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CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting on November 20, 2014

Approved on January 15, 2015

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Meeting Location: MassDEP Boston One Winter Street, Boston, MA 02108

List of Documents Used at the Meeting:

1. Agenda
2. Draft Minutes of Meeting on October 16, 2014
3. Kathleen Campbell's Continuing Education Regulation Amendment Matrix
4. Course List

- a. **Call to Order:** John Guswa called the meeting to order at approximately 12:51 p.m. The Board members in attendance were Robert Rein, David Austin, Deb Listernick, Kirk Franklin, Farooq Siddique, Ben Ericson, and Kathleen Campbell. James Smith and Gail Batchelder were absent. Staff members present were Beverly Coles-Roby and Lori Williamson. Also present were Wendy Rundle, Executive Director of the Licensed Site Professional Association ("LSPA"); Wes Stimpson of WES Associates; Susan Fessenden of MassDEP; Dominic Galluzzo; Joseph Polsinello; Sarah McKnight, and Linda Segal.
- b. **Previous Minutes:** The draft minutes of the meeting held on October 16, 2014, were approved as amended.

5. Old Business:

Kathy Campbell reported that she met with the Continuing Education Regulations subcommittee which included Susan Fessenden, MassDEP Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup, Clean Energy Outreach Training Coordinator; John Guswa, Lori Williamson and Beverly Coles-Roby. Deb Listernick and David Austin provided comments before the Board meeting. Ms. Campbell indicated that the committee's next order of business is to expand the matrix she devised to include the comments she received for a fuller discussion.

Mr. Guswa asked the committee to consider Todd Piskovitz's Petition for Waiver which requested a 90-day extension after failing to meet the Continuing Education requirement mandated by 309 CMR 3.06(5)(a)-(e). Mr. Siddique noted that the request were somewhat ridiculous because courses have been offered. Mr. Guswa said that he was disinclined to be sympathetic because the requestor could have obtained the credits. Mr. Siddique wondered what the consequences were for the LSP if the petition was denied. Ms. Fessenden explained that if the request was denied, the LSP would be unable to submit forms to MassDEP because she maintains the data base. Consequently, the forms would be rejected. Mr. Guswa asserted that the LSP was in effect asking to be reinstated before he obtained the required credits. He went on to say that if the request is denied the LSP must get the two credits and until he does his licensee is suspended. Mr. Siddique expressed a desire not to waive the suspension. The committee however, entertained a motion which was seconded and passed unanimously. Mr. Piskovitz's license was suspended as of October 28, 2014.

Mr. Guswa asked the committee to consider a Petition for Waiver from Brian Snow, who wanted to carry over unused credits that were earned in 2011, more than three years ago. Ms. Campbell told the committee that the course in question was for technical credits. Mr. Guswa commented that the LSP had three years to earn the credits. The committee entertained a motion which was seconded and passed unanimously. The petition was denied.

The Committee then reviewed a Petition for Waiver from Alton Stone whose license expired on July 30, 2014. Mr. Guswa abstained because he knows the LSP. As a result, Mr. Siddique, the Continuing Education co-chair, led the discussion. Mr. Rein informed the committee that he knows Mr. Stone, but could be objective. Mr. Austin asserted that the 90-day extension was irrelevant, and the LSP's license is suspended until he obtained the necessary credits. Mr. Ericson indicated that such requests must be made prior to the expiration of the license. Mr. Franklin moved to deny the petition. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion, and it was passed.

The Alternative Learning Format Committee agreed to meet before the next Board meeting.

6. New Business

Course Approval Requests:

- (1) LSPA: *The New MCP for Everyone: A Practical Understanding of the Massachusetts Contingency Plan* (4.5 Regulatory credits, Spring 2015, Location TBD) **Recommend Approval as Course No. 1406.**
- (2) Battelle: *Eighth International Conference on Remediation and Management of Contaminated Sediments* (12 Technical credits, January 12-15, 2015, New Orleans, LA) **Recommend Denial pursuant to 309 CMR 3.09(6)(a) “provider of potentially qualifying course may seek Board approval.”**
- (3) LSPA: *LNAPL and VI Sites: Using AULs For Site Closure Under the New MCP* (1 Regulatory credit, December 9, 2014, Westborough, MA) **Recommend Approval 1 Regulatory credit.**

7. Future Meetings: The next meeting will take place before the LSP Board Meeting on December 18, 2014.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:21 p.m.