

## MINUTES

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENTIST BOARD MEETING

June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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

**CONVENED: 9:09 a.m.**

**ADJOURNED: 9:47 a.m.**

**Bureau Manager:**

Sally A. Stewart

**Board Secretary:**

Sally Canavan

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Excused:**

None

**Guests:**

Eric Peterson

**DOPL Staff Present:**

None

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**  
**Minutes:**

### **DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The minutes for October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Costa, seconded by Ms. Ebert, to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**  
**Continuing Education:**

The reason for the Continuing Education (CE) discussion is that during the last renewal cycle, there was an issue on the required CE's. In the Environmental Health Scientist Rule for CE's there are not any references to "distance learning" or online education. A number of other professions have references in their Rule, such as maximum limits on distance learning, and etc. The Board discussed a lot of people in their profession are rural and seminars are sometimes hard to get to. The Board stated hazmat CE's are available online only. The Board noted it seems that is the way the world is going online. Ms. Stewart stated she would be happy put together some

**Continuing Education:** (continued)

verbiage for the rule change. She will e-mail it to them and expects e-mail confirmation back from the Board. Dr. Engar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Costa, that we add the verbiage on “distance learning” to the existing education requirement and any other language that is necessary to define that in accordance with the existing Rule. The voting was unanimous

**Educational Requirements:**

The Division requested if any of the Board members had received any additional feedback since the last Rule change effective January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The Board noted if anything needs to be changed we should do it when making the above CE change. The Board stated they had received no additional comments.

**Environmental Health Scientist Act**

Mr. Peterson addressed the Board regarding the Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment Interim Committees recent decision to reauthorize the Environmental Health Scientists Act for another five years. He stated he felt the profession was not as prepared as it could be. It seemed as if the Legislative Committee is not aware of what the Environmental Health Scientist do. He stated he would like to be on the agenda of the Legislative Committee’s next meeting. The Board discussed they would like to have the “sunset provision” removed from their profession. The Board discussed talking to Candace Daly and having her lobby for their profession to have the sunset provision removed. The Board determined to assign Mr. Costa since he sits on the Health Officer Committee. Mr. Larsen made a motion, seconded by Dr Engar, that Mr. Costa recommend to the Committee to add to their agenda working for the sunset provision to be removed. The voting was unanimous. An amendment to the motion by Ms. Ebert, second by Dr Engar, stated that if Mr. Costa needs some assistance he include us (the Board.) The voting was unanimous.

The Board noted the Division is always looking for people who want to serve their profession and they were reminded that the Board may put anything on the agenda as it is their agenda.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

Tentatively Wednesday; June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**ADJOURN:** **9:47 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.*

October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Date Approved

Bryce Larsen  
Chairperson  
Environmental Health Scientist Board

October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Date Approved

Sally A. Stewart  
Bureau Manager  
Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing