

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENTIST BOARD MEETING

October 19th, 2011

**ROOM 474 – 9:00 A.M.
Heber M. Wells Building
Salt Lake City, Utah**

CONVENED: 9:10 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 10:16 a.m.

Bureau Manager:

Sally A. Stewart

Board Secretary:

Sally Canavan

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Excused:

Jeffrey Coombs, absent

Guests:

None

DOPL Staff Present:

None

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Minutes:

The minutes for October 20th, 2010 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 Board noted there has been some discussion about continuing education (CE). The Board noted a Rule change is needed because of the conflict. The rule states January of the even year. The law states June of each odd year. The Board discussed the need to make a correction to the Rule due to conflict of those two dates. The change would be in R-156-20a-304(1) and state each two year period commencing June 1st of each odd year is when the CE's are due. The proposed change to the Rule would change the month in the rule to match the law.

Educational Requirements

The Board discussed how their profession seems to be changing and constantly expanding. The education requirements should be changing. The Board discussed people who are qualified and have the training for employment, but cannot get interviews.

Educational Requirements (continued)

While their training is more than sufficient, the titles of courses they have taken don't match the qualifications. The Board discussed making the major study headings more broad but did not want to lose the integrity of their profession. The Board discussed adding "public health" may be broad enough to allow people to apply for employment.

The currently proposed changes will be in R156-20a-302a(2) to add a new heading in parentheses, (j) public health science; to remove the "or"; and move sanitary engineering to (k) and zoology to (l). Mr. Costa made a motion, seconded by Mr. Larsen that DOPL act to make the changes listed immediately above. The voting was unanimous. The Board requested DOPL go ahead and put this change into the rule making process. The Board requested to see the proposed rule change through e-mail. Ms Stewart agreed to keep the Board in the loop.

The Board discussed CE requirements requesting to use an Emergency Preparation Response course for CE credits. The course is offered through the Fire Department under the direction of Homeland Security. The Board noted in order to use this course for CE's they must provide a certificate of attendance and verify the hours attended. The Board discussed that under R 156-20a-304 they should remove from (i) the word "health". A motion was made by Ms. Ebert, seconded by Mr. Larsen. The voting was unanimous.

The Board discussed the grandfathering provision that makes it allowable under the required circumstances for someone no longer qualified to get a license. It would be a statutory change in the Environmental Health Scientist law. The Division made a suggestion to close that provision (section) the next time the Act is opened. The Board questioned when the next sunset provision would be. They determined it was every 15 years, which meant this year. This will be discussed further.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Tentatively Wednesday; June 20th, 2012

ADJOURN:

10:16 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.

06/20/2012
Date Approved

(ss) Jeff R. Costa
Chairperson
Environmental Health Scientist Board

06/20/2012
Date Approved

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