

**Minutes of the Advisory Board of Examiners
for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator
Certification
November 16, 2006**

Present for the meeting on November 16, 2006 were: Deborah Metz member and chair; Robert Brown, member; Dail Hollopeter, member; Richard Lorenz member; Kirk Leifheit, member; Chris Clark, member; Vui Chung, member; Dave Bornino, Certification Unit; Jim Simpson, Division of Surface Water, Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Jessica Dingman, Certification Unit.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:31 a.m. Chris Clark made a motion, seconded by Robert Brown, to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2006 meeting with minor revisions. Motion carried.

1) Class IV, Applications

The Board received notification that the Division of Surface Water had reviewed and recommended the following actions related to a Class IV applications:

Wastewater

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
John F. Augustine	NEORS Southerly	Wastewater	DSW Recommends Approval
Daniel C. Leavitt	City of London	Wastewater	DSW Recommends Approval
Jeffrey D. Muckleroy,	Summit Co. DOES Upper Tuscarawas	Wastewater	DSW Recommends Approval

2) Class IV, Examinations (in review)

WATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	CC	VC	RL	DH	DM	RB
George Ginnis, City of Campbell	**	**		**		**	
Jonathan D. King, Scioto Co. Regional Water (resubmittal)	**		**	**		**	

WASTEWATER

NAME, LOCATION	KL	CC	VC	RL	DH	DM	RB
Gary Hydinger, City of Geneva (resubmittal)		**	**		**		**

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

3) Class IV, Examinations Actions

WASTEWATER

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Larry Scanlan (resubmittal)	Cincinnati MSD	Wastewater	Return for additional information
Billy Slaven	Clermont County	Wastewater	Return for additional information

Dail Hollopeter made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung that the Class IV exams of Larry Scanlan and Billy Slaven be returned for additional information. Motion carried. Chris Clark and Kirk Leifheit were not present for the vote.

4) OIT - Actions

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
Angel, Justin	WW I	Recommended approval
Blackburn, Jesse	WS I	Recommended approval
Brown, Scott	WW III	Recommended approval
Hostetler, Katherine	WS II	Recommended approval Pending DMA
Liviola, Peter	WS III	Recommended approval
Maloney, Paul	WS I	Recommended approval
Smith, Jason	WS I	Recommended approval
Wigal, Michael	WW I	Recommended approval

Dail Hollopeter made a motion, seconded by Richard Lorenz, recommending that all of the above be issued certificates, except that approval for Katherine Hostetler should be held until receipt of her Declaration of Material Assistance Form. Motion carried. Chris Clark and Kirk Leifheit were not present for the vote.

5) Strategic Planning

Exam statistics from the November 2006 exams were discussed. Questions with passing rates less than 35% were reviewed for clarity, relevance, or applicability. All were deemed clear, relevant and applicable. The overall passing rate for the November 2006 exams was 47.8%.

The Board was informed that a memo had been circulated to George Elmaraghy and Mike Baker in order to set up a meeting in late November or early December to discuss potential changes to the Class IV exam and obtain authorization to solicit stakeholder input.

6) Enforcement

The Board moved into executive session to discuss enforcement issues.

7) Other Business

The Board discussed Class IV extension requests for James V. Bates and Tim Stephens. Richard Lorenz made a motion, seconded by Robert Brown to recommend a 1-year extension on the deadline for submission of Class IV exams. Motion Carried.

Andrew Barienbrock informed the Board that The Ohio State University performed job analyses for Class III water and wastewater operators. A draft copy of the analysis should be available during the last week of November.

Andrew Barienbrock gave an update on the most recent changes to the proposed rules. The proposed rule package was re-filed on November 9th. The rules are on the JCARR agenda for Monday November 20th. Ohio EPA expects that the Association of Ohio Metropolitan Sewer Agencies (AOMWA) will continue their opposition to the rules. The Ohio Water Environment Association (OWEA) has submitted a letter supporting adoption of the most recent draft of the proposed rules.

8) Adjournment

Being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:46 PM on Thursday, November 16, 2006. Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held Thursday, December 21, 2006.

Board Approved: December 21, 2006