

CONTINUING EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES



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CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting on May 16, 2018

Approved on June 20, 2018

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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 April 26, 2018
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1. **Call to Order:** Co-chairperson Farooq Siddique called the meeting to order at 12:38 p.m. The Board members in attendance were Maria Pinaud, Marc J. Richards, Debra Listernick, James N. Smith, David Austin, Gregg McBride, and Kathleen Campbell. Board members Dr. Gail Batchelder and Kirk Franklin were absent. Staff members present were Beverly Coles-Roby and Lori Williamson. Wendy Rundle, Executive Director of the LSP Association ("LSPA"), and Rebecca Woolley of MassDEP were also present.
 2. **Previous Minutes:** The draft minutes of the meeting held on April 26, 2018, were approved as written. Mr. Richards abstained from voting to approve the minutes.
 3. **Old Business:** None

4. New Business:

With respect to VSP Training LLC course, Visual Sample Plan (VSP) Online Training, Mr. Siddique noted that the provider followed up on the Committee's request for further information by adding an 80% passing score to its assessment of learning. Mr. Smith was satisfied with the additional information that was submitted. Mr. Siddique added that there may still be a component of the course that is not relevant to LSP work, for example, the soil, groundwater and air sampling might concern lead paint or asbestos. Mr. Smith commented that the course concepts are still applicable, and he did not see anything that was irrelevant. Ms. Campbell added that the syllabus sets out the time that will be spent on each topic. Ms. Listernick also thought that the Committee had sufficient information to approve the course. Mr. Richards asked how many hours of credit were requested. Mr. Smith responded that the course was 32 hours in total.

Mr. Smith believed that the Committee could approve some but not all of the litigation portions of the Forensic Geochemical Age Dating and Environmental Litigation. Ms. Listernick stated that the course seemed very interesting: it is about presenting technical information in a legal setting. Mr. Smith raised the issue of Section 245 which, he said was specific to legal issues related to petroleum. Mr. Richards thought that the section was relevant to LSP work. Mr. Smith reminded the Committee that over the years it had not approved courses with legal components. Ms. Campbell suggested that the course could be approved without the legal portion for five hours of Continuing Education credit. Additionally, Ms. Campbell suggested that the course be approved for five credits.

Ms. Listernick asked why the LSPA course Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Remediation, was listed as regulatory versus technical. Mr. Smith said that the course looked like four hours of technical instruction. Ms. Rundle told the Committee that she thought that the categorization was a mistake, and that the course should have been submitted for technical, not regulatory credit. Mr. Austin said that the course represented an emerging area, having more remediation from one year to the next. He added that the Committee may have to step back and review these courses. Ms. Williamson said that the course is similar to one offered by the University of Massachusetts. Ms. Campbell agreed. Ms. Listernick noted that this course has different speakers. Ms. Pinaud said that this course is very focused on Massachusetts Contingency Plan remediation while the UMass course is very focused on general chemistry.

Course Approval Requests:

1. VSP Training LLC: Visual Sample Plan (VSP) Online Training (32 Technical credits, online course) **Recommend Approval.**
2. Rutgers: Forensic Geochemical Age Dating and Environmental Litigation (6 Technical credits, July 26, 2018, Somerset, NJ) **Recommend Approval 5 Technical credits.**

3. LSPA: Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Remediation (4 Regulatory credits, date and location to be determined) **Recommend Approval 4 Technical credits.**

5. Future Meetings: June 20, 2018--MassDEP SERO

6. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:52 p.m.