

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING**  
**PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES**

Date: Thursday, May 20, 2010  
Place: Statewide Wastewater Operator Training Center, Sand Island, Oahu  
Time: 8:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Charles Dawrs, Wesley Lim, Marshall Lum, Eassie Miller, Myron Nomura, and Audrey Uyema-Pak (Guest)

ABSENT: Bert Uyeno, Victor Moreland

- I. Charles called the meeting to order at 8:42 a.m.
- II. Board members approved the March 15, 2010 meeting minutes as amended.
- III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - a. None.
- IV. NEW BUSINESS:
  - a. “*Open Line*”, Hawaii’s Office of Information Practices newsletter (available on OIP website).
  - b. “*The Certifier*” ABC newsletter, editions available on ABC website (available on the website).
  - c. “*The High Road*” Hawaii State Ethics Commission newsletter was not available.
  - d. Filling of Board member positions were approved by Senate Committee on Health for Virgilio Viernes (Maui), Audrey Uyema-Pak (DOH), Lee Mansfield (Professional Engineer-Private), and Ron Hay (Private Sector Operator). Big Island position is still vacant. Bradley Pierce’s resignation via e-mail was accepted by the State Boards and Commission. Board will seek AG’s opinion on filling open neighbor island positions.
  - e. Marshall met with AECOM and UH to discuss the transfer of the Statewide Wastewater Operator Training Center. State still needs to find out the balance of the SWOTC funds, take inventory, and figure out logistics.
  - f. Reviewed operator exam applications and discussed the following: (1) Sonja Carvallyo still owes \$50 for the Feb 09 exam and must pay this debt prior to sitting at the 8/19/10 exam. She must pay within two weeks of the date of a certified letter sent to her. (2) Curtis Crabbe did not submit his \$50 re-exam fee and submitted a letter instead of an exam application. Board rejected his application. (3) Accepted a Form 2 application for a Grade 2 exam from an operator who had previously qualified to sit for a Grade 3 or 4 exam.
  - g. Classified the following wastewater treatment plants: Haleiwa Commercial Bldg. (Grade 1); Monsanto Kunia WWTP (Grade 1); Haleakala National Park-Visitor Ctr. (Grade 1); and Haleakala National Park Comfort Station (Grade 1). Lihue WWTP remains at Grade 4 even with its disinfection plant upgrade.
  - h. Wesley Lim volunteered to be the interim chair for the July 2010 meeting until a permanent chair can be elected after additional incoming Board members are

sworn in. Charles will advise Eric Barsatan, State Boards and Commissions Manager, of the possibility of not having quorum to convene the next meeting unless new Board members are sworn in prior to the meeting.

- i. Reviewed County of Hawaii and County of Kauai responses to Board's advisory letter. Letters of acknowledgement and appreciation will be sent to those providing written testimony.
- j. Discussed Attorney General Mark Bennett's April 19, 2010 letter in response to the Board's request for written advice on the interpretation of HRS section 340B-8(2) and section 11-61-3, HAR. A video-conference meeting with the stakeholders has been scheduled for May 21, 2010 to obtain comments on this issue.
- k. Accepted DRC notification letters for Hualalai Resort WWTP; Board of Water Supply Honouliuli Water Recycling Facility; Marine Corps Base Hawaii WWRP; Haleakala National Park WWTP; Pukalani WWTP; Kauai Beach Resort; Banyan Harbor; Schofield Barracks WWTP; Kaupulehu WWTP, and various plants operated by Valley Isle Pumping Inc.
- l. Reviewed ABC Annual Report submittal.
- m. Reviewed reciprocity applications from Daniel Cantu (Arizona Grade 4) and Gary Pettijohn (California Grade 2). Daniel Cantu's application requires additional information. Gary Pettijohn's documents will be returned with his \$200 check and request he submit a completed Reciprocity Application with the correct processing and application fee amount.
- n. Approved course conducted by Woodie Muirhead of Brown and Caldwell for County of Maui operators at 0.1 CEU per contact hour of attendance.
- o. Granted 37.2 CEUs for Jimmy Breseno transcripts from De La Salle University in the Philippines.
- p. Reviewed Ernest Makaike CEU request for FEMA's Incident Command System (IS-00100.PWa) course and allowed 0.15 CEUs (indirect) for the course.
- q. Reviewed response letter from Wah Keung Albert Kung concerning his CEU request. Board agreed that they have no basis on how to define information submitted. Wesley will speak with him to determine education equivalencies.
- r. Reviewed DOH approval to use letters for Lihue WWTP UV upgrade and Haleakala National Park WWTP and classified plants under item g. above.
- s. Discussed Victor Limacher's request to obtain a copy of the Board's memo to the Deputy AG and his response on the certification and DRC requirements of HRS section 340B-8(2) and section 11-61-3, HAR. A motion was approved to provide Attorney General Mark Bennett's written advice to the public instead of the Deputy AG's written response. The Deputy AG's response was considered "attorney-client privileged" and withheld from distribution.
- t. Reviewed request from Victor Limacher to update records for CEUs earned from Ken Kerri course for himself and Brian Lamb. Agreed to send Victor a letter to advise him that the Board does not maintain this information.
- u. Allowed 1.8 CEUs for the lab course taught by Anita Fernandez of the County of Maui on Molokai.
- v. Reviewed Virgil Viernes notification of current mailing address and course certificates.
- w. Allowed a total of 28.7 CEUs for Dennis Venturini's Navy training transcript by AEC and for some certificates submitted. Additional information will be

requested of Mr. Venturini for certificates that lacked sufficient information for a final determination.

- x. Reviewed ABC's letters requesting nominations to the Board of Directors and for ABC awards.
- y. Denied Grade 3 Temporary Certification Application for Rico Bascuna because he was determined to be eligible to take the August 19, 2010 Grade 3 exam. No review of Brent Murphy's Temporary Certification Application because the City & County of Honolulu withdrew his application.
- z. Discussed the following new agenda items following the approval of a motion to add the new items to the agenda.  
Approved CEU requests for the following conference certificates and courses:  
ABC Conference Certificate for Dana Riddle = 1.25 CEUs;  
Advance Water Technologies Workshop (AWWA) = 0.73 CEUs;  
American Society of Civil Engineers-Pumping Systems and Hydraulics courses 0.5 CEU per 10 contact hours for each course (indirect); and  
Engineered SCADA Solutions Inc.'s PLC Troubleshooting course = 0.33 CEUs (indirect).  
Board will request additional information (agenda) from Sonny Awai for his attendance at the 11<sup>th</sup> Governor's Biennial Pacific Rim Safety and Health Conference before making a decision on eligible CEUs.  
Board will request Eydie Eldeen obtain ABC approval to be a contract provider of ABC online exam services prior to reviewing her proposal. She has proposed to develop a start-up company to administer online certification exams for the Board.
- aa. August certification exam questions were distributed to Board members for question selection and be returned by the end of June for mailing to ABC for printing.

## VI. Meeting adjourned 2:45 pm

Next Meeting: May 21, 2010  
Location: Videoconference sites in Honolulu, Kauai, Kona, and Maui.  
Time: 8:30 a.m.

July Meeting: July 15, 2010  
Location: Statewide Wastewater Operator Training Center  
Time: 8:00 a.m. (New Board members to be sworn in prior to convening the meeting.)