

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

Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2009  
Place: Statewide Wastewater Operator Training Center (SWOTC), Sand Island, Oahu  
Time: 8:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Charles Dawrs, Kenneth Knapp, Marshall Lum, Eassie Miller, Victor Moreland,  
Myron Nomura, Dana Riddle and Bert Uyeno

ABSENT: None

- I. Charles called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.
- II. Board members approved the December 11, 2008 minutes, as amended.
- III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
  - a. Target Safety. Ken evaluated the online courses and will submit a detailed listing of direct vs. indirect courses recommended for approval.
  - b. Requests for CEU evaluation. Item was deferred till the next meeting. Charles agreed to review the documents submitted for CEU credits and report back to the Board.
  - c. CEU credits for 1<sup>st</sup> time instructors. Board confirmed its earlier decisions in 2005 and 2006 to not allow any credits for instructors who had not taken the course before.
  - d. The budget was accepted.
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Reviewed the August 2008, “*Open Line*”, Hawaii’s Office of Information Practices newsletter.
  - b. “*The Certifier*” ABC newsletter was not available for review. ABC now posts its newsletter at its ABC website.
  - c. “*The High Road*”, Hawaii State Ethics Commission newsletter, was not available.
  - d. Charles stated that while he was at the ABC conference, members ratified the bylaw amendments which included language allowing any member to hold the at-large division director position on the ABC Board.
  - e. Marshall indicated that Wesley Lim has submitted his application to the Governor’s office for the vacant Oahu operator Board position and the Department of Health has drafted testimony in support of his nomination.
  - f. Classified the following wastewater treatment plants:  
Kaupulehu, 4A      Grade 2;      Garden Upcountry Maui      Grade 1;  
South Kohala R-1      Grade 3;      Waimanalo – pending, additional info.
  - g. Myron and Victor will schedule a classification inspection of the Synagro plant.
  - h. Reviewed City’s letter indicating that a copy of the final HIOSH report on the Sand Island WWTP H2S incident will be shared with the Board upon receipt. Board will request an opinion from the AG on calling/subpoena operators before the Board to testify on the incident for the purpose of investigating the complaint.

Board will also request a copy of the City's internal investigation report as well as the HIOSH report.

- i. Denied Temporary Certification applications for Synagro employees because the designated DRC is not certified in Hawaii. Denied Robert Strapple's Temporary Certification application because it was incomplete.
- j. Clarified award of 1 CEU (on a one time basis) for other septic tank pumper courses held on the outer islands in November 2008.
- k. Wade Thode's math course had previously been addressed at a prior meeting so no further discussion was needed.
- l. Accepted DRC notifications for the following plants: Lahaina (Gregory Jensen), Kihei (Timothy Hall), and Schofield (Kenneth Amado as temporary DRC) . Napua Springer's DRC notification for Hind Drive Properties WWTP required a signature from the owner of the plant and could not be processed.
- m. Discussed revisions to the definition of the one year operating experience in the Form 1 exam application. However, assistance from the AG on the proposed language will be sought.
- n. Discussed County of Hawaii's request for a list of reciprocity granted states and will provide a list of those states granted reciprocity in the past.
- o. Reviewed Carl Saxer's late renewal application.
- p. Discussed methods to increase operator awareness of 2 CEU and repeat course requirement, and will seek AG assistance on proposed language.
- q. Discussed videoconferencing details for the next Board meeting.
- r. Discussed plans for the Board's presentation at the HWEA conference.
- s. Reviewed additional information submitted on the Honokohau complaint. Marshall indicated that the DOH has just requested DRC information from the former operating company of the treatment plant.
- t. Reviewed Casey Mullin's request for CEU course evaluation and will request additional information on the course before making a final determination.
- u. Approved Sam Hansford's application for a Temporary Grade 1 certificate.
- v. Reviewed exam application from Robert Pagliai. Marshall will contact Mr. Pagliai to clarify which exam (February or August) he was applying for.
- w. Reviewed big island complaint and agreed that two of the allegations concerned County management issues that were outside of the scope of this Board. Additional information will be requested on third allegation.

V. ADJOURNMENT: 3:45 p.m.

Next Meeting:           Date: March 12, 2009  
                                  Time: 8:30 a.m.  
                                  Location: Various video-conference sites on each island