

MINUTES

UTAH  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENTIST  
MEETING

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Room 464 – Fourth Floor – 9:00 a.m.  
Heber M. Wells Building  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

**CONVENED 9:14 a.m.**

**ADJOURNED: 11:14 a.m.**

**Bureau Manager:**

Sally A. Stewart

**Board Secretary:**

Sally Canavan

**Board Members Present:**

Bruce Costa  
Eric Paul Peterson – Acting Chairperson  
Bryce Larsen

**Board Members Absent or Excused:**

Mark C. Quinn – excused  
Linda Ebert - excused

**Guests:**

None

**Oath of Office:**

The oath of office could not be administered as Mark C. Quinn did not come to the Board meeting today.

**Nominations for Chairperson**

There was an Election. Bryce Larsen had to resign as chairperson as his current work load became more demanding. He requested Linda Ebert to act as chairperson. Mr. Larsen wanted to publicly thank Ms. Ebert for being willing to step up when needed.

The Board discussed because of what happened at the last legislative session, the Board felt it was very dangerous not to have a chairperson currently. Mr. Larsen made a motion seconded by Mr. Costa to open nominations for a chairperson. Mr. Peterson stated he would be happy to be the chairperson. The Board discussed Mr. Peterson as the chairperson. Mr. Larsen made a motion seconded by Mr. Costa to close nominations. The voting was unanimous for Mr. Eric Paul Peterson to be the Board chairperson.

**DOPL Staff Present:**

None

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

**MINUTES:**

The minutes from the October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Larsen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Costa to approve the minutes with two corrections. The voting was unanimous.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Possible Change to the Laws and Rules**

When the Board determines to open the act there are some changes that need to be made. The concern is because of the possibility of the legislature could decide to completely get rid of the Environmental Health Scientist Act altogether. In order to expand your scope of practice it would have to be a change to the Act (legislative.) They could possibly add foreign education which currently it is not allowed, removal of the grandfather clause and when an application was received they may be asked to meet with Board. That way if there was a question on the application you could ask them to appear. There are 237 licensees.

**Foreign Education**

The Board recalled at the last Board meeting Mr. Steinagel suggested how the Board might be able to address the non accredited academic requirement in rule, without opening the act. The Board discussed they could define the term accreditation in the rules that it could include 3<sup>rd</sup> party review for academic equivalency like NEHA does. An applicant can submit their transcripts and they will establish that education equivalency on an accredited basis. The Board could when that section is opened put into the act that applicants would need to meet the qualifications for licensure as define by rule. That could allow us to set in rule regarding foreign education. The Board also discussed the danger in opening the law, the legislative could say get rid of licensing for the EHS.

**Areas of Study for Qualifications**

The Board could add to the qualifications for licensure in rule to accept foreign education. The Board would like to get assistance or input from the UEHA and possibly the UEHA committee as well as CLEHA for writing the rules. Ms. Stewart stated she would be happy to act as a central location for rule ideas. She could keep the Board informed. She could also act as a wordsmith to make sure the ideas are submitted in the correct verbiage for the rule. The Board will check with their associations and get back with Ms. Stewart by August 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 before the next meeting.

The Massage Therapist have a section in their rule referenced at R156-47b-302d regarding Good Moral Character- Disqualifying Convictions. The Board discussed putting this section in the Environmental Health Scientist rules (EHS). The Board determined that was a good idea. Ms. Stewart offered to wordsmith that section to fit within the EHS rules.

**REHS/RS Exam**

The Board stated the fees have gone up for the REHS/RS exam, almost \$500.00 bucks. If someone is a member, they would be able to save approximately \$150. They also stated the exam is under going a major reconstruction and is scheduled to be released as of July 13, 2014. The Board wanted to make sure they are in agreement with the exam so they are waiting to see what the restructuring does, before they make any recommendation in that area. Ms Stewart stated for the record DOPL will not pre approve for the exams The Board stated they were informed by applicants in Nevada (NV) they are filling out the application paper work twice . Mr. Larsen stated he will look into how Nevada does licensing to see if it is any simpler, see if Utah can be more streamlined. The Board noted every thing they do is based on science and math.

The Board discussed the only item that should be required to go from an EHS in training to full EHS license should be the Qualifying Questionnaire and the proof of passing the REHS/RS exam, the fees for both licenses have already been paid. The Utah Law & Rule exams are done through PSI at any site.

DOPL is trying to go more electronic. Potentially the application will be changing to a simpler application and beginning to be an electronic application.

**Safety and Sanitation Matters**

The Board stated there is no change for safety and sanitation with regards to cosmetology and related professions. Utah County, at this time has no plans to take on Cosmetology and related professions. The Board stated right now they are picking their battles. The Board briefly discussed the new international mechanical codes regarding Nail salons and primary source forced ventilation systems.

**NEXT Meeting**

Is scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURN 11:14 a.m.**

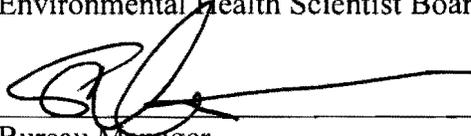
No motion required

*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.*

Aug 20, 2014  
Date Approved

  
Chairperson  
Environmental Health Scientist Board.

08/20/2014  
Date Approved

  
Bureau Manager  
Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing