BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATING PERSONNEL IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Friday, September 8, 2017
Time: 9:00 am
Location: DOH Wastewater Branch, 919 Ala Moana Blvd, room 309
Attendees: Robert Souza (RS), Chair, City and County of Honolulu
Dr. Roger Babcock (RB), Vice-Chair, University of Hawaii Faculty
Kevin Nakamura (KN), Department of Health
Ron Hay, P.E. (RH), Private Sector
Lee Mansfield, P.E. (LM), Professional Engineer in Private Practice
Loren Tanigawa (LT), County of Kauai

Unable to attend: Virgilio Viernes (VV), County of Maui

Guests: Mahana Gomes (HRWA), Curtis Duff (HRWA), Greg Wilson (Aqua Eng)

MINUTES

A. Call to Order at 10:35 on September 8, 2017 by Robert Souza

B. Review June 2017 Meeting Minutes
   1. The minutes of the May 4, 2017 Board of Certification (BOC) meeting were approved.

C. Old Business
   1. None

D. New Business
   1. Review August 17, 2017 Exam Result
      a. Grade I: 1 pass of 6 (17%)
      b. Grade II: 3 pass of 7 (43%)
      c. Grade III: 1 pass of 8 (13%)
      d. Grade IV: 0 pass of 7 (0%)
      Overall: 4/28 (14%).
      The results are confirmed

   2. BOC Activity Calendar for 2018:
      a. Meetings: Feb 7 Oahu @ HWEA; Mar 8-9 (Hilo); May 4 (Oahu); June 21-22 (Kauai); Sept 7 (Oahu); Oct 18-19 (Maui); Dec 6-7 (Kona)
      b. Exams: Feb 15; Aug 16
3. DRC Notification
   a. Lihue WWTP, DRC Jon Nakashima Grade IV. OK.
   b. Hanalei Commercial Shops, DRC Jon Nakashima Grade IV. OK.

4. Requests for Reciprocity
   b. Maylisa Romero Perez, Applying for Grade IV reciprocity from Puerto Rico. Denied. Hawaii does not have reciprocity with Puerto Rico. The BOC encourages her to apply to sit for the Grade 4 exam.
   c. Curtis Duff, Applying for Grade III reciprocity from Nevada. Denied, he is not actively seeking employment in Hawaii as an operator.

5. CBT Exam Results and Applications.
   a. For period 05/01/17 – 09/06/17: Grade 1: 8 took and 5 passed; Grade 2: 2 took and 2 passed; Grade 3: 3 took and 1 passed; Grade 4: 7 took and 1 passed. Overall: 20 took and 9 passed (45%)
   b. Rod Yagi application for Grade IV exam is approved
   c. Keith Rollins application for Grade IV exam is approved
   d. Lloyd Takeda application for Grade IV exam is approved

6. Requests for CEUs:
   a. Keith Oshiro awarded 0 CEUs for Fred Pryor seminars.
   b. Rod Yagi awarded 0 CEUs for courses taken at Honolulu CC. 0 CEUs awarded for Safety training by Lawson & Associates.
   c. Dennis Venturini awarded 10.7 CEUs for courses taken at Leeward CC.
   d. Paul Miyahara submitted certificates for pre-approved trainings. No action
   e. Kelika Higa awarded 8.0 CEUs for courses taken at Orange Coast College and UH Manoa. 0 CEUs awarded for course with American Water College.

7. Requests for Temporary Certification
   a. Pablo Guevara: Temporary Grade 1, for work at Waianae WWTP
under DRC Berwyn Nyuha (Grade 4). Approved

b. Zeus Gran: Temporary Grade 4, for work at Kailua WWTP under DRC Harry Hauck and Mark Nojiri (Grade 4). Denied – application incomplete

8. Wastewater Treatment Plant Classifications
a. None

9. Request for Course Evaluation for CEU approval:
   a. HRWA Pump Fundamentals & Troubleshooting & Maintaining a Wastewater Pump Station course (Andrea Yepez) – the 6-hr course is approved for 0.75 CEU.
   b. Kubota Membrane Bioreactor Course (Ron Hay) – the 2-day course is approved for 1.0 CEU.
   c. Environmental Response Plans & Vulnerability Assessments Course (Mahana Gomes) – the 6-hr course is approved for 0.75 CEU.
   d. HRWA/HWWA 56th Annual Conference & Exposition (Andrea Yepez) – sessions on Activated Sludge, wastewater solids, chemical metering pumps and maintenance of wastewater pump stations are approved at a rate of 1.0 CEU/8-hr of contact time.
   e. WEFTEC 2018 conference in Chicago (Matthew Jones) – approved at the rate of 1.0 CEU/8-hr of contact time.

10. Planned meetings, exams, deadlines for remainder of 2017
   a. Meetings: Oct 5-6 (Maui), Dec 14-15 (Kona)
   b. Exams: no more

E. Adjournment: September 8, 2017 – 3:00 pm

Next BOC Meeting: October 5-6, 2017 (Kahului)