

NCOWCICB meeting, 02/16/07

Present:

Diana, Al, Ralph, Doug, Gene, Jim, Connie, Glenn

Absent: Russ Davis (out of country, proxy was submitted & in-hand with Connie),
Paul Higdon

Prayer by Jim Lanier

Discussed prior minutes (submitted by Gene Young, as I was absent that day)
Ralph motion, Jim second, minutes accepted

Update by Tony and Kris

Gene's home number on contact sheet will be changed to cell phone

Claims (Tony):

Keep receipts

Give to Tony (he needs address and SSN)

To-date in bank:

\$69,850.00, not including what came in today

They are keeping a database

Kris:

Website...wants to go live as soon as possible.

Do we have any changes?

Can be ready to go by next week

Two forms available for website:

Certification application

Reference affidavit

Gene made motion to approve website as exists

Jim 2nd: motion passed

Connie:

Gentleman coming from Blue Lizard database will be here to discuss his product.

RS board cost came up to roughly \$28,000

Connie's list of applicants to-date: 269 people

She has breakdowns by grade level and region (area code)

Several applications were handed in at the meeting

Area code	Total number	Percentage of total		Grade Level	Percentage
336	69	30%		I	4%
252	50	22%		II	28%
828	46	20%		II & Insp.	1%
919	17	7%		III	13%
910	10	4%		III & Insp.	1%
				IV	37%
				IV & Insp.	16%

15-20% files are incomplete (mostly need affidavits)

Do we want to go with what we have in the way of database (Connie) vs Blue Lizard?

People don't have to go to county and register anymore. Need to have proprietary system information on database (have installers taken the proprietary system classes?).

Tony:

Exams...that info needs to go on database as well.

Kris...need to be able to pull out grade level information so classes can be planned

Connie:

Code of ethics

Tony sent Connie link to ethics site

Several of us are required to attend an ethics class

URL: <http://www.ethicscommission.nc.gov/eduPrograms.htm>

We need a FAQ section and a clarification section to be added to web. Doug will develop it and send it out to the board.

“Conventional System” discussion

Doug: Statute states that “conventional” has same meaning as in GS 130A-343(a)3

Page 5 of statute 90A-77(a)7: “for grade levels greater than conventional systems, passes a written or oral examination....”

NCAC18a.1961 (type II or III system): adds in chamber, large diameter pipe, single pump, T&J Panel

Need to vote: What will be our definition of “conventional”? Do we add the other systems to “conventional”?

Al: Lets look at it in sections
Doug: putting info on board

Discussion of conventional and modified conventional.

Gene: add 1955 and 1956 (modified conventional) to GS 130A-343

Grade I: (6 hrs)
GS 130A-343(a)3
And gravity dispersal
.1961 Type II
.1961 Type III a, c, d, e, f, g

Grade II: (6 hrs)
Pump dispersal
Grade I and .1961 Type III b (single pump system)

Grade III: (9 hrs)
.1961 Type IV, flow EQ, flow 1,500-2,999 gpd

Grade IV: (12 hrs)
All else

Motion to accept this definition of “conventional”
Gene made motion (continued after Blue Lizard presentation!)

Presentation by Don (not Curt Raybon), Blue Lizard database
Database: put all information together so it can be useful
Web-based information: courses, send information to us about requirements & deadlines, reporting information, management decisions

Can put in things that we specifically request.
Price: based on number of bells & whistles

If we start very basic, can we use our own off-shelf program and then send to Blue Lizard for conversion?

Annual fee or one-time thing?
One-time thing, but modification can be done (time and materials). “Bug” fixes are covered. There is no annual maintenance fee.

We have the source code, so in emergency (Blue Lizard all hit by bus) someone else can take it over.

Turnaround time is based on bells & whistles. We could probably get an estimate within a few weeks. We give prototype feedback on what system does and how it performs. It will take about 60-120 days to be up and running.

Kris: There are a lot of database companies out there.
The Blue Lizard folks are ethical.

Data protection:

Hacking

Protect sensitive material

Data trail and/or log-in for folks who can make changes

Pricing for technical support?

Blue Lizard is always available and responds immediately. They currently service several large hospitals, which always have to be up and running.

They have not lost a customer since they founded. They stand by their product. They are located in downtown Raleigh, but may move to Apex later this year.

Kris: Since they are looking at getting something, perhaps we can piggyback. The Sanitary Examiners Board is currently working on their database. Trying to make it public information friendly.

Connie and Al: get together with Kris to discuss what is currently being put together?
Then submit it so we can get an estimate. (database committee)

Do we want an exam for Grade II – pump systems?

Vote: 5 in favor, passed

Our definition of “conventional” is:

GS 130A-343 and .1961 type 2, type 3 a, c, d, e, f, g (gravity dispersed only)

Gene made motion to make the above the definition, Jim 2nd, motion passed

Move:

Sand lined trenches move from Grade II to Grade I

Motion to accept wording of grade II

Gene made motion, Glenn 2nd

Motion passed

LUNCH

After lunch: restart at 1:55 pm

Presentation by Doug Lassiter for NC Septic Tank Association

Proposed installer/inspector classes at conference

Discussion ensued as to what was required:
Certification courses vs continuing education

Connie pointed out that the statute does specify that: “The Board shall require continuing education as a condition of certification and renewal.” It was also mentioned that the statute doesn’t state that a person must take a class prior to taking the exam.

For consistency, use “continuing education” to describe classes.

What about the exams?

Discussion ensued as to whether anyone could come up with exams or if there should be a standard exam for each grade level.

Tony:

Certification school is set curriculum

Continuing education is separate and done after certification

Ralph made motion and Glenn 2nd to accept NCSTA classes for continuing education and accreditation.

Education sub committee: come up with exams...need by NCSTA conference

Exam for each grade level:

Standardized exam

Gene, Al, Diana, plus get input from Connie

Jim, Glenn, and Paul cannot see exam (they want to become certified)

Multiple choice and true/false

Doug: will send me ppt slidesets by email ASAP!

Onsite Conference: Gene Young requested that the conference be approved for Level IV hours.

Ralph made motion and Connie 2nd; motion passed.

Draft Rules:

Doug handed out for Board

“Repair” definition was discussed. Added “construction or alteration”, deleted “that requires a repair permit from the local health department”.

Final: “Repair” means any construction or alteration to an existing on-site wastewater system.

Connie, Glenn 2nd, motion passed

Item 10 was removed from draft definitions

“Certification required” section: No local health department shall issue an OP without first receiving written confirmation from the certified installer that all conditions have been met.

Adjusted item 4 for WPCSOCC.

Grades of Certification section discussed:

Doug left room for something, so Al made suggestion regarding Inspectors class:

Grade IV

Subsurface op

LSS

PE

RS

WWTP IV

These folks only need to take an 8 hr class and an exam.

No: their groups need to submit course materials for approval by NCOWCICB

Only Grade IV are able to take shorter route.

Examinations: refer back to general statute requirements

Application fee includes exam fee!!

Certification and CE:

Certificate in Name and Company Name

If person is certified in own name, OK

But if certified in Company Name, the person has to get recertified if goes elsewhere.

Item C: Certification needs to be signed by Chair

Item D: Replacement fee of \$25.00

Certification Renewal:

Make minor adjustments to b, c, d, e

Make motion to accept draft rules with modifications

Jim, Gene 2nd, motion passed.

Upcoming installer/inspector sessions:

Feb 22 Morehead @ 6

Feb 26 Albemarle @ 6

Feb 28 Mocksville @ 6:30

March 6 Durham @ 6

Not on agenda, but need to discuss:

Blue Lizard

Budget:

Do we need to bid out to 3 vendors?

Tony:

We can't hire until the rules are approved.

Next meeting: March 29 at 1 pm

Blanket approval for classes offered by NCSU for continuing education:

Motion denied.

Gene motion to adjourn, Jim 2nd, motion passed