

MINUTES

WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITY OPERATORS CERTIFICATION BOARD

Crowne Plaza Hotel
Colorado Springs, Colorado

February 15, 2011 Meeting

Call to Order:

Allen Coyne called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

Board members present:

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

Board members absent:

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Staff present:

Paul Frohardt, Administrator; Lori Moore, Division Liaison; Dave Akers, WQCD; Annette Quill, Assistant Attorney General and Heather Timms, Program Assistant.

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved with the addition of a discussion of FY2012 Board meeting dates and a request for approval of a late certificate issuance.

Administrator's Items:

1. Steve Walker moved for approval of the November 30, 2010 meeting minutes. Tom Settle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Bill Hogrewe abstained.
2. Paul Frohardt provided a summary of the November Contractor Coordination Subcommittee meeting.
3. Paul Frohardt described the status of Senate Bill 11-021, pending before the Colorado General Assembly, which would eliminate term limits for WWFOCB members.
4. Annette Quill described the proposed contract with the Association of Boards of Certification (ABC) for 2011. Following discussion, Tom Settle moved that the Board approve the proposed contract in accordance with the version included in the Board packets. Rich Hayes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Paul Frohardt provided an overview of recent revisions to the Board's website, and encouraged additional recommendations for improvements.
6. The Board reviewed the draft agenda for the April 2011 Board meeting.
7. The Board discussed and agreed to a tentative schedule of meeting dates for the July 2011 through June 2012 state fiscal year.

Reports from ABC Annual Conference:

Lori Moore and Ray Olson provided a briefing regarding discussions at the recent ABC Annual Conference.

Walt Weers Award:

On behalf of the Board, Allen Coyne presented to Betsy Beaver the Walter A. Weers Outstanding Achievement Award.

Public Comment:

Joe Cowan and Melanie Fahrenbuch summarized the content of a letter to the Board from AWWA, addressing issues related to the need for additional certified operators in the coming years.

Katherine Brill, Nick Verdi and Jesus Cervantes provided comment requesting to allow Mr. Cervantes to obtain a certification after the deadline established by OCPO, following successful completion of a certification exam. Following discussion, Scott Leslie moved that the Board request OCPO to issue certificates without enforcement of the deadline that they have currently used, until this issue is addressed and clarified in Regulation No. 100. Rich Hayes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Thus, Mr. Cervantes was allowed to obtain his certification, as requested.

Contractors' Report:

1. The Board discussed the recommendations regarding reciprocity requests provided by CECTI in a memo dated February 1, 2011. Tom Settle moved that the Board accept the recommendations from CECTI regarding the reciprocity requests from Christopher Winkowski, Christopher Giesling and Craig Skelton. Bill Wright seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. The agenda item regarding changes to the Training Unit Matrix was rescheduled for the April Board meeting.
3. Allen noted that the Board had received the contractors' response to the Board's letter requesting a clarification to avoid a conflict of interest in view of Sylvia Rottman's involvement with ECT. There was no further discussion of this issue.

Informational Briefing:

Betsy Beaver provided an update regarding potential revisions to Regulation No. 100 that the Division recommends be considered in rulemaking during 2011. Following discussion, it was agreed

that further discussion of plans for Regulation No. 100 rulemaking will be scheduled for the April Board meeting.

Division Liaison's Report:

1. Lori Moore provided comments regarding the current status of facility compliance in Colorado.
2. Dave Akers briefed the Board regarding the development of a draft Disciplinary Action Policy. Following discussion, it was agreed that the draft policy will be considered for Board approval at the April 2011 Board meeting.
3. Lori and Dave discussed a proposed process and timeline to address the issue of whether Colorado will use multiple entry or sequential operator certification examinations in the future, and to finalize a testing services contract for 2012.

Attorney General's Report:

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m., February 15, 2011.