

**Minutes of the Advisory Board of Examiners  
for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator  
Certification  
September 21, 2006**

Present for the meeting on September 21, 2006 were: Deborah Metz member and chair; Robert Brown, member; Chris Clark, member; Dail Hollopeter, member; Richard Lorenz member; Kirk Leifheit, member; Dave Bornino, Certification Unit; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Susan Parkins, Certification Unit.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:51 a.m. Richard Lorenz made a motion, seconded by Robert Brown, to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2006 meeting. Dail Hollopeter abstained. Motion carried.

**1) Class IV, Applications**

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

**WATER**

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Robert J. Gardner	City of Westerville	Water	DDAGW Recommends Approval

**WASTEWATER**

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Russell Bales	City of Lima	Wastewater	DSW Recommends Approval
Michael Mearini	City of Ashtabula	Wastewater	DSW Recommends Approval
Gregory P. Wilson	City of Nelsonville	Wastewater	DSW Recommends Approval

**2) Class IV, Examinations (in review)**

**WATER**

NAME, LOCATION	KL	CC	VC	RL	DH	DM	RB
Wilhelm Ash, City of Bowling Green (resubmittal)	**		Mailed	**		**	
Martin J. Kielbasa, Mahoning Valley Sanitary (resubmittal)	**		Mailed	**		**	
Jonathan D. King, Scioto Co. Regional Water	**		Mailed	**		**	

**WASTEWATER**

NAME, LOCATION	KL	CC	VC	RL	DH	DM	RB
Anthony M Branham, City of Fairborn (resubmittal)		**		**	**		**
Robert J. Burkhard, City of Barberton (resubmittal) (1 copy)		**					
Frank D'Ambrosia, Village of Archbold	**	**				**	**

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

**3) Class IV, Examinations Actions**

**WATER**

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Steve Heimlich	Ottawa County	Water	Recommended for approval

**WASTEWATER**

NAME	EMPLOYER	TYPE	ACTION
Dean Posekany	City of Columbus	WW	Recommended for approval

Richard Lorenz made a motion, seconded by Robert Brown that Dean Posekany be recommended for approval to receive his Wastewater Class IV certificate and that Steve Heimlich be recommended for approval to receive his Water Supply Class IV certificate pending a passing review by Kirk Leifheit. Motion carried.

#### 4) OIT - Actions

NAME	EXAM TYPE	ACTION
Anielski, Brian	WW III	Recommended approval
Bock, Cheryl	WW II	Recommended approval
Bornhorst, Steve	WD I	Recommended approval
Bremer, Dal J	WS III	Recommended approval
Busse, Michael	WW II	Recommended approval
Chesser, Valorie	WS I	Recommended approval
Coates, Adam	WS I	Recommended approval
Davis, Joseph	WW I	Recommended approval
Harris, Michael	WW I	Recommended approval
Hasting, Mitchell	WW I	Recommended approval
Hehl, Kathleen	WW I	Recommended approval
Joslin, Mary	WS II	Recommended approval
Kroma, Andrea	WD II	Recommended approval
Krumreig, Richard	WW I	Recommended approval
Neff, Jerry	WD I	Hold until 12/21/2006
Reichert, Donovan	WW I	Recommended approval pending original signatures
Roberts, Brian	WS I	Recommended approval
Siepkka, Richard	WD II	Recommended approval
Wallace, William	WS III	Recommended approval

Kirk Leifheit made a motion, seconded by Richard Lorenz, recommending that all of the above be issued certificates, except that Donovan Reichert be issued a certificate upon receipt of OIT documentation with original signatures, and that Jerry Neff's OIT be held until the December 21, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

5) **Strategic Planning**

Class IV exam discussions were continued.

6) **Reciprocity**

Tammy R. Hatcher, Georgia (previously Ohio Certified) was placed on hold until legal opinion obtained regarding previous certificates.

7) **Other Business**

Kirk Leifheit made a motion, seconded by Richard Lorenz that Patrick Turnbull and Steven S. Carathers each be granted a two-year extension to complete their OIT requirements and that Douglas L. Bowen be granted a one-year extension to complete his Wastewater Class IV examination. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed an application for contact hour course approval for the courses titled, "**Business Foundations for IT Professionals**". Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Kirk Leifheit that the course be recommended for denial of contact hours. Motion carried.

Andrew Barienbrock reported to the Board that he had attended two Class A training sessions provided by 360water. The first course was held in Springfield and the exam consisted of 50 multiple-choice questions. There were 12 participants and 11 of them passed the certification examination. The second course was held in Columbus for 6 participants. The number of people passing the examination was not available at the time of the meeting.

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

Andrew Barienbrock informed the Board that a panel of Class 1 wastewater operators had met with staff from The Ohio State University. Ohio EPA has partnered with The Ohio State University to develop a job analysis for Class I wastewater operators. Ohio EPA hopes to have staff trained to conduct similar job analysis for all of the operating classifications in the future.

An update on the information session and public hearing regarding the proposed new rules, which was held August 17, 2006, was provided. On August 28, 2006, the proposed new rules were tabled for 60 days. The Association of Ohio Metropolitan Wastewater Authorities (AOMWA) was asked to provide alternative solutions to the objections they had raised regarding minimum staffing times within 60 days. If Ohio EPA does not

hear from AOWMA in a timely manner, it is anticipated the rules will be final filed with JCARR in time to be included on the JCARR hearing agenda November 20, 2006.

The wastewater Board members reviewed several Water Environment Federation (WEF) reference books and found useful information that could possibly be used to add questions to the testing databanks. Ohio EPA will contact WEF to request the release of the copyrighted material.

**8) Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:46 p.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2006. Dail Hollopeter made a motion, seconded by Robert Brown. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 19, 2006.

Board Approved: October 19, 2006