

MINUTES

UTAH
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENTIST
MEETING

October 16th, 2013
Room 474 – Fourth Floor – 9:00 a.m.
Heber M. Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED 9:01 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 10:44 a.m.

Bureau Manager:

Sally A. Stewart

Board Secretary:

Sally Canavan

Board Members Present:

Bryce Larsen, Acting Chairperson
Bruce Costa
Linda Ebert
Eric Paul Peterson

Board Members Absent or Excused:

Mark C. Quinn – absent

Guests:

None

Oath of Office:

Ms. Stewart administered the oath of office to Eric Paul Peterson.

Nominations for Chairperson

Mr. Costa nominated Bryce Larsen, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to serve as Chairperson. There was only the one nomination. Nominations were then closed. The voting was unanimous for Bryce Larsen to serve as Environmental Health Scientist Board Chair.

DOPL Staff Present:

Mark Steinagel, Division Director

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

The minutes from the June 20th, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Costa made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ebert, to approve the minutes as written. The voting was unanimous.

The minutes from the August 21st, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Peterson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Costa, to approve the minutes as written. The voting was unanimous.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Implications of 2013 Legislative Session SB 77 (Public Information) ; SB 32 (Sunset

The Board noted Mr. Costa and Ms. Ebert had attended the last Legislative Session. They noticed a “bunch of

Review) and SB 28 (ultimately did not include EHS)

licensing Boards” were dissolved. The Environmental Health Scientist Board stated their Act is to “Sunset” in 2018. There are mixed feelings about being visible at the legislative sessions. When the Environmental Health Scientists have a presence up there, they seem to stir up a bees’ nest. The Board decided it was best to let the issue cool down a bit. The Board wants to be sure they don’t “Sunset”. They discussed in the future floating a bill to dissolve the Sunset provision in their Act.

2. Current Statutory Requirements for Licensure and possible changes (UCA § 58-20a-302)

The Board discussed the current requirements for licensing are very restrictive. They have noticed the profession is evolving. The Board stated the emerging program is dealing with the waste streams from old buildings, the indoor clean air act and heavy into the sciences. The restrictive nature of this license’s education is driving the new graduates into cities and municipalities.

3. Foreign Education – Tianjin University – Transcript review

The Board stated they have some very strong candidates. Some have been foreign educated. The rules do not allow foreign education. The Board discussed possibilities of accepting foreign education. They do not want to exclude potential highly educated individuals.

4. Current Education Requirements in Rule and possible changes (UCA § R156-20a-302a)

The Board noted a suggestion from the association to go to the schools and see what the education is stressing. They discussed rewriting the rules and leaving out the word accreditation or writing into the rule what would be accepted as education. They noted they would form a committee and get some help for the changes they are considering and then report back.

5. Identification of qualifying coursework from accredited academic institutions and possible changes in Rule (addition of a section)

Ms. Stewart presented a form she had developed. It detailed the Education requirements and/or Areas of Study. It will be included in the application for the schools to complete for their students. It will make it much easier for the Division to determine if an applicant meets the education requirements in rule. All members of the Board stated they that would like to see that form put in the application.

6. Good Moral Character Requirements and possible changes in Rule (addition of a section)

There is within the general rule a good moral character requirement. The Board discussed adding a section in their rule on disqualifying convictions. They discussed

that they need more information on possible rule changes and will be using the committee. The Division cautioned if a committee is formed using three Board members that constitutes a quorum and you would have a Board meeting subject to the public meetings rules, recordings and requirements. The Board discussed that the committee could be formal or informal. They will determine more after they meet with their associations.

7. CLEHA (Conference of Local Environmental Health Administrators) and other professional organizations/association as a resource for licensing concerns

The Board members suggested they get on the agendas of the CLEHA and UEHA associations and go over ideas on education and e-mail to Ms. Stewart. She will forward them out to members of the Board. The Board will take their time making changes to make sure they get them all.

8. Monitoring Credential Responsibility of the National Environmental Health Association requirement/credentials for sitting for the RS/REHS or RS/REHS-in-training exam – (Historically these credentials have changed over time)

The Board suggested the Board members take a look at the REHS/RS exam and be familiar with what is in it. They discussed some of the changes that have been made.

Possible additional Board Meeting scheduling

The Board discussed the possibility of doing an electronic meeting or a video conference. The Environmental Health Scientist Board meetings are traditionally held in June, but because of construction during June of 2013 the meeting was postponed that year. The Board determined they would need extra meetings for possible changes in rule. The Board requested a meeting on April 23rd, of 2014 and August 20th, 2014.

ADJOURN: 10:44 a.m.

No motion required

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

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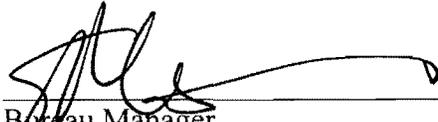
Date Approved



Chairperson
Environmental Health Scientist Board.

04/30/2014

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Bureau Manager
Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing