

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
STATE BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF
WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS OPERATORS**

Board Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2008

Conference Call

Board Members Present

Mary McElhinny

John Schombert

Matthew Higgins

Michael Kyle

William Ross

Nicki Kasi

Cheri Sansoni, Board Secretary

Board Members Absent

John Brutz, Chairman

William Shakely, Legal Counsel

Non Board Members Present

Roberta Radel, BWSFR

Janette Washington, BWSFR

In the absence of John Brutz, Chairman, William Ross was asked to chair the meeting. William Ross called the meeting of the State Board for Certification of Water and Wastewater Systems Operators to order at 10:22 AM.

Approval of April 9, 2008 Minutes

John Schombert moved to approve the April 9, 2008 minutes with the following revisions:

Under Non Board Members Present, change Robert Radel, to Roberta.

Under Revisions to Board Guidelines, change both paragraphs to read: The vote was unanimous and the motion carried even though Nicki Kasi abstained from voting.

Matthew Higgins seconded the April 9 minutes. The vote was unanimous and motion carried.

New Applications, Upgrades, and Reciprocity Request

The new and upgrade applications were presented to the Board for approval.

Nicki Kasi made a motion to approve and issue all new and upgrade certificates.

Mary McElhinny seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The following water reciprocity application was reviewed:

Scott White served in the US Army as a water purification specialist for one year.

He has experience operating a distribution system and treating surface water for the removal of particulate matter using a series of filtration techniques including roughing filters (similar to a direct filtration process, which is W2, cartridge filters (W5), and reverse osmosis units (W6). Filtration is followed by hypochlorite disinfection (W12). From the filters, water either enters a storage area or flows directly to the distribution system. A sequestering agent (W7) is added during filter backwashing to prohibit scaling and reduce the effects of corrosion. The system flow was 60,000 GPD.

After some discussion by the Board, John Schombert moved for a provisional approval of the reciprocity for Scott White based on confirmation that the systems where Mr. White worked were public water systems. At question was whether the technologies utilized by Mr. White are similar to those used at a public water system. Since Michael Shoff, Chief, Operational Services Section, has previous military operation experience, it was decided he should review the application to insure consistency in the technologies. John Schombert withdrew his motion. Nicki Kasi moved that Mr. White be issued a WDE 2,5,6,7,12 certificate if Michael Shoff agrees with this evaluation and the technologies are equivalent. . Mike Kyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and motion carried.

Denials of Applications for Certification Renewal

The following renewal applications were denied due to not enough continuing education within their renewal cycle.

Expired: December 2007

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>ID</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Daniel Sigafos	WW	197316	0
Arthur McGann	WW	199007	0
Richard Subasic	WW	197045	0
Bradley Bailey	WW	199527	0
Robert Yohey	WW	75832	0
George Adams	WW	200217	0

Nicki Kasi motioned to deny the above applications. Mary McElhinny seconded. The vote was unanimous and motion carried.

Board Secretary Report

Cheri Sansoni informed the Board of a consent order and agreement from the Northcentral Regional Office. Douglas Williams voluntarily surrendered his wastewater license for 180 days. Conditions of the consent order are Williams shall not request his license back until he completes three training courses: NPDES Discharge Monitoring Report Completion, Certified Operator’s Math and Activated Sludge. He must supply completion certificates to the Board within 10 days of having taken the third training course. These courses will go towards his continuing education requirement. Mr. Williams shall pay a \$500 fine for civil

penalties due to violations of the Clean Streams Law and he is not to operate a plant for a minimum of 180 days. Cheri Sansoni will put a comment into eFACTS to indicate he voluntarily surrendered for 180 days and must take the above three courses prior to receiving his license.

At this time William Ross had to leave the meeting and John Schombert took over duties of chairing the remainder of the meeting.

Old and New Business

Mike Kyle inquired about what plans are being made for William Ross. Cheri Sansoni described the resolution she is preparing for Board action at the meeting on June 5th. Board members suggested taking Mr. Ross to lunch or dinner, possibly after the June 5th meeting. Cheri Sansoni will get back to the members with Bill's response to the invitation.

Comments from the Public

No comments.

Mike Kyle motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11 a.m.