

## CONTINUING EDUCATION MINUTES



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### CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting on October 25, 2017

Approved on November 15, 2017

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**Meeting Location:**

**MassDEP NERO  
205B Lowell Street  
Wilmington, MA 01887**

**List of Documents Used at the Meeting:**

1. Agenda
  2. Draft Minutes of Meeting on September 20, 2017
  3. LSP Board Approved DEP Credits October 2014-October 2017
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1. **Call to Order:** Co-chairperson Farooq Siddique called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. The Board members in attendance were Maria Pinaud, Debra Listernick, Dr. Gail Batchelder, Marc J. Richards, James N. Smith, Kirk Franklin, and Gregg McBride. Board member Kathleen Campbell arrived at 12:45 p.m. Board member David Austin 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. Mike Toomey arrived at 12:42 p.m.
  2. **Previous Minutes:** The draft minutes of the meeting held on September 20, 2017, were approved as written. Board member Kirk Franklin abstained from voting to approve the minutes.
  3. **Old Business:** None
  4. **New Business:**

Ms. Coles-Roby offered a public acknowledgement of the efforts made by Ms. Brenna Lockwood of AEHS Foundation, Inc. to expedite processing the Attendance Certification Forms for Course No. 1608 “Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS): The Latest Information.”

**A. Course Approval Requests:**

1. NGWA: NGWA Conference on Fractured Rock and Groundwater (1 Technical credit for every 2 hours, October 2-3, 2017, Burlington, VT) **Recommend Approval.**
2. RE3: RE3 Conference 2017 (1 Technical credit for every 2 hours, November 1-3, 2017, Philadelphia, PA) **Recommend Approval.**
3. NEWMOA: Combining Technologies to Improve Remediation Outcomes (6 Technical credits, November 14, 2017, Danielson, CT, November 15, 2017, Lowell, MA, November 16, 2017, Lebanon, NH) **Recommend Approval for 5.5 Technical credits.**
4. LSPA: Groundwater Flow and Contaminant Transport (4 Technical credits, January/February 2018, greater Boston area) **Recommend Approval as Course No. 1290.**
5. LSPA: Increasing Remediation Success: Focus on Planning, Implementation, and Combining Technologies (8 technical credits, November 8, 2017, Framingham, MA Course No. 1611) **Recommend Re-Approval as Course No. 1611.**

With respect to Course No. A1, NGWA Conference on Fractured Rock and Groundwater, Ms. Listernick asked what was the difference between a conference and a course. She wondered why this submission was not considered to be a course. Mr. Siddique responded that he believed that the structure was looser for a conference. Dr. Batchelder added that attendees can go in and out conferences. She also said that there are often vendors present. Mr. Richards noted that the date of the conference was October 1, 2017. Ms. Williamson informed the Committee that LSPs can earn credits for attending courses after the fact. Ms. Pinaud added the caveat that LSPs always run the risk that the course might not be approved in doing so. Ms. Williamson concluded by saying that the Committee has approved courses in this manner before.

Ms. Williamson announced that Course No. A2, RE3 Conference 2017, was reviewed by the Committee at its September 2017 meeting. It was re-submitted as a conference. Mr. Smith wanted to know how the conference timelines are set. He also wanted to know what would happen if a LSP failed to attend both sessions. Mr. Franklin asked if the instructors had been approved. Ms. Williamson assured him that the instructors were approved at the September 2017 Committee meeting. Dr. Batchelder suggested that in the future, the hours should be counted as 1:1. Mr. Richards asked how the Committee differentiates a short course from other offerings. Mr. Siddique did not think that the distinction was applicable in this instance. Dr. Batchelder reminded the Committee that it had discussed sign-in/sign-out procedures in detail at the last Committee meeting.

For Course A3, *Combining Technologies to Improve Remediation Outcomes*, Ms. Williamson asked the Committee members whether they added up the course's hours. She noted that her calculations indicated that the provider requested six credits but actually only had 5.5 hours of instruction. Dr. Batchelder commented that the course runs from 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. with a one hour lunch break. Mr. McBride said that there were also two fifteen minute breaks. Accordingly, the Committee voted to recommend approval of the course for 5.5 Technical credits.

Ms. Williamson asked how Course A4, *Groundwater Flow and Contaminant Transport*, should be numbered. In April 2005, it was Course No. 1290 for four credits. In June of 2005, the course was numbered 1290A and was worth eight credits. The Committee voted to recommend that the course be approved as Course No. 1290 for four Technical credits.

The Committee voted to recommend approval for course No. A5, *Groundwater Flow and Contaminant Transport* which was re-submitted due to a change of instructors.

## **B. Petition for Waiver**

The Committee reviewed a Petition for Waiver from Mr. Brian Snow. Ms. Campbell asked if the LSPA set aside seats for LSPs. Ms. Rundle answered that seats were not held for every course offering. She added that the LSPA only holds seats when asked to do so by MassDEP. Ms. Campbell told the committee that in her view, the petitioner was asking to trade courses, essentially substituting earned Technical credits for the MassDEP credits that he lacked. Ms. Listernick asserted that the Committee has never waived the earned credit requirements. One Committee member voted to deny the petition based on a failure to show good cause. However, the Committee found that Mr. Snow met the standard for a 90-day extension. On that basis, his petition was denied.

## **5. Future Meetings: November 15, 2017--MassDEP Boston**

**6. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:03 p.m.