MINUTES

State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

Regular Meeting – September 16, 2010

Call to Order and Sign-In

A regular meeting of the State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals ("the Board") was called to order on Thursday, September 16, 2010, at 9:13 a.m. in the Ensign Room, 5th Floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, by Chair D. Ruzicka. Board Members J. Adams, D. Askew, J. Loureiro, A. Phillips-Griggs, R. Potterton, R. Slayback and C. Violette were present. Also present were DEP staff members K. Maiorano, M. Thomas and L. Suarez and N. Walter of EPOC.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes

The draft minutes of the Board meeting of August 12, 2010, were read and approved as written; motion: Loureiro; second: Adams; passed unanimously.

Public Participation

None.

New Business

Course approval request from Gary Robbins for on-line course titled "Pneumatic Slug Testing: An On-Line Course" for 4 CECs

Upon a motion by Slayback; second: Phillips-Griggs; passed unanimously; the conference was approved for 4 CECs. Dr. Robbins explained the interactive nature of the course and the beta testing help he had gotten from leaders of EPOC, and the feedback he had gotten to the effect that the minimum level of participant effort to complete the course was conservatively four hours, all of which the Board discussed at length.

Course approval request from LSPA for course titled "GIS Application for Environmental Professionals" for 8 CECs

Upon a motion by Adams; second: Loureiro; passed unanimously; the course was approved for 8 CECs.

Course approval request from LSPA for course titled "Natural & Historic Fill Soils-Formation & Chemical Quality" for 4.0 CECs.

Upon a motion by Loureiro; second: Slayback; passed unanimously; the course was denied CEC credits as too applicable to Massachusetts and not enough applicable to Connecticut, and for uncertainty that the minimum of 4 contact hours was met by the course schedule.

Agenda Expansion

At the request of the Chair and upon a motion by Phillips-Griggs; second: Adams; passed unanimously; the Board expanded the agenda to include a brief discussion of a new complaint against an LEP, Complaint No. 10-101. Potterton and Loureiro volunteered to investigate the complaint.

Upon a motion by Askew: second: Adams; passed unanimously; the agenda was further expanded to consider a request from an LEP for an LSPA course titled "2009 MCP Audit Case Study" for 4 CECs.

Upon a motion by Askew; second Phillips-Griggs; passed unanimously; the course was approved for 4 CECs. It was noted that although the course focused on the MCP, the audit process is similar to that in Connecticut and is therefore applicable.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

Update on regs

Chair Ruzicka announced that the Public Hearing of the proposed Regulation changes has been scheduled for November 18 in the Russell Hearing Room, with Rob Bell as the Hearing Officer.

Update on Website

Maiorano reported that the course listing is still being worked on and should be completed by the Board's next meeting.

Chair Ruzicka reported that the Monitored Natural Attenuation course, approved last month for 7.75 CECs, had its agenda revised to 8 hours, reapproved for 8 CECs.

Chair Ruzicka reported that a letter had been sent regarding the Continuing Education requirements for an LEP who is voluntarily working on an extended basis as a consultant in Iraq, explaining his options.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Phillips-Griggs; second: Adams; approved unanimously; Chair Ruzicka declared the meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Minutes approved on November 18, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. Slayback, LEP

Secretary

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