

Minutes of the Operator Certification Advisory Council December 20, 2007

Present for the meeting on Thursday, December 20, 2007 were: Chris Clark, member and chair; Richard Lorenz, member; Vui Chung, member; Robert Brown, member; Richard Reed, member; Kirk Leifheit, member; Andrew Barienbrock, Certification Unit; Jessica Dingman, Certification Unit; Jim Simpson, member, arrived at 8:41 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:33 a.m. Robert Brown made a motion seconded by Richard Reed that the minutes of the November 15, 2007 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

1) Class IV, Examinations (In Review)

WATER

| NAME, LOCATION | KL | BD | RL | VC | JS | CC | RR | RB |
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| James V. Bates, City of Sebring (resubmittal) | ** | ** | ** | ** | | | | |

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| NAME, LOCATION | KL | BD | RL | VC | JS | CC | RR | RB |
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| Gregory P. Wilson, City of Jackson (resubmittal) | | | | ** | ** | ** | | ** |
| Todd Madden, Butler County (resubmittal) | | | | | ** | ** | ** | ** |
| Craig Pierce, City of Conneaut (resubmittal) | ** | | | | | ** | ** | ** |

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

2) Class IV Actions

WATER

| NAME | EMPLOYER | TYPE | ACTION |
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| Stephen N. Hainen | City of Columbus | W | Recommend for approval |
| Tim Newland | City of Bellefontaine | W | Recommend denial |

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| NAME | EMPLOYER | TYPE | ACTION |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------|-----------------------------------|
| Barbara A. Browne | City of Cincinnati | WW | Return for additional information |
| Jim Johnson | City of Fremont | WW | Recommend for approval |
| Thomas S. Mirante III | City of Youngstown | WW | Return for additional information |
| Tracey M. Phelps | Medina Co. | WW | Return for additional information |

Vui Chung made a motion seconded by Robert Brown that the examinations from Stephen N.

Hainen and Jim R. Johnson be recommended for approval; that the examinations from Barbara A. Browne, Thomas S. Mirante, III, and Tracey M. Phelps be returned for additional information; and that the examination from Tim Newland be recommended for denial. Motion carried.

3) OITs

| NAME | EXAM TYPE | ACTION |
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| Matt R. Bohm | WS I | Recommended for approval |
| Brandon J. Izor | WD I | Recommended for approval |
| Brian J. Leach | WD II | Recommended for approval |
| Richard J. Pietruzska | WW III | Recommended for approval |
| Ann Scott | WW III | Recommended for approval |
| Scott R. Stacklin | WS II | Recommended for approval |
| Ryan Thien | WS II | Recommended for approval |
| Craig W. VanNess | WS I | Recommended for approval |

Robert Brown made a motion, seconded by Vui Chung, recommending that Matt R. Bohm, Brandon J. Izor, Brian J. Leach, Richard J. Pietruzska, Ann Scott, Scott R. Stacklin, Ryan Thien, and Craig W. VanNess be issued certificates. Motion carried.

(4) Strategic Planning

The council reviewed the clarified version of the exam guidance and water and wastewater checklists. The clarified versions will be available for applicants beginning in January 2008.

5) Extension Requests

Jim Simpson made a motion, seconded by Robert Brown that Carl G. Gatton, Warren County Water & Sewer Dept. and Dan McElhatten, City of Tiffin, be granted a one year extension until December 20, 2008 to submit their Wastewater Treatment Class IV examinations. Motion carried.

6) Reciprocity

The Council discussed the reciprocity application from Brian Blum, State of Arizona, Water Treatment Class 3 certificate. The State of Arizona submitted a representative examination for the Council's review. The 100 question sample examination was determined to be comparable to Ohio's Class II Water Supply examination.

Kirk Leifheit made a motion, seconded by Richard Lorenz, recommending Brian Blum be issued an Ohio Class II Water Supply certification. Motion carried.

7) Enforcement

At 10:33 a.m. Kirk Leifheit made a motion, seconded by Richard Lorenz, that the Council move into executive session to discuss pending enforcement issues. Motion Carried. At 10:59 a.m. Richard Lorenz made a motion, seconded by Beth Darnell, that the Council move out of executive session to continue regular business. Motion carried.

8) Other Business

The Council discussed the relevance of the Educational Tours for contact hours. Concerns have been raised that the tours are becoming more focused as sales pitches rather than a learning experience. No final decisions were made regarding the approval of Educational Tours for contact hours.

Andrew Barienbrock shared that course approval applications had been approved for The History of Water and Wastewater, Parts 1-6, for Ohio Rural Water Association (ORWA) as submitted by Bill Stufflebean. Additional information was requested to review the course content of these six, one hour courses. Mr. Stufflebean faxed six brief course descriptions to the Agency. The Council reviewed and discussed these course descriptions and requested additional information be supplied by ORWA and Bill Stufflebean for Council's review.

Kirk Leifheit and Andrew Barienbrock discussed their Class IV procedural update presentation held December 13, 2007 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the OTCO Procrastinators' Workshop. The Council was shown the PowerPoint presentation given at the workshop. Contact hours were not given for this seminar. The Council made several suggestions for clarification and changes to the PowerPoint presentation. Kirk Leifheit and Andrew Barienbrock suggested other locations around the state for the presentation to be given. Robert Brown will coordinate with them to organize a presentation in Kent, OH. The Council agreed that the presentation should be given at alternate locations around the state with the Council member's active participation in the presentations.

The Agency approved the Class IV wastewater application for Richard Duncan and the Class IV water applications for Thomas H. Erkkila, William Simon, James Swertfeger and Alonzo Waitman between the November and December 2007 Council meetings.

9) Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Kirk Leifheit made a motion, seconded by Robert Brown, that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 11:26 a.m. on Thursday December 20, 2007. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, January 31, 2008 in Ohio EPA conference room A (6th floor).

Council Approved: January 31, 2008