

Minutes of the Advisory Board of Examiners for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification June 1, 2006

Present for the meeting on June 1, 2006 were: Deborah Metz member and chair; Dail Holloper, member; Robert Brown, member; Vui Chung member; Chris Clark member; Kirk Leifheit, member; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit, Jessica Dingman, Certification Unit. Richard Lorenz, member arrived at 9:35 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:40 a.m. Chris Clark made a motion, seconded by Robert Brown, to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2006 meeting. Motion carried. Debbie Metz and Kirk Leifheit abstained.

1) Class IV, Applications

Water

Joseph F. Paris, Mahoning Valley Sanitation District.

Wastewater

Charles Murphy, City of Steubenville
Doug Brown, City of Lorain

2) Class IV, Examinations (in review)

WATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	CC	VC	RL	DH	DM	RB
Bates, Jim, Village of Sebring	X		X	X		X	
Bowers, William, City of Cleveland resubmittal	X		X	X		X	

WASTEWATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	CC	VC	RL	DH	DM	RB
Fulcher, Nobel, Cincinnati MSD		X	X		X		X
Hydinger, Gary, City of Geneva		X	X		X		X
Posekany, Dean, City of Columbus	X	X			X		X

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

3) Class IV, Examinations Actions

WATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Bates, Jim	Village of Sebring	Water	Return for additional information
Bowers, William	City of Cleveland	Water	Recommended approval

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Fulcher, Nobel	Cincinnati MSD	WW	Recommended approval
Hydinger, Gary	City of Geneva	WW	Return for additional information
Posekany, Dean	City of Columbus	WW	Return for additional information

Richard Lorenz made a motion seconded by Kirk Leifheit that William Bowers, be recommended for approval to receive his Water Class IV certificate; that additional information be requested from Jim Bates; that Nobel Fulcher be recommended for approval to receive his Wastewater Class IV certificate and that additional information be requested from Gary Hydinger and Dean Posekany. Motion carried.

4) OIT - Actions

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
Al-Hayani, Basheer	WW 1	Recommended approval pending receipt of original signature
Blowers, Andrew	WW 1	Recommended approval
Bowman, Amy	WS 1	Not enough time
Lee, Daniel	WW 1	Recommended approval
Lozada, Eduardo	WC 2	Not enough time
Mitroka, John	WS 2	Recommended approval upon receipt of completed DMA*

Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung, recommending that Andrew Blowers and Daniel Lee be issued certificates, that Basheer Al-Hayani be issued a certificate upon receipt of OIT with original signatures, and that John Mitroka be issued a certificate upon completion of the **DMA*** documentation. Motion carried.

5) Strategic Planning

Class IV exam discussions were continued.

6) Other Business

*** Declaration regarding Material Assistance/nonAssistance to a Terrorist Organization (DMA)** requirement to become certified as a Water Distribution or Water Treatment operator in the State of Ohio was discussed as a requirement for OIT certifications. This requirement was discussed in detail at the May 11, 2006 meeting.

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

Dail Holloper made a motion seconded by Robert Brown that Michael Bunn and Donald Ramm each be granted a two-year extension to complete their OIT experience requirements.

An update on the Class A RFP was provided. The deadline for bids was April 26, 2006, and a contractor has been selected. The name of the training provider cannot be announced until the contract has been signed. The contractor will provide sixty-seven (67) training sessions for Class A operators at eight locations during the year. Each training session will be six hours long with a one-hour examination to follow.

It had been reported at the May 11, 2006 meeting that the Draft Responsiveness Summary for the new rules had been completed and the Agency had met with the Association of Ohio Metropolitan Wastewater Authorities (AOMWA). Director Koncelik had given the group three weeks to propose solutions for those sections of the new rules the group finds objectionable. It was reported that AOMWA has requested an extension and that another letter of comments regarding the proposed new rules has been received from AWWA.

Exam statistics from the May 2006 exam were discussed. Several questions were reviewed for clarity, relevance, or applicability. Passing rate for the May 2006 exam was 49.6%.

8) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:05 p.m. on Thursday, June 1, 2006. Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held Thursday, July 20, 2006.

Board Approved: July 20, 2006