



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Board of Registration
of
Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professionals

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CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting on April 19, 2017

Approved on June 1, 2017

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Meeting Location:

MassDEP CERO
8 New Bond Street
Worcester, MA 01606

List of Documents Used at the Meeting:

1. Agenda
2. Draft Minutes of Meeting on March 21, 2017
3. List of DEP Credits available between January 30, 2014 and January 30, 2017

1. Call to Order: Co-chairperson Farooq Siddique called the meeting to order at approximately 12:31 p.m. The Board members in attendance were Maria Pinaud, Debra Listernick, Dr. Gail Batchelder, James N. Smith, David Austin, and Kathleen Campbell. Board member Kirk Franklin was absent. Staff members present were Beverly Coles-Roby and Lori Williamson. Wendy Rundle, Executive Director of the LSP Association ("LSPA"), and Wes Stimpson of WES Associates, were also present. Rebecca Woolley of MassDEP arrived at 12:32 p.m. Mike Toomey arrived at 1:00 p.m.

1. Previous Minutes: The draft minutes of the meeting held on March 21, 2017, were approved as written. Mr. Siddique and Ms. Campbell abstained from voting to approve the minutes.

2. Old Business: None

4. New Business:

A. Course Approval Requests:

1. NEWMOA: *PFAS in the Northeast: State of Practice and Regulatory Perspectives* (6 Technical credits, May 8, 2017, Danielson, CT, May 9, 2017, Westford, MA, and May 10, 2017, Lebanon, NH) **Recommend Approval.**

2. Battelle: 4th International Symposium on Bioremediation and Sustainable Environmental Technologies (1:2 Technical credits for conference and 1:1 Technical credits for short courses, May 22-25, 2017, Miami, FL) **Recommend Approval.**
3. Atlas Environmental Company: Sampling Techniques and Procedures (8 Technical credits, date and location to be determined) **Recommend Tabling--pending receipt of more information.**
4. MassDEP: New VPH Method and Other MCP Current Issues (4 DEP Regulatory credits, May 31, 2017, Boxboro, MA) **Recommend Approval.**

B. Announcements:

- MassDEP is offering a repeat of Course No. 1591 The Audit Process- 24 Years Later! on June 15, 2017 at MassDEP NERO, Wilmington, MA (1 DEP Regulatory credit)

Mr. Siddique opened the meeting by commenting favorably on a course that he took, No. 1585, Glacial Geology of Northward Flowing Watersheds. Mr. Austin asked Ms. Williamson whether she added up the hours for course A1, PFAS in the Northeast: State of Practice and Regulatory Perspectives. She responded that she had done so. For course A2, 4th International Symposium on Bioremediation and Sustainable Environmental Technologies Mr. Siddique recommended that the Committee review each conference and short course. Ms. Listernick thought that the course was applicable to what LSPs do. Ms. Williamson noted that some of the courses are eight hours. Ms. Campbell said that there are eleven courses in total. Mr. Smith suggested that the Committee assign a number for each course. Ms. Williamson said that the Committee had never done so before, but also the Committee similarly had not approved short courses. Dr. Batchelder, Ms. Campbell, Ms. Pinaud, and Ms. Listernick agreed that all of the courses were relevant to LSP work. Mr. Austin said that there was no date or location for Course A3, Sampling Techniques and Procedures. Ms. Pinaud added that the course seemed very basic. Dr. Batchelder concurred, saying that the course seemed a little too basic. She told the Committee that the course was one for junior staff, and the Committee could not justify recommending approval for eight credits. Ms. Pinaud agreed with her assertion. Dr. Batchelder went on to say that the course consisted of things that applicants should know for the LSP examination. Mr. Smith said that much of the course is universal. Mr. Austin felt that the provider should make the course more robust and show how it applies to LSPs in the field. He wanted more detail. Dr. Batchelder said she was unsure of the level of detail the instructor was going into and agreed that the Committee needed more information. Ms. Williamson asked what further information the Committee needed. Dr. Batchelder indicated that the Committee needs

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more information on why the course is relevant to LSPs. Mr. Austin thought that the provider should be given an opportunity to explain. When Ms. Williamson asked for specifics, Mr. Austin responded that the provider should give more detail on the course syllabus. Course A4, *New VPH Method and Other MCP Current Issues*, prompted Ms. Listernick to ask how many seats were allotted, to which Ms. Rundle replied 150 seats.

C. Petitions for Waiver

The Committee voted to deny the petitions of John McTigue; Joseph Vitale; Thomas Cambareri; and one redacted petition, based on their failure to show good cause pursuant to 309 CMR 2.12. The Committee arrived at each vote on the petitions based on the spreadsheet created by Ms. Williamson which delineated all MassDEP courses offered from January 30, 2014 and January 30, 2017. That spreadsheet was included in the documents used at the meeting.

5. Future Meetings: June 21, 2017--MassDEP SERO

6. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:16 p.m.