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BOARD OF LICENSURE OF WATER SYSTEM OPERATORS
September 15, 2011 Meeting

Members Present:

Trevor Hunt, Chairman, Bath Water Dist
David Bartlett, Assistant Chair
David Beaulieu, Aqua Maine
Daniel Levasseur, Huber Woods VSWS
Kerry Smart, Alfred Water Dist
Chris Crovo, Portland Water Dist
David Bartlett, Assistant Chair
Teresa Trott, DWP

Others Present:

Jessica Bishop, Clerk
Kirsten Hebert, MRWA
Tom, Bahun, MRWA

Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:14 A.M.

General Administration:

Approval of the May 19, 2011 minutes, Teresa Trott motioned to accept the minutes with corrections. Kerry Smart 2nd. Board approves. Passed

Financial Report: Board would like a more detailed financial report for the next meeting. The board would like detailed indirect costs on the report. The Board would also like to estimate travel expenses for Board members. Please assure accurate dates on the budget drafts.

We are seeing fewer operators taking paper exams. Fewer paper exams lead to less income for the Board.

System Update: There are 35 systems that need operators. Systems will be getting notices by the end of the week. There are a lot of operators calling in that are looking for classes in order to have their inactive license reinstated.

Operators Update:

Annual Reports: Annual reports are done and go directly to the EPA. If the EPA approves, we keep 2% of our SRF.

Renewals: Last year we had fewer operators renew than the previous year. Renewals will be going out on the first of November.

TCH: TCH for each individual operator can now be viewed online and is usually updated on the website after entering each time a group sends in a bunch of training attendances.

ABC: October will be the last time for using the Direct Entry exam. ABC no longer supports the direct entry exams. ABC endorses sequential exams and warns Maine Board about reciprocity with states that require sequential.

- Several States only license an individual by what he or she does.
- 22 States require sequential.
- 33 States do not require sequential
- 15 states use AMP
- 30 States only use paper
- 2 States only use computer
- 33 States use both

Old Business

SWOCS TCH's are currently being added to SWOCS.

Board member status: Class III seat is vacant and the Board is still waiting for some members to take their oath of office.

Operator Issues:

None

New Business

Managerial School graduates today. It is great that they are able to take such a variety of classes for TCH. The Board discussed the progress in TCH approval and that variety of classes instead of a narrow list of options.

DWP- There have been some staff changes in the Drinking Water Program

- Jeff Folger has retired.
- Scott Whitney is now a Field Inspector.
- Yvette Meunier is now Central ME. Compliance.
- Eben Joslyn is no longer with us and DWP is waiting for permission to hire for that position.
- Matt Sica has left and the DWP is in the process of interviewing for the certification officer's position.

ABC -

Annual Conference:

EPA –

NEWWA –

MWUA –

MRWA –

JETCC –

2012 Exams will be held during the following times:

Last full week in March in Augusta and Bangor

Last full week in October in Bangor

The Calendar of meetings and exams for 2012 tabled until November.

Meetings:

November 17th- Topsham

Exams:

October 25, 2011 in Augusta – October 27, 2011 in Presque Isle

Deadline September 3, 2010

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 A.M.

Next Meeting: November 17th in Topsham