Cincinnati MSD | | ** | | ** | ** | | ** |
| Jason Tincu, City of Xenia | | ** | | | ** | ** | ** |
| Tony Ulrich, City of Massillon (resubmittal) | | ** | ** | | ** | | ** |

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

2) OIT - Actions

| NAME | EXAM TYPE | ACTION |
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| Androvich, John J | WS I | Recommended approval |
| Ashley, Alan T. | WW I | Recommended approval |
| Baker, Rick | WW I | Recommended approval pending receipt of original signatures |
| Ballway, Thomas D. | WC I | Recommended approval |
| Baumbarger, Chad | WC I | Recommended approval pending receipt of original signatures |
| Blier, Lucian A. | WW II | Recommended approval |
| Bowman, Amy T. | WS I | Recommended approval pending receipt of DMA |
| Bunn, Michael D. | WW I | Recommended approval |
| Burke, Troy | WW I | Recommended approval |
| Caris, Waunda C. | WS I | Recommended approval |
| Clark, Don | WS III | Recommended approval |
| Creamer, Robert J. | WW III | Recommended approval |
| Gearing, Joshua J. | WW I | Recommended approval |
| Davis, Gary | WW III | Additional review required |
| Heil, John M. | WW II | Recommended approval |
| Jordan, Nathaniel W. | WS I | Recommended approval |
| Kristoff, Joseph E. | WW II | Recommended approval |
| Leffew, Michael D. | WW I | Recommended approval |
| Maynard, Brian | WW I | Recommended approval |
| McCain, Berry M. | WS III | Recommended approval |
| Naelitz, Ronald | WS I | Recommended approval |
| Patterson, Mark A. | WD II | Recommended approval |
| Purdy, Daniel | WS III | Additional info needed |

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| Reed, Jon T. | WW II | Recommended approval |
| Schrom, Dustin G. | WW I | Recommended approval |
| Shearwood, Kenneth K. | WW I | Recommended approval |
| Spurgeon, Tad J. | WS I | Recommended approval |
| Thompson, Jonathan A. | WW I | Recommended approval |
| Tussinger, Rodney | WD I | Recommended approval |
| Wilson, Kenna W. | WW III | Recommended approval |

Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Dail Hollopeter, recommending that all of the above be issued certificates, except that Rick Baker, Chad Baumbarger, Amy Bowman be issued certificates upon receipt of OIT and or DMA documentation with original signatures, and that Daniel Purdy be returned for additional information. Motion carried. Dick Lorenz later made a motion to amend the above decision and hold Gary Davis' application for additional review. Kirk Leifheit seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3) **Strategic Planning**

Class IV exam discussions were continued.

4) **Other Business**

The Board moved into executive session to discuss additional certification issues.

Robert Brown made a motion that Terry Meister be granted a six-month extension to complete the Class IV examination requirement and that Ted J. Smith be granted a two-year extension to complete the OIT requirement. Richard Lorenz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed an application for contact hour course approval for the course titled, "**Healthy Eating to Keep Fit**". Kirk Leifheit made a motion that the course not be approved for contact hours. Bob Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Proposed revisions to the operator certification rules were filed with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) Friday, July 14, 2006. An information session will be held at 4:00 p.m. August 17, 2006 at Ohio EPA, 122 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio followed by a public hearing at 5:00 p.m.

Exam challenges were reviewed by the Board. Kirk Leifheit made a motion that all exam challenges be denied. Bob Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Andrew Barienbrock informed the Board that ABC had requested that Ohio review questions from their water III and Distribution II question databanks. The Board has previously performed these reviews. Andy indicated that, with the Board's concurrence, he would like to put together a group of certified operators to perform the review. The Board concurred.

An update on the Class A RFP was provided. 360water has been awarded the contract and Agency staff are now reviewing the course material. Training for the Class A certification will begin in September, 2006. The Opcert Web site will be updated when all the details have been finalized.

5) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2006. Vui Chung made a motion, seconded by Kirk Leifheit. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held Thursday, August 17, 2006.

Board Approved: August 17, 2006