

CONTINUING EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES



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

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CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting on January 14, 2020

Approved on February 11, 2020

Prepared by: Beverly Coles-Roby, Esq.

Meeting Location:

**MassDEP SERO
20 Riverside Drive
Lakeville, MA 02347**

1. List of Documents Used at the Meeting:

- Agenda
- Draft Minutes of Meeting on November 12, 2019

1. Call to Order: Co-chairperson, David Austin, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:35 p.m. The Board members in attendance were, Millie Garcia-Serrano, David Austin, Debra Listernick, James N. Smith, Kirk Franklin, Gregg McBride, Marc J. Richards, and Kathleen Campbell. Board member Farooq Siddique was absent. Dr. Gail Batchelder arrived at 1:45 p.m. Staff member Beverly Coles-Roby was present. Additionally, Wendy Rundle, Executive Director of the LSP Association (“LSPA”) and Michele Paul, LSPA president, were present.

2. Previous Minutes: The draft minutes of the meeting held on November 12, 2019, were approved as amended. Mr. Franklin and Mr. Richards abstained from voting to approve the minutes.

3. Old Business: None

4. New Business:

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A. Course Approval Requests:

1. NGWA: *Groundwater/Surface Water Interactions: Field and Mathematical Approaches to Evaluating Groundwater Seepage and Attenuation*, (15 Technical credits, December 5-6, 2019, Las Vegas, Nevada) **Recommend Approval.**
2. NGWA: *Groundwater Week 2019*, (15.25 Technical credits, December 2-5, 2019, Las Vegas, Nevada) **Recommend Approval ½ credit for every hour of attendance.**
3. NGWA: *PFAS In Groundwater Workshop: The Professional's Challenge*, (6.17 Technical credits, December 5, 2019, Las Vegas, Nevada) **Recommend Approval.**
4. NGWA: *Drilling Fundamentals for Hydrogeologists and Engineers*, (7 Technical credits, December 2, 2019, Las Vegas, Nevada) **Recommend Approval.**
5. Midwest GeoSciences Group: *Managing the Complexities and Uncertainties of Soil Sequences: For Hydrogeological and Environmental Investigations*, (8 Technical credits, September 10, 2019 Westchester University Graduate Center, Westchester, PA, Part 1 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Part 2 1:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.) **Recommend Approval four (4) hours technical credits for Part 1 and Part 2 with "A" and "B" designations.**

B. Course Re-Approval Requests:

1. LSPA: *MCP Remediation Waste Management*, (8 Regulatory (non-MassDEP) credits, Spring 2020) **Recommend Approval.**
2. LSPA: *Facility Roundtable: Managing Remediation and Hazardous Waste*, (4 Technical credits, December 11, 2019, Mansfield Holiday Inn, Mansfield, MA 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.) (Course No. 1647) **Recommend Approval. Mr. Franklin abstained from voting to approve the course.**
3. NGWA: *Applications of Groundwater Geochemistry*, (14 Technical credits, December 5-6, 2019, Las Vegas, Nevada) (Course No. 1061A) **Recommend Approval.**

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C. Course Announcements:

1. LSPA: *ISCO/ISCR Permeable Reactive Barrier (PRBs) to Prevent Migration of Contaminant Plumes*, (2 Technical credits, March 3, 2020, Hilton Garden Inn, 800 Hall of Fame Ave, Springfield, MA 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.) (Course No. 1656)
2. LSPA: *Remediation of Heavy Metals Using Insitu Approaches That Combines Multiple Mechanisms*, (2 Technical credits, April 7, 2020, Hilton Garden Inn, 800 Hall of Fame Avenue, Springfield, MA 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.) (Course No. 1657)
3. LSPA: *PFAS Sampling for Environmental Professionals*, (8 Technical credits, January 14, 2020, Doubletree Hotel, 5400 Computer Drive, Westborough, MA 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) (Course No. 1670)

Course A1, *Groundwater/Surface Water Interactions: Field and Mathematical Approaches to Evaluating Groundwater Seepage and Attenuation*, was approved.

Mr. Smith stated that course A2, *Groundwater Week 2019*, is a conference, and therefore, should be approved for ½ credit per hour of attendance. Ms. Listernick agreed. The Committee unanimously voted to approve the course as a conference.

Course A3, *PFAS In Groundwater Workshop: The Professional's Challenge*, was approved unanimously.

Mr. Austin commented that course A4, *Drilling Fundamentals for Hydrogeologists and Engineers*, looked like a great class. It was approved by the Committee.

With respect to A5, *Managing the Complexities and Uncertainties of Soil Sequences: For Hydrogeological and Environmental Investigations*, Part 1 and Part 2. Ms. Listernick said that the courses should be approved for four Technical credits each with Part assigned the course No 1606A and Part 2 assigned the Course No. 1606B.

Course B1, *MCP Remediation Waste Management*, and B2, *MCP Remediation Waste Management* were approved. Mr. Franklin abstained from voting to approve course B2.

Ms. Garcia-Serrano stated that she did not have detail to vote to approve course B3, *Applications of Groundwater Geochemistry*. Dr. Batchelder said that the Board had approved similar courses before. She said that the Committee had enough information to approve the course. Ms. Listernick indicated that the course should be re-approved with a different letter designation, because 1061A was approved for twenty-one credits and the provider is requesting approval for

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fourteen credits. She also said that the course should either have a “B” designation or an entirely new number. Ms. Coles-Roby noted that the instructors and syllabus are different from 1061A. Dr. Batchelder said that the course was offered so long ago that it should have a new number. The Committee voted to recommend that the course be approved with a new number.

Mr. Richards asked to include an additional item under “New Business,” Board members receiving Continuing Education credit for their participation on the LSP Board. Mr. Smith said that the Board had a conversation about this issue in the past. Ms. Coles-Roby stated that Board members are not entitled to obtain any benefit from their position that is not available to other LSPs and that doing so could constitute an ethical violation. Ms. Listernick said that such a benefit might be considered a gift that exceeds the \$50.00 limit. Mr. Richards said that he was willing to research the issue. Ms. Coles-Roby suggested he start with the State Ethics Commission.

6. Future Meetings: February 11, 2020 MassDEP NERO

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:13 p.m.