

MINUTES

State Board of Examiners of Environmental Professionals

Regular Meeting – August 12, 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, August 12, 2010, at 9:05 a.m. by Chair D. Ruzicka. Board Members C. Buchholz, J. Loureiro, K. Meloy, A. Phillips-Griggs, R. Potterton and R. Slayback were present. Also present were DEP staff members K. Maiorano and Nelson Walter of EPOC.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes

The draft minutes of the Board meeting of June 10, 2010, were read and approved as written; motion: Phillips-Griggs; second: Loureiro; passed unanimously.

Public Participation

None; see below.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

Update on complaint 10-100

The LEP has received a letter indicating that the complaint was found to be unsubstantiated and has been closed.

Update on regs, review of suggested additions to use of seal

The suggested additions to use of the LEP seal has been referred to AAG J. Looney.

Update on renewals

There are now 363 LEPs. Maiorano contacted all 25 LEPs who did not file their renewal applications on time, and 19 then filed their applications. Maiorano was commended for this courtesy but it was noted that this was above and beyond her responsibilities.

Update on exam

On the May 2010 examination, 22 passed, 17 failed and there was one no show. Of 21 repeat examinees, 10 passed.

Update on website

Nothing has been added since the last Board meeting, but a full listing of approved CEC courses is in the works.

Email regarding conflict of interest

The question regarding the appropriateness of making political contributions has been referred to the Attorney General's office.

New Business

Letter from LEP regarding extension of time to obtain CECs

The request involves an LEP who is serving voluntarily on a consulting contract in Iraq in support of military operations and has no access to continuing education courses. Maiorano is to draft a letter to the LEP to explain his alternatives.

Course approval request from NEWMOA for course titled *“Enhanced In-Situ Bioremediation”* for 5.5 CECs

Upon a motion by Meloy; second: Phillips-Griggs; the course was unanimously approved for 6.0 CECs.

Course approval request from LEP for course titled *“Introduction to Aquatic Toxicity”* for 13 CECs

Upon a motion by Meloy; second: Loureiro; the course was approved unanimously for 14.5 CECs.

Course approval request from UMASS regarding the *“26th Annual International Conference on Soils, Sediments and Water”* for CECs

Upon a motion by Meloy; second: Slayback; this annual conference was again approved, with CECs at 50 percent credit for seminar contact hours and 100 percent credit for course contact and workshop hours.

Course approval request from GSI Environmental for course titled *“Application of Monitored Natural Attenuation for Groundwater Remediation”* for 8 CECs

Upon a motion by Meloy; second: Phillips-Griggs; the course was unanimously approved for 7.75 CECs. Upon a motion by Loureiro; second: Potterton; the course will be approved for 8.0 CECs if the supplier provides a satisfactory modification to the course schedule.

Public Participation

Nelson Walter of EPOC asked if there had been any response to his previous letter regarding the interpretation of the contingency fee issue with respect to risk transfer types of consulting contracts. The answer was “no”. He volunteered to supply the Board with several case situations to assist the Board’s review of this issue, and the Board concurred that this would be useful.

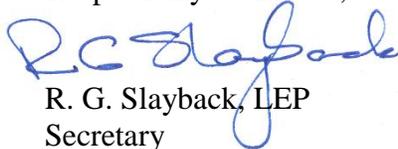
Adjournment

The September meeting was rescheduled to September 16. Maiorano will so notify the Office of the Secretary of the State.

Upon a motion by Meloy; second: Potterton; approved unanimously; Chair Ruzicka declared the meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Minutes approved on September 16, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,


R. G. Slayback, LEP
Secretary