

**State Board of Sanitarian Registration
Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2007**



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This report of the State Board of Sanitarian Registration covers the activities of the Board for Fiscal Year 2007, which runs from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

Mission Statement

The mission of the State Board of Sanitarian Registration is to protect the public health by ensuring that registered sanitarians possess and maintain specialized knowledge and skills in the field of environmental health. This is accomplished by minimum education standards, examination, continuing education requirements, and the investigation of complaints filed with the Board.

Board Organization and Meetings

The State Board of Sanitarian Registration is composed of seven members, including the Director of Health or his designated representative, the Director of the Environmental Protection Agency or his designated representative, and five members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Terms of office are for three years and members are compensated for board meeting expenses.

Of the five members appointed by the Governor, at least one and not more than two must be employees of a general health district; at least one and not more than two must be employees of a city health district; and at least one and not more than two must be employed in private industry. Not more than one member may be employed by a university and not more than one member may be employed by an agency or department of state.

The following is a list of the current Board members, their cities of residence, and their current term expiration.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Expiration</i>
Linda Aller, R.S., Vice Chair	Lewis Center	August 15, 2008
Angela Townsend, R.S., Chair	South Euclid	August 15, 2009
Roger Suppes, R.S., Secretary	Worthington	Director's representative for the Ohio Department of Health
Richard Setty, R.S.	Youngstown	August 15, 2007
Gary Silverman, R.S.	Bowling Green	August 15, 2008
Duane Snyder, R.S.	Worthington	Director's representative for the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
David Winfough, R.S.	Hamilton	August 15, 2009

The State Board of Sanitarian Registration conducted eight board meetings and nine administrative hearings regarding application denial. Board meetings and administrative hearings, which are open to the public, were held at the Vern Riffe Center for Government & the Arts in Columbus.

Application Review

The examination committee reviewed 99 applications for sanitarian in training registration and 91 registrations were issued. Fifty-six applications for registered sanitarian were reviewed and 56 registrations were granted.

Administrative hearings are conducted for all applicants denied registration, regardless of whether the applicant responds to the opportunity for hearing notice. The Board conducted eight hearings on proposed denials, and affirmed denial on all applications subsequent to hearing.

The Board reviewed and granted 23 sanitarian-in-training extension requests. Extension requests increased 10% from last year. Although the Board has the authority to grant extensions to sanitarians-in-training who furnish sufficient cause for not applying for registered sanitarian registration within three years, **section 4736.15 of the Revised Code limits a sanitarian-in-training from engaging in the practice of environmental health beyond five-years.**

The following lists the active registrant count for the past five fiscal years.

<i>Active Registrants</i>	<i>FY 2003</i>	<i>FY 2004</i>	<i>FY 2005</i>	<i>FY 2006</i>	<i>FY 2007</i>
Registered Sanitarians	1295	1294	1298	1298	1294
Sanitarians in Training	230	230	227	227	228
Total	1,525	1,524	1,525	1,525	1,522

Examination

The Board administered the Professional Examination Service (PES) Environmental Health Proficiency Examination October 19, 2006, March 22, 2007, and July 19, 2007.

<i>Exam Date</i>	<i>Number of Candidates</i>	<i>Exam Scores</i>	<i>Percent Passage</i>
10/19/06	53	Scaled 70% (172/250)	53%
3/22/07	49	Scaled 70% (175/250)	61%
7/19/07	29	Scaled 70% (172/250)	31%

The examination-passing rate increased from 38% in fiscal year 2006 to 48% for fiscal year 2007.

Compliance, Investigation, and Enforcement

Pursuant to section 4736.13 of the Revised Code, the Board may deny, refuse to renew, revoke, or suspend a certificate of registration, following an adjudication hearing held pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Revised Code, for unprofessional conduct, the practice of fraud or deceit in obtaining a certificate of registration, dereliction of duty, incompetence in the practice of environmental health science, or for other good and sufficient cause. The Board can also enter into consent agreements in lieu of adjudication hearings.

The Board received two complaints in fiscal year 2007; however, the allegations were unsubstantiated and no action was taken.

Three cease and desists were issued to sanitarians-in-training who engaged in the practice of environmental health for five years and were unable to advance to registered sanitarian based upon the fact that they could not pass the registration examination.

Continuing Education

One hundred six training agency renewal notices were issued in October 2006. Ninety four training agencies renewed their status.

Eleven agencies were granted approved training agency status in fiscal year 2007:

- Erie County Board of Health
- Preble County General Health District
- Alchemy Seminars, LLC
- Ohio Association of Plumbing Inspectors
- Style Crest, Inc.
- 360 Training
- The Computer Workshop
- Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc.
- Ohio State University Extension
- Hanson Pipe & Precast
- City of Cleveland Health Department

The members of the continuing education committee and the executive secretary reviewed 1,444 continuing education requests submitted by the registrants and training agencies, which is a 9% increase over the previous fiscal year.

Finances

The Board is funded by license and application fees deposited into the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90). This fund consists of application and renewal fees from 27 professional

licensing boards. Each board in the fund is required to generate sufficient revenue to meet its own budgeted expenses, and to pay for collective project costs. Due to a change in Board staff during fiscal year 2007, the Board lapsed approximately \$30,000, which will be credited to its account in the 4K90 fund.

The following information represents the Board's costs and expenditures for fiscal year 2007.

Staff Payroll Account (6091)	<i>1st Qtr.</i>	<i>2nd Qtr.</i>	<i>3rd Qtr.</i>	<i>4th Qtr.</i>	<i>Grand Total</i>
Basic Wages	\$16,037.36	\$11,837.64	\$14,231.12	\$12,378.03	\$54,484.15
Paid Leave & Other Compensation	\$1,356.88	\$1,717.29	\$0.00	\$1,358.64	\$4,432.81
Leave Balances Pd. @ Termination	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Employer-Paid Benefits	\$2,330.28	\$2,673.61	\$4,033.47	\$3,424.10	\$12,461.46
DAS Payroll Charges	\$287.92	\$239.65	\$279.67	\$230.01	\$1,037.25
Court Reporting/Expert Witness	\$0.00	\$128.20	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$278.20
Hearing Officers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Conference Registration Fees	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Staff Payroll Cost	\$20,012.44	\$16,746.39	\$18,619.26	\$17,465.78	\$72,843.87

Maintenance Account (6092)	<i>1st Qtr.</i>	<i>2nd Qtr.</i>	<i>3rd Qtr.</i>	<i>4th Qtr.</i>	<i>Grand Total</i>
Office Supplies	\$50.64	\$199.75	\$59.44	\$1,203.21	\$1,513.04
Staff Travel - Mileage (in state)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Staff Travel - Meals (in state)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Staff Travel - Lodging (in state)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Staff Travel - Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Staff Travel - Mileage (out of st.)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Staff Travel - Transportation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Staff Travel - Meals (out of st.)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Staff Travel - Lodging (out of st.)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Telephone (Qwest)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DHL	\$12.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.75
Housekeeping	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Copier Maintenance & Repairs	\$0.00	\$99.20	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$119.20
Printing (via DAS)	\$175.55	\$220.70	\$306.10	\$346.70	\$1,049.05
Legal Notices in Newspapers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rent (+space repairs, improve)	\$893.63	\$893.63	\$893.63	\$893.63	\$3,574.52
Central Service Agency	\$2,133.16	\$678.41	\$690.40	\$444.38	\$3,946.35
Telephone (DAS)	\$45.57	\$207.78	\$219.12	\$55.01	\$527.48
DAS Motor Pool	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State Purchasing Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DAS Centralized Mail Service	\$599.61	\$1,075.25	\$0.00	\$680.32	\$2,355.18
Computer Services (State)	\$2,052.74	\$159.00	\$889.77	\$90.15	\$3,191.66
Bank Lock Box	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Exam Purchase	\$3,150.00	\$4,770.00	\$4,410.00	\$0.00	\$12,330.00
Subpoenas	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other (Postage, Mbrshp \$, Etc.)	\$161.25	\$204.89	\$461.29	\$449.53	\$1,276.96
Total Maintenance Cost	\$9,274.90	\$8,508.61	\$7,929.75	\$4,182.93	\$29,896.19

Equipment Account (6093)	<i>1st Qtr.</i>	<i>2nd Qtr.</i>	<i>3rd Qtr.</i>	<i>4th Qtr.</i>	<i>Grand Total</i>
Computer / IT Purchases	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$890.53	\$890.53
All other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$890.53	\$890.53

Board Member Expenses (6001)	<i>1st Qtr.</i>	<i>2nd Qtr.</i>	<i>3rd Qtr.</i>	<i>4th Qtr.</i>	<i>Grand Total</i>
Board Member Expense	\$1,350.45	\$1,011.32	\$754.09	\$858.93	\$3,974.79
Total Board Maintenance	\$1,350.45	\$1,011.32	\$754.09	\$858.93	\$3,974.79

<i>FY2007 Operational Cost</i>	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Grand Total
	\$30,637.79	\$26,266.32	\$27,303.10	\$23,398.17	\$107,605.38

<i>FY07 Revenue Totals</i>	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Grand Total
	\$52,694.59	\$6,706.00	\$67,119.00	\$17,062.00	\$143,581.59

Summary

The Ohio State Board of Sanitarian Registration continues to ensure the safe and educated practice of environmental health for the consumers of environmental health services by monitoring and regulating the training agencies approved by the Board to determine that they are providing quality continuing education programs, by increasing the public and registrants' awareness of the ability to use on-line technology to allow for increased and more effective communication from the Board, and continuing to effectively work in cooperation with other state agencies, board, and commissions on common problems regarding the regulation of the practice of environmental health.