

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Board of Registration
of
Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professionals**

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting on February 5, 2013

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Location:

MassDEP Northeast Regional Office

205B Lowell Street

Wilmington, MA

1. **Call to Order:** Ben Ericson, LSP Board Chair, called the Continuing Education Committee meeting to order at 12:39 p.m. The Committee members present were: Kirk Franklin, Jack Guswa, Debra Listernick, Robert Luhrs, Kelley Race, and Farooq Siddique. Deborah Farnsworth entered at 12:52 p.m. Gail Batchelder was not present for the committee meeting. The staff members present were Beverly Coles-Roby, Lynn Read, and Allen Wyman. David Austin, Wendy Rundle, and Wes Stimpson of the LSPA, two license applicants, Phil Peters and Deidre Winterburn, and Gretchen Latowsky of JSI (and former Board member) were also present. James Matz, LSPA, entered at 12:52 p.m.
2. **Announcements:** Mr. Ericson announced that, given Christophe Henry was no longer on the LSP Board; discussion of a replacement Continuing Education Committee Chair was warranted. He publically thanked Christophe for all the years of excellent service as the Committee Chair. Members of the committee noted that Allen Wyman would run the Committee meetings in Christophe's absence and could continue doing so in the absence of a committee Chair. Discussion then moved into finding a replacement and the effect of the letters of termination sent to many the Board members implying near term member replacements. A committee member suggested, given this, that one of the two Board members who are current in their terms act as the Continuing Education Committee Chair. The hope was to avoid being in this same position, needing to assign another Committee Chair, if the Chair were to be replaced by a new LSP Board member. Ben Ericson thought that the "holdover" LSP Board members would be on the Board a while and wasn't too concerned. Jack Guswa was then nominated as the Chair to which he graciously accepted and was unanimously approved. Allen Wyman, however, was asked to complete moderation of the remainder of this Continuing Education Committee meeting, and he began doing so.
3. **Meeting Minutes:** The December 11, 2012, committee minutes were approved with some additional descriptive information. Ben Ericson abstained as he was not at the December 11, 2012, Committee meeting.
4. **Old Business:** Internet Based Courses. **Tabled.**

The purpose of discussing internet based courses was driven by Gail Batchelder's desire to present the Committee some of the ways Connecticut is allowing for such courses and how that might relate to the LSP Board's method of allowing internet based courses. It was noted that this has been tabled multiple times and queried as to whether there was some way of moving this along. The Committee discussed having Gail Batchelder and Beverly Coles-Roby (exam committee members) split their time between the exam and internet based courses as a means of moving it along. They could provide updates to the internet courses at the same time they give the exam committee update. Kelly Race, however, wanted the exam to take precedence. Beverly Coles-Roby stated that she and Gail Batchelder are moving full steam with the exam update. A motion was made to table continued discussion on Internet Based Courses and approved unanimously.

5. Course and Conference Approval Requests:

- a. Directional Technologies: Horizontal Remediation Wells (8 non-DEP Technical credits).
Recommend Approval.
- b. Microbialinsights: Integrating Molecular Biological Tools into Site Management (4 non-DEP Technical credits).
Recommend Approval.
- c. GSI: Risk Based Correction Action Modeling (8 non-DEP Technical credits).

Committee members noted that this course was taken in October 2011 and that retroactive requests for approval are disfavored and generally not recommended to the Board for approval. The Committee had no information to consider this request for retroactive approval different than any other previously denied.

Recommend Denial.

- d. SETAC: ArcGIS Online: Interactive Web Mapping and Problem Solving for Environmental Professionals (6 non-DEP Technical credits).
Recommend Approval. Discussion ensued as to whether there was enough content applicable to what an LSP needs to do their job. Some of the Committee members had mixed feelings as to the applicability of the course. It was agreed, however, that an LSP does use GIS as a tool for many LSP driven decisions and should thus be familiar with the capabilities of GIS. Ben Ericson abstained from the vote.
- e. UMass: Wetlands Assessment and Field Techniques (70% grade, 50% audit non-DEP Technical credits).
Recommend Approval. The 70% or 50% is to be calculated from the total class time of 35.5 hours.
- f. RCS:
 - Massachusetts Hazardous Waste Generator and US DOT Hazardous Material Handler Training Compliance (16 non-DEP Technical credits).
Recommend Denial.

- Massachusetts Hazardous Waste Generator and US DOT Hazardous Material Handler Training Refresher (8 non-DEP Technical credits).

Recommend Denial.

The Committee believed that the relevant content in these two Courses were not sufficient or reasonably likely to maintain or enhance the licensee's ability to competently perform, supervise and/or coordinate response actions (*i.e.*, assessments, containments and/or removals) in Massachusetts.

- g. LSPA: Hydrogeology of New England (8 non-DEP Technical credits).
Recommend Tabling. The Committee requested the presenter document the difference between this course and the previously approved Hydrogeology of Massachusetts.
- h. LSPA: Bioremediation. Principles, Techniques, and Applications (4 non-DEP Technical credits).
Recommend Approval.
- i. LSPA: Preparing Conclusive MCP Phase Reports (5 non-DEP Technical credits).
Recommend Approval.
- j. AIPG: Fractured Rock Hydro and Geophysics (8 non-DEP Technical credits).
Recommend Approval.

6. **Other Business:** None.

7. **Future Meetings:** Before the next Board meeting.

8. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.