

**BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF
PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY TREATMENT AND PUBLIC WATER
SUPPLY TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES**

(Pursuant to Title 23, Chapter 65 of the RIGLs)

MINUTES October 17, 2008

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Don Iannazzi	Bob Bozikowski
June Swallow	Mike Covellone
Mario Carlino	Patrick Hughes
Susan Licardi	

Others: Dana McCants Derisier

Meeting was called to order by Mike Covellone, Chairperson at 10:03 AM.

1. Don Iannazzi moved that the June 13, 2008 meeting minutes be approved. Motion by Don Iannazzi. Motion second by Mike Covellone. Motion carried.
2. The Board reviewed and approved the consent agenda. Motion by June Swallow. Motion second by Patrick Hughes. Motion carried.

The following items were on the consent agenda:

- The Board reviewed the exam results from the July 2008 treatment and distribution exams.
- The Board reviewed and approved the applications for November 2008 treatment and distribution exams.

The Board approved the requests for full certification by the following individuals as all have met mandatory experience requirements:

- Mark Krawiec DO VSS Certification Cooper Hill Office Complex, LLC
- Donna Walch DO VSS Certification Scituate Early Learning Center
- Robert Lake DO Class 1 Certification East Providence Water

The Board reviewed and approved the following course requests:

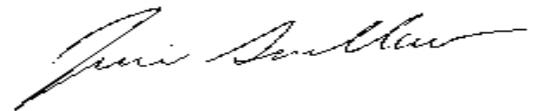
- "Writing Your IDSE Report", EPA webcast, request by Susan Rabideau, RIDOH, 2.0 tch's.
- "Pandemic Influenza", SRA International, Inc. webcast, request by Bradford Labine, RIDOH, 1.5 tch's.
- "ICS-100/NIMS-700, Horsley Witten Group, Inc. request by Andrea Seddon, RIDOH, 5.75 tch's.
- "RI WARN Workshop & Table Top Exercise, Horsley Witten Group, Inc. request by Andrea Seddon, RIDOH, 3.50 tch's.

3. The Board reviewed and approved the request from Brent Herring to represent RI on the Association of Boards of Certification's (ABC) Board of Directors as discussed at the June 13, 2008 meeting. Although Mr. Herring was not elected as the Treasurer, he would like to continue his role as our representative on ABC's Board of Directors. Motion by Bob Bozikowski. Motion second by Mario Carlino. Motion carried.
4. The Board reviewed and approved the request from Tom Letourneau for a Grade 2 Full Treatment Certification. Motion by Bob Bozikowski. Motion second by Mario Carlino. Motion carried.
5. The Board reviewed and denied the request from Christopher Collins to take the Grade 4 Full Distribution Certification exam. The Board discussed Mr. Collins' job description and title as "Source Water Manager". Based on the documents submitted to the Board, Mr. Collins' job duties do not meet the definition of an operator as stated in section 1.18 of the Operator Certification Rules & Regulations. It is unclear why Christopher Collins submitted this request. June Swallow moved to table the request, as Pawtucket Water Supply Board will need to submit a suitable job description. Motion second by Mike Covellone. However, June Swallow withdrew her motion based on the following discussion. The Board recommends that the Pawtucket Water Supply Board provides a job description that clearly states Mr. Collins' operator duties and how it meets the requirement in section 1.18. Motion by Don Iannazzi. Motion second by Bob Bozikowski. Motion carried.
6. The Board reviewed and denied the request from Manual DeCarvalho for Full status of a Grade 1 Distribution and Grade 1 Treatment Certifications upon passing the exams in November 2008. The Board discussed would Mr. DeCarvalho's 25 years of engineering and construction experience be equivalent to six months operator experience at a public water system as to meet the requirement of a Full Grade 1 Distribution and Full Grade 1 Treatment Certifications. Board members stated that they did not want to set a precedent that an engineer's work experience is equivalent to operator duties as stated in the Regulations. Therefore, if Mr. DeCarvalho passes the Grade 1 Distribution and Treatment exams, he would be considered Operator In Training. Mr. DeCarvalho can make the requests to the Board once he meets the requirements for Full status of the Grade 1 Distribution and Treatment certifications. Motion by Don Iannazzi. Motion second by Patrick Hughes. Motion carried.
7. The Board reviewed and tabled the request from David L'Heureux of the Pawtucket Water Supply Board for credit for a college course, Introduction To Instrumentation Technology, at the Community College of RI. Mr. L'Heureux would like to use the college course credit toward credits to renew his operator certification. Board members stated that this college course is relevant to his current job duties. However, June Swallow stated that his request does not meet the requirement in section 12.2 of the Rules and Regulations. Therefore, the Secretary will request Mr. L'Heureux to submit the necessary paperwork to complete his request. Motion by June Swallow. Motion second by Mario Carlino. Motion carried.
8. The Board reviewed and approved the request from Dave Simmons of Block Island Water Company for credit for college courses, Biosystems in Environmental Engineering & Stream, Lake, and Estuarine Analysis, at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. The Board discussed whether or not these courses were relevant to public water system groundwater operations and if these courses meet the requirement in section 11.5 of the Rules and Regulations toward credits to renew a certification. Board members questioned the relevancy of the Stream, Lake, and Estuarine Analysis course. Bob Bozikowski stated that Mr. Simmons would take courses in his particular field of study that will cover ground water, as well as surface water such as, the stream analysis course, which is not necessarily directly related to his water system but related to the field of study. Board members commended Mr. Simmons for pursuing a Master of Science degree. Motion by June Swallow. Motion second by Don Iannazzi. Motion carried.

9. The Board reviewed and denied Jack Merluzzo's request for reciprocity for a Grade 2 Full Treatment Certification and a Grade 4 Full Distribution Certification. Based on the submitted documentation, Mr. Merluzzo does not meet the requirement in section 8.2.1 of the Rules and Regulations as his current licenses are not equivalent to the RI Grade 2 and Grade 4 licenses. Don Iannazzi pointed out that Mr. Merluzzo has not worked as an operator since 2002, as stated in his resume listing his job duties. Patrick Hughes stated that he is aware that California mandates that all supervisors have the highest-level operator licenses. The Board recommends that Mr. Merluzzo research the RI Operator Certification Rules and Regulations to determine if his California licenses are equivalent to the licenses he is pursuing in RI. Motion by Don Iannazzi. Motion second by Mario Carlino. Motion carried.

Mike Covellone moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Mike Covellone. Motion second by Mario Carlino. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 AM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "June Swallow", written in a cursive style.

June Swallow, P.E. Secretary