

**STATE BOARD OF SANITARIAN REGISTRATION
77 SOUTH HIGH STREET, 16TH FLOOR
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215-6108
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 19, 2005**

PRESENT:

Board Members: Linda Aller, R.S., David Winfough, R.S., Angela Townsend, R.S., Duane Snyder, R.S., Gary Silverman, R.S., Roger Suppes, R.S. , Richard Setty, R.S.

Executive Secretary: Lynn Jones

The regular meeting of the State Board of Sanitarian Registration was held at 77 South High Street in the Main Boardroom on the 31st Floor in Columbus Ohio. Chairperson, Linda Aller, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER

New Board Member, Richard Setty, was introduced by L. Aller and welcomed by the Board.

AGENDA

The agenda was mailed to members in advance of the meeting.

G. Silverman moved to approve the agenda. A. Townsend seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

MINUTES

R. Suppes moved to approve the September 7, 2005 Board Meeting Minutes. A. Townsend seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Each member gave a brief overview of his or her committee functions:

Professional and Public Relations – presentations, annual updates, assist with exhibit booth staffing

Continuing Education – review of continuing education submitted by training agencies and individual registered sanitarians

Examination – review of applications for sanitarian-in-training, advancement to registered sanitarian, and non-routine issues such as examination update

Finance – budget and fee issues

Rules – Five Year Rule Review and rule amendments

Board Members volunteered for the following committee assignments:

Professional and Public Relations: A. Townsend, D. Winfough, R. Setty
Continuing Education: D. Snyder, D. Winfough, A. Townsend
Examination: L. Aller, G. Silverman
Finance: R. Suppes, G. Silverman
Rules: R. Suppes, R. Setty

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

G. Silverman reported that the updated PES Environmental Health Proficiency Examination would be available in December 2005. PES is currently working on the cut score. G. Silverman discussed his suggestion to PES of redistributing test questions among the versions to address the minor inconsistency of difficulty level on the different versions of the examination. This method would alleviate the need for a scaled score.

After a short discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that a letter be sent to PES expressing appreciation for undertaking the process of updating the examination; encouraging the redistribution of questions to address the difficulty level; and requesting a timeline for completion of the earlier recommendation of ensuring the distribution of questions per section reflect the current activities of the profession.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

REVENUE AND SPENDING REPORT FY 2006

L. Jones referred to the FY 2006 Financial Report *attached* and reported that as of the end of the 1st quarter, 26% of the Board's operating budget has been expended. 1st quarter revenue totaled \$52,305

HB 66 - CONSOLIDATION

L. Jones reported that the Consolidation Transition Team met on September 14, 2005 to hear testimony from professional associations regulated by the twenty boards. Most witnesses argued that the consolidation would reduce service and jeopardize public protection. L. Jones added that the team would meet again tomorrow to hear a presentation from team members representing the regulatory boards regarding the history, purpose, and practices of the boards, as well as more details on an alternative consolidation model.

L. Jones further reported that a "Save Our Boards Coalition" has been organized by the Ohio Dietetics Association. They will be meeting with Senate and House leadership to explain their case for maintaining the current structure of the boards.

G. Silverman moved for a change in the Board's position regarding regulatory board consolidation; that the Board oppose consolidation. R. Setty seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION

The main points for opposition were highlighted:

The initial rationale of cost-savings no longer applies. Boards are self-supporting and any potential savings was lost when the seven largest regulatory boards were exempt from consolidation.

If it is ultimately deemed that consolidation be enacted, the best option is to keep the boards together.

The vote was 6-0. The motion carried.

Board members and L. Jones will convey the Board's position to the Ohio Environmental Health Association and the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners to include talking points of how consolidation would impact sanitarians and encouragement that association lobbyists monitor action of the transition team and subsequent legislation.

OCTOBER 21, 2005 PES EXAMINATION

Forty-six candidates are scheduled to take the examination on 10/20/05.

ANNUAL UPDATE MEMORANDUM

The Annual Update Memorandum was reviewed and approved for mailing.

MUST EXPERIENCED APPLICANTS REFRAIN FROM PRACTICING UNTIL SUCCESSFULLY PASSING THE EXAMINATION

G. Silverman gave a brief background regarding the issue—an applicant was denied sanitarian-in-training registration during the last Board meeting because he met the education and experience requirement, and was therefore ineligible for sanitarian-in-training registration pursuant to Revised Code Section 4736.10. He further explained that in the past the Examination Committee only reviewed the education background of sanitarian-in-training applicants and did not review the experience portion of the application. He added that the negative aspect is an individual who has two years of experience i.e., analyzing water quality would be unable to practice environmental health while preparing to take the broad based environmental health proficiency examination.

He suggested that two applications be created, one solely for sanitarian-in-training to reflect only the education background of the applicant and to also require that applicants identify the courses being claimed toward meeting the science requirement.

R. Suppes noted that an amendment to the Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4736-7-01 would be required.

After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to instead amend the application cover sheet to include an explanation of Section 4736.10 and the proper procedure for applying for registered sanitarian registration if an applicant has met the experience requirement.

APPLICATIONS FOR SANITARIAN-IN-TRAINING

The list of applicants for sanitarian-in-training was reviewed *attached*.

G. Silverman moved to approve 19, 20, 22-26, 28-32, 34 and 35 for sanitarian-in-training registration. D. Snyder seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Approved as sanitarians-in-training: 19. Christopher Mizek, 20. Matthew Chokreff, 22. Jonnette Demboski, 23. Kimberly Hartman, 24. Susan Taylor, 25. Natalie Barber, 26. Bryon Whitaker, 28. Joseph Stacy, 29. Eric Robb, 30. Theodore Riestenberg, 31. Janel Hodges, 32. Linda Kimmy, 34. Jennifer Beitzel, and 35. Stephanie Woods,

G. Silverman moved to defer action on 18. John Greuey's application, to request additional information regarding his experience, and to provide Mr. Greuey with Revised Code sections pertaining to experience and

eligibility to apply for registered sanitarian and sanitarian-in-training. D. Winfough seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

G. Silverman moved to defer action on 21. Amanda Graham's application, to request additional information regarding her experience, and to provide Ms. Graham with Revised Code sections pertaining to experience and eligibility to apply for registered sanitarian and sanitarian-in-training. D. Winfough seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION

The letter to Ms. Graham should note that further clarification of her duties is needed because the duties listed on her application of *providing regulatory, technical assistance, and consultation to the division and general public* appear to be the practice of environmental health.

Motion carried 5-0 (abstention by D. Snyder).

G. Silverman moved to defer action on 27. John Gwinn's application, to request additional information regarding his experience, and to provide Mr. Gwinn with Revised Code sections pertaining to experience and eligibility to apply for registered sanitarian and sanitarian-in-training. D. Winfough seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

G. Silverman moved to defer action on 33. Ryan Murphy's application, to request additional information regarding his experience, and to provide Mr. Murphy with Revised Code sections pertaining to experience and eligibility to apply for registered sanitarian and sanitarian-in-training. D. Winfough seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for a legal interpretation of Revised Code Section 4736.10.

D. Winfough moved to nullify action on the last four applications and to seek further clarification of Revised Code 4736.10 from legal counsel. G. Silverman seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

APPLICATION FOR ADVANCEMENT TO REGISTERED SANITARIAN

G. Silverman moved to approve 9-15 for advancement to registered sanitarian. D. Winfough seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Approved as registered sanitarians: 9. Jerry Crawford, 10. E. Jay Murphy, 11. Carrie Curtiss, 12. Ryan Tekac, 13. Francine Toth, 14. Kristine Bradley, and 15. Courtney Arbez.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTERED SANITARIAN – ELIGIBILITY TO TAKE THE PES EXAMINATION

G. Silverman moved to propose to deny 1. Brenda Zolla eligibility to take the examination based upon insufficient sanitarian experience. D. Winfough seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: G. Silverman noted that the Board through certified letter requested additional information from the applicant regarding experience and did not receive such information.

The motion carried 6-0.

G. Silverman move to approve Robert Peterson's education and experience for eligibility to take the registration examination. D. Winfough seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

At 1:30 p.m. Gary Silverman was excused from the meeting.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION - TRAINING AGENCIES

A. Townsend moved to approve the National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association as an approved training agency. D. Snyder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The list of continuing education requests submitted by approved training agencies was reviewed *attached*.

A. Townsend moved to approve training agency requests 06-038 through 06-070 for the listed hours with the following exception:

06-044 7.0 hours

D. Snyder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION - INDIVIDUALS

The list of continuing education requests submitted by individuals was reviewed *attached*. A. Townsend moved to approve individual requests 98 through 239 and 1 for the listed hours with the following exceptions:

137 0 hours
139 0 hours
140 3 hours
141 2.5 hours
142 2.75 hours
144 5.5 hours
231 0 hours
237 Delete request
69 0 hours

D. Snyder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CLARIFICATION OF SANITARIAN-IN-TRAINING EXPERIENCE/PRACTICE TIMELINE

L. Aller suggested, in light of time, the review of the policy *Clarification of Sanitarian-in-training Experience/Practice Timeline* be deferred until the next meeting.

A. Townsend moved to defer review of the policy until the next meeting. D. Winfough seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

REINSTATEMENTS

The list of reinstatements was reviewed *attached*.

D. Snyder moved to reinstate 1 through 10 as registered sanitarians and 11 through 13 as sanitarians-in-training. G. Silverman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Reinstated as registered sanitarians: 1. A.J. Sturgis (RS 2143), 2. Randall Wightman (RS 2785), 3. James Black (RS 2503), 4. James Ferguson (RS 2769), 5. Dan O'Connor (RS 2962), 6. Mark Nichol (RS 2591), 7.

Wayne Slota (RS 1781), 8. Jefferis Canan (RS 2605), 9. Jeff Hanchar, (RS 2837), and 10. Phillip Lutton (RS 2859).

Reinstated as sanitarians-in-training: 11. Larry Shaffer, (SIT 042206), 12. Shannon Hunter (SIT 032132), 13. Ryan Brickman (SIT 032117).

SANITARIAN-IN-TRAINING EXTENSIONS

The Board reviewed the list of sanitarian-in-training extension requests *attached*.

A. Townsend moved to grant Suzanne Dapprich an extension until January 31, 2007. D. Snyder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Winfough moved to grant Brian Ng an extension until October 31, 2006 with encouragement to develop a plan of action toward passing the examination. D. Snyder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Future meeting dates were confirmed.

- December 7, 2005
- January 18, 2006
- March 8, 2006
- April 19, 2006
- May 31, 2006
- July 12, 2006
- September 6, 2006

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Lynn M. Jones
Executive Secretary

Chairman

Witness