

**Minutes of the
December 1, 2008 Meeting
Small Water Systems Technical Assistance Center (TAC)
Advisory Board**

The regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the TAC Board was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Acting Chairperson Serena DiMagno on December 1, 2008, in Room 105 of the Rachel Carson State Office Building, Harrisburg, PA

The following board members/alternates were present:

Dana Aunkst, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Serena DiMagno, The Water Works Operators Assoc. of Pennsylvania
John Poklembo, The Water Works Operators Assoc. of Pennsylvania
Ronald Rohall, Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc.
Jack Mitchell, Pennsylvania Builder's Association
Mike Sienkiewicz, Pennsylvania Manufactured Housing Association
Mary Gaiski, Pennsylvania Manufactured Housing Association
Stan Brown, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Marilyn Kraus, Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate
Herb Spencer, American Water Works Association, Pennsylvania Chapter
Daniel Standish, American Water Works Association, Pennsylvania Chapter
Beverly Reinhold, Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority
Tom Essig, RCAP Solutions, Inc

Members/alternates from the following organizations were not present:

Pennsylvania Rural Water Association
Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association
County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Association of Realtors
Center for Rural Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors
The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania
Department of Community & Economic Development
State Board for Certification of Sewage Treatment Plant & Waterworks Operators
Rural Utilities Service/Rural Development

The following DEP staff was present:

Duke Adams, Office of Policy and Communications
Veronica Kasi, BWSFR, Division of Technical and Financial Assistance
Michael Shoff, BWSFR, Division of Technical and Financial Assistance
Bill McNamara, BWSFR, Division of
Marylou Barton, Office of Chief Counsel, Regulatory Counsel
Janet Fisher, BWSFR, Division of Technical and Financial Assistance

Non-members present at this meeting

Eric Ross, Delta Development Group

Fred Chapman, Department of Community & Economic Development

General TAC Business

Serena DiMagno, Acting Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:05.

Motion made by Serena DiMagno to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2008 TAC Board meeting. Motion seconded by John Poklembo. Motion carried.

Meeting Dates for 2009 discussed. Motion made by Mike Sienkiewicz to approve TAC Board Meeting dates of Thursday, May 21, 2009, Thursday, July 30, 2009 and Thursday, October 15, 2009. Motion seconded by Dan Standish. Motion passed.

Fee Structure for Operator Certification

Presentation by Nicki Kasi of analysis of the pros and cons for three options. A summary of the proposed fees for each option.

1. System Owners Pay
2. Training/Examination Providers Pay
3. Everyone Pays

After discussion, the board suggested a variation of Option 3, which was called Option 3-C.

Motion to recommend Option 3C made by Dan Standish, Second by Mike Sienkiewicz.

Acting Chairperson Serena DiMagno presented idea of sending a thank you letter to former board members, including Betty Connor of the League of Women Voters, for their years of involvement with the TAC Advisory Board. Motion made by Dan Standish to do so, Second by John Poklembo.

Motion to adjourn made by John Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously. Board adjourned.