

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENTIST BOARD MEETING

April 15th, 2009

ROOM 464 – 9:00 A.M.
Heber M. Wells Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

CONVENED: 9:07 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 9:50 a.m.

DOPL Staff Present:

F. David Stanley, Division Director

Bureau Manager:

Sally A. Stewart

Board Secretary:

Penny Vogeler

Board Members Present:

Ralph Clegg, Acting Chairman

Linda Ebert

Dwight Hill

Bruce Costa

Richard C. Engar, DDS (arrived after meeting began)

Board Members Excused:

Jeffery R. Coombs (telephonic attendance)

Guests:

Eric Peterson, President-Elect of the Utah

Environmental Health Association (UEHA)

Grant Koford, President of Utah Environmental Health
Association (UEHA)

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The minutes for August 9, 2006 were reviewed. A motion was made by Bruce Costa and seconded by Linda Ebert to accept the minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Oath of Office:

Linda Ebert was sworn in as the new Board member by Ms. Stewart. Mr. Clegg welcomed Ms. Ebert on behalf of the Board members.

Elect a new Chairperson:

A nomination was made by Mr. Costa, seconded by Mr. Clegg, that Jeffrey R. Coombs be elected as the new chairperson of the Board. He was unanimously elected in absentia.

Rule Changes:

Eric Peterson of the Utah Environment Health Association (UEHA) presented to the Board that the UEHA was looking to proctor the REHS/RS exam. He has been contacted by thirteen candidates in the

state, many with less than two years of experience in Utah. There are two examinations available through NEHA; the REHS/RS and the REHS/RS-in-training. In the state of Utah you must obtain your license within two years, which is an issue for the candidates.

Dr. Engar joined the meeting.

Addition of a Qualifying Examination

NEHA will allow an affiliate organization such as the UEHA to administer the test. UEHA would purchase the exam from NEHA and administer it for \$125.00. UEHA would allow the test to be taken without the two years of experience.

Mr. Stanley stated he would be more comfortable with a rule change allowing the other examination to be allowed rather than having another state organization to administer the examination. A change in the rule would be much easier. The legislature would likely have an issue with the examination being offered by an affiliated organization. It was noted that it would take about 90 days to complete the process of a rule change.

Ms. Ebert discussed Weber County having a requirement that a license be issued within six months after graduation. Mr. Peterson said he would look into this. There are two types of licensure in this profession in Utah; Environmental Health Scientist and Environmental Health Scientist-in-Training.

The proposed rule change would be to add an examination in addition to the current qualifying examination in Rule. Applicants would then be allowed to submit evidence of having passed the National Environmental Health Association Registered Environmental Health Specialist/ Registered Sanitarian-in-training Examination instead of the National Environmental Health Association Registered Environmental Health Specialist/Registered Sanitarian Examination. A motion was made by Mr. Costa, seconded by Dr. Engar, to change the rule UAC R156-20a-302b(1)(e) to include the National Environmental Health Association Registered Environmental Health Specialist/ Registered Sanitarian-in-training Exam. It passed unanimously.

Correction to previously Approved Minutes:

Dr. Engar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ebert that several corrections be made to the minutes. It passed unanimously.

Additional Information on Rule Changes:

Mr. Stanley stated all Board members will be invited to the Rule Hearing. The goal is to have the Rule change published in May 2009 and a hearing set for 30 days later. A Board meeting may be called to hold the hearing. It was suggested the Association may want to address the Rule change in its newsletter, and send an e mail explaining the process. Mr. Peterson thanked the Board for their time and help with this matter.

Open and Public Meetings Act:

Due to changes made by the Legislature to the Open and Public Meeting Act and approval of minutes procedures Ms. Stewart asked all Board members for their e-mail addresses. DOPL will continue to make the recording of the minutes available to the public within three days of the meeting. The written minutes should be ready for review in 30 days. They will be e-mailed to all Board members. Board members should respond to the Board secretary and the minutes will be posted to the web in 45 days. The Division is coming up with a policy in regards to this matter.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

The date of the next meeting will be decided following the Rule Hearing.

ADJOURN:

9:50 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 20th, 2010
Date Approved

(ss) Jeffery R. Coombs, Chairperson
Environmental Health Scientist Board

October 20th, 2010
Date Approved

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