

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENTIST BOARD MEETING

October 20th, 2010

ROOM 475 – 9:00 A.M.
Heber M. Wells Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

CONVENED: 9:07 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 9:57 a.m.

Bureau Manager:

Sally A. Stewart

Board Secretary:

Sally Canavan

Board Members Present:

Jeffrey R Coombs, Chairman
Bruce Costa
Bryce Larsen
Linda Ebert
Richard C. Engar, DDS

Board Members Excused:

None

Guests:

Eric Peterson, Past President, Utah Environmental Health Association (UEHA)

DOPL Staff Present:

None

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Oath of Office:

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. Stewart administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Bryce Larsen. He was welcomed as a new Board member.

Minutes:

The minutes for April 15th, 2009 were reviewed. A motion was made by Dr. Engar, seconded by Mr. Costa, to accept the minutes as written. The motion was passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Expanded Educational Qualifications

The Board discussed the Environmental Health Scientist professions. The areas of employment for this profession have expanded and therefore the areas of education may need to be adjusted. The current qualifications for graduation from either a bachelor's or master's program are specified in the EHS rule. There is some indication that because the profession has expanded into other areas, other educational qualifications needed to be added beyond those specified in Rule. The National Environmental Health

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Association (NEHA) is currently debating what to do regarding the expanding areas and scope of practice in their profession.

“Grandfather” Provision

The Board also discussed that the “Grandfather” Provision is still in their Act and should be removed. Since NEHA is still debating areas of practice, the Board decided to wait and see what happens on a national level, before making any changes to the Act. The Board invited Mr. Eric Peterson, to attend the next Board and share any additional information he may have regarding the NEHA’s debate.

Utah Environmental Health Association (UEHA): Administration of the Exam.

The Board discussed the possibility of the Utah Environmental Health Association administering the REHS/RS exam. The Board noted previous Director of DOPL David Stanley’s argument is still valid, that there could be a potential of conflict of interest.

NEHA is currently the only one who administers the exam. Some applicants are having a difficult time trying to afford and to schedule the exam. If the Division, through our exam administrator PSI were to administer the exam, it would save applicant the required NEHA membership fee. The Board suggested Mr. Peterson talk to Mr. Kent Barnes or Mr. Dave Taylor with DOPL, to see if PSI may be allowed to administer the exam, to be proctored by UEHA members.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Tentatively Wednesday; June 15th, 2011

ADJOURN:

9:57 a.m. (no motion required)

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

10/19/2011
Date Approved

(ss) Jeffrey R.Coombs
Chairperson
Environmental Health Scientist Board

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(ss) Sally A Stewart
Bureau Manager
Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing