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CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting on January 15, 2015

Approved on February 19, 2015

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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 November 20, 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 12:30 p.m. The Board members in attendance were Robert Rein, James Smith, David Austin, Deb Listernick, Farooq Siddique, Ben Ericson, and Kathleen Campbell. Kirk Franklin was absent. Gail Batchelder arrived at approximately 12:35 p.m. Staff members present were Beverly Coles-Roby and Lori Williamson. Also present were Wendy Rundle, Executive Director of the Licensed Site Professional Association ("LSPA"); William Kenney of Prime Engineering Inc., Rebecca Woolley Environmental Analyst at MassDEP, and Michael Flynn of CDW Consultants.
 - b. **Previous Minutes:** The draft minutes of the meeting held on November 20, 2014, were approved as amended. Mr. Smith abstained from voting to approve the minutes.
5. **Old Business:** None

6. New Business

With respect to Course 6a, Ms. Williamson indicated that there was no actual request only a brochure was forwarded. She followed up with the requestor to obtain the information needed for approval.

With respect to Course 6b, Mr. Guswa noted that there has been an increase in the number of courses in an advisory capacity. Mr. Ericson stated that the courses make sense. He asked whether there is a history of this type of course being offered. He went on to state that it is interesting because the course talks about ethical obligations that LSPs need to know about. Mr. Guswa told the Committee that it makes the LSP more aware that they have to steer their own boat.

With respect to Course 6c, Ms. Campbell commented that it was a great course.

With respect to Course 6d, Mr. Austin thought that it was a good course. Mr. Guswa wondered about Remediation Standard Regulations (“RSR”).

With respect to Course 6e, Ms. Batchelder asked what the acronym GSHP meant. Groundwater Source Heat Pump was the response. Mr. Austin informed the Committee that Tom Potter of MassDEP is a presenter for this course, which accounted for the approval request, of three (3) Regulatory and five (5) Technical credits. Mr. Ericson abstained from voting because the course is offered by MassDEP.

With respect to Course 6f, Mr. Austin stated that it was a good course.

With respect to Course 6g, Mr. Siddique asked how the course differs from past offerings. Ms. Batchelder said that the course was offered in Massachusetts with different instructors as well as different case studies. This course is all new. Ms. Batchelder abstained from voting because she is one of the presenters.

With respect to Course 6h, Mr. Austin stated that in the past such courses were denied because they were conferences. Mr. Guswa added that the Committee could approve the request then the LSP could obtain the credits. Mr. Ericson commented that the policy behind the rules first, allow the Board to timely consider the course; and second, the LSP is not harmed by the fact that the provider failed to submit the course for approval. Ms. Batchelder asserted that the real concern for pre-approval is the keeping of appropriate attendance records. Mr. Guswa said it also lets the LSP know that this is a course he/she can take. Mr. Smith inquired whether everyone agreed that the course was perfectly acceptable. Mr. Guswa told the Committee that this is a good model for other such courses. Ms. Woolley asked whether this request was different from one made by Alton Stone at the last meeting. Mr. Ericson indicated that this was a different circumstance.

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The regulations allow either a course provider or a LSP to request approval. Ms. Batchelder stated that attendance sign-in and sign-out forms are some of the Committee's big things. Mr. Guswa added that the LSP's email indicated that he kept the attendance sheets. Mr. Guswa asked whether the Committee could approve the course retroactively. Mr. Siddique expressed doubt saying, "I don't think we can do that." Mr. Ericson asked the Committee what to do because, "We don't want to see a lot of retroactive requests for course approval." Mr. Guswa suggested that when amended the applicable provision of the regulations should clarify the point. Mr. Guswa went on to say that Ms. Campbell will assemble her group to address these issues in its revision of the Continuing Education regulations.

Course Approval Requests:

- a. Battelle: *Eighth International Conference on Remediation and Management of Contaminated Sediments* (0.5 Technical credit per hour attendance at technical program and 1 Technical credit per hour attendance at short courses, January 12-15, 2015, New Orleans, LA) **Recommend Approval.**
- b. LSPA: *LSPs and Lawyers: Working Together on MCP Projects* (1 Technical credit, January 22, 2015, Springfield, MA and February 12, 2015, Westborough, MA) **Recommend Approval.**
- c. LSPA: *Six Months Later: What the 2014 MCP Amendments Mean for Remediation, Closure, and Development* (1 Regulatory credit, January 13, 2015, Westborough, MA) **Recommend Approval.**
- d. EPOC: *Understanding ProUCL and Use of the 95% UCL to Demonstrate Compliance with RSR Criteria* (6 Technical credits, January 28, 2015, Berlin, CT) **Recommend Approval.**
- e. MassDEP: *Geothermal / GSHP Application Opportunities under the MCP - A Component or Repurposing of Greener Cleanup Remedies* (3 DEP Regulatory credits and 5 Technical credits, March 2015, location to be determined) **Recommend Approval.**
- f. LSPA: *Practical Applications of Petroleum Hydrocarbon Chemistry* (8 Technical credits, Spring 2015, location to be determined) **Recommend Approval.**
- g. EPOC: *Conceptual Site Modeling and the Data Quality Objectives Approach to Site Characterization* (8 Technical credits, March 5, 2015, Berlin, CT) **Recommend Approval.**

Course Approval Request by Paul Feshbach-Meriney, LSP:

- h. Rutgers University Office of Continuing Professional Education: Groundwater Flow in Fractured Bedrock (6 Technical credits, April 2, 2013, New Brunswick, NJ) **Recommend Approval.**

Ms. Williamson raised the issue of a LSPA course re-offered on November 20, 2014, for which there was no notification to the Board. The course had been approved in the past. The LSPA issued a void Attendance Certification Form to the LSPs who attended. Ms. Rundle apologized and said that the LSPA would reissue correct forms to those affected.

7. Future Meetings: The next meeting will take place before the LSP Board Meeting on **March 19, 2015 at MassDEP NERO.**

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:12 p.m.