MINUTES

WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITY
OPERATORS CERTIFICATION BOARD

Crowne Plaza Hotel
Colorado Springs, Colorado

February 14, 2012 Meeting

Call to Order:

Allen Coyne called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Board members present:

Allen Coyne, Rich Hayes, Bill Hogrewe, Scott Leslie, Gary Parham, Garth Rygh, Tom Schaffer, Tom Settle, Steve Walker and Bill Wright.

Staff present:

Paul Frohardt, Administrator; Jackie Whelan, Division Liaison; Annette Quill, Assistant Attorney General and Nancy Horan, Program Assistant.

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved as published.

Administrator's Items:

1. Gary Parham moved for approval of the November 29, 2011 meeting minutes. Bill Hogrewe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Steve Walker abstained.

2. The Board reviewed the draft agenda for the April 2012 Board meeting.

3. The Board discussed the December 14, 2011 action by the Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Board, to approve a wastewater treatment, not water treatment, class A certification by reciprocity for Andrew Strehler and a wastewater treatment, not water treatment, class D certification by reciprocity for Kiersten Wangsvick, correcting actions taken at the November Board meeting. Following discussion, Tom Settle moved that the Board affirm these actions by the Executive Committee. Gary Parham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

No public comment was offered at the meeting.

Contractors' Report:

1. The Board discussed the recommendations regarding reciprocity requests provided by CECTI in a memo dated January 25, 2012. Steve Walker moved that the Board accept the recommendations from CECTI regarding the reciprocity requests from Reid Welch, Trent Mahaffey, Craig Mele, Lilly Longshore, Bret Holmes, Rachel Copeland and Timothy Lorenz. Bill Wright seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. The Board discussed the recommendations regarding reciprocity requests provided by the Certification Council in memos dated December 9, 2011, January 26, 2012, January 27, 2012 and January 31, 2012. Scott Leslie moved that the Board accept the recommendations from the Certification Council regarding the reciprocity requests from Dylan Hennessy, Braden McCrory and Wayne O'Neal. Garth Rygh seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Bill Hogrewe moved that the Board accept the recommendation from the Certification Council regarding the reciprocity request from Shaun Burdick. Gary Parham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. The Board discussed the exam calendar for 2012 and the contractors' update regarding online testing.

4. Annette Quill summarized the status of the proposed new Testing Services Agreement between the Board's contractors and the Association of Boards of Certification (ABC) for 2012, as well as the related Confidentiality and Nondisclosure Agreements. Following discussion, Tom Settle moved to accept the Assistant Attorney General's recommendation that the Board approve these agreements in accordance with the versions handed out today. Steve Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Ray Olson and Bobby Oligo provided comments regarding the status of integration efforts between CECTI and the Certification Council. In response to a question regarding the timing for full merger of the two groups, Ray indicated that it is possible that it could be completed by the end of the year.

Discussion of Computer-Based Testing Option:

Paul Bishop, with the Association of Boards of Certification (ABC), provided a presentation regarding potential advantages of moving to computer-based testing.

Reports from ABC Conference:

Feedback regarding the recent ABC annual conference was provided from Jackie Whelan and Ray Olson.

Division Liaison's Report:

1. Jackie Whelan reported that there are no new disciplinary actions to bring to the Board at this time. Jackie noted that the Division is developing disciplinary action implementation guidance.

2. Jackie provided an update regarding the Operator Certification Program sunset review.

3. Jackie provided a briefing regarding the benefits of the Division's new approach to the Operator Certification Program.

Attorney General's Report:

There was no separate report from the Assistant Attorney General this month.

Rulemaking Hearing:

The Board conducted a rulemaking hearing to consider the adoption of revisions to Regulation No. 100. Testimony was received from Jackie Whelan on behalf of the Water Quality Control Division, from Ray Olson on behalf of the Certification Council, and from Betsy Beaver. Following the close of the record and deliberations, Garth Rygh moved for preliminary final approval of the revisions to Regulation No. 100 as proposed by the Division, with the two additional revisions agreed to today, and not adopting proposed subsections 100.16.3(g) and (h), 100.16.4 or revisions to 100.18.2 in this rulemaking, with any appropriate additional revisions to be developed for the accompanying Statement of Basis, Specific Statutory Authority and Purpose. Steve Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Final action will be considered at the April 24, 2012 Board meeting. The Board also identified several issues to be addressed in a subsequent rulemaking and asked that the staff come back to the Board in April with a recommendation for the timing of such rulemaking.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m., February 14, 2012.