NCOWCICB meeting 11/16/07 - Lexington

Attended:

Jim Lanier, Gene Young, Glenn Hines, Connie Stephens, Diana Rashash

Jim led us in prayer

Proxy: Paul, Russ (to Gene), Al

Ralph: no proxy

Connie: read conflict of interest statement

Connie: stated that there was something to be discussed that she will remove herself

from

People who requested to speaker at the meeting: Doug Lassiter (NCSTA), Dr. Mike Hoover (NCSU)

Previous meeting's Minutes sent out by email.

Discussion of minutes
Gene: motion to approve
Jim 2nd

Approved

Update on certifications (Connie): as of Oct 31

1694 applicants

(see handout)

Gap: area code 704?? Or is it like SE section (fewer people doing installations/repairs)

We have heard that Installers in that area are NOW getting information about classes that have already occurred.

New total: just over 2000 applicants

Roughly 90% of the GL III, IV, & "combos" have taken exam

Some have not yet taken their classes (pre-Boone, will update soon)

The LHDs contacted their installers to various degrees

Gene: we can extend the use of 3 affadavits 30 days into '08. THEY CAN NOT WORK UNTIL THEY ARE CERTIFIED.

"Upgrades": people can take the GL II in Dec., and then upgrade in '08 (apply, take education hours, and exam).

People getting certified in '08 (taking classes), still have to take their continuing ed hours in '08 to stay certified for '09.

Mike: wants list of folks who still need their classes

Connie: will send out once she has the Boone folks entered

Gene: For folks who want GL IV....if they've missed it, they should get GLII now and request upgrade next year.

Mike: what is reasonable date for getting list from Connie?

Connie: main priority is to get list of certified folks to Ted Lyons and LHD. Roughly

10-15 days.

Glenn: will LHD contact folks who haven't completed their requirements?

Gene & Connie: that is the plan

Hard copy Electronic copy Hard disk Going on web

Mike & Doug want to get same info as LHDs. Connie: "OK"

Inspector checkoff list: suggested MINIMUM

Drainfield section:

Gene: had some revisions

Type of system (not drainfield) at time of inspection

Conventional Accepted Innovative Experimental

Controlled demonstration

Pretreatment

Type of pretreatment

Add line

These are suggested MINIMUMS. David's forms are beneficial for documentation and protecting inspector.

Other revisions:

Adding "water source"

Remove "in place" from "access risers" Add "tank lids intact"

Change phrase to: "evidence of past or current surfacing at time of inspection"

Discussion came up about "water test" (Mike Hoover)

Gene: we need to move on, water testing is not currently a good idea (water use issue, as well as potential to cause problems)

Jim: motion to approve "minimums"

Gene: 2nd Approved

Diana and Gene: still like David's lists

Diana: David still needs to teach to the "Blue book" checklists

Others: agreed.

Jim: motion to approve exam application form

Diana: 2nd Approved

Mike: in 2008, they need 18 hour (newbie), 12 GL IV, and 12 for continuing ed.

Can they do it all at one time?

Gene, Jim, Connie: No. They need to have taken and passed exam before taking

continuing ed for the next year.

Connie: revised application good through Jan 31st.

Jim: motion Glen: 2nd Passed

Note: Sand-lined trenches is GL II (may have been moved at prior meeting...I'll check

old minutes)

Connie: revise continuing ed renewal hours?

GL I: 3 (new) 3 (OK new number)

GL II: 6 6

GL III: 7 (new) 9 (keep old number GL IV: 10 (new) 12 (keep old number) Inspector: 10 (new) 12 (keep old number)

Discussion:

Keep GL III at 9 and keep GL IV and inspector at 12. The only reduction was to GL I.

Jim: motion to approve

Glen: 2nd Passed

2008 Application form:

Jim: motion to approve new form

Glen 2nd Passed

Registration number:

Not going to use initials and birthdate...too likely to encourage fraud, since people will know what it would be prior to issuance

Start with 1001 (board members first), then going with alphabetical list in order.

Installer/inspector package:

Went over

Gene: Change class cut off date to Nov. 30th

Mike: 11 month window?

Gene and Connie: no classes in December

Gene: motion

Jim: 2nd passed

Connie: proposed renewal fees

(on agenda)

It will cost roughly \$225,000-275,000 to run program.

Gene and Glenn: as long as these fees will cover operating expenses.

Increases can be considered annually

Diana motion to approve new fees

Gene 2nd passed

Closed session:

During closed session, decision was made to purchase database product from Emerald Enterprises.

Connie let back into the room.

Gene: John Barkley told him we can hire staff before we have rules.

Jim: get it in writing

Staff:

1 person (RS board has 1 person to handle 2000 members)

We do not have to put it out for bid. We are a Certification Board, not a State Board (or licensing board)

Connie: We have someone who is interested; we will discuss in December.

Connie: John also said that it is OK for the Board to send folks to conventions and the like. Gene will go for us (Kentucky in Feb for pumpers convention)

Jim: motion Diana: 2nd Passed

Next meeting Dec. 17 in Raleigh. 8:30 at former "parker-lincoln" building

Gene: table rest of agenda

Jim: 2nd Passed

Connie: out of closed session

Gene: 2nd

Gene: motion to close

Jim: 2nd passed

Respectfully submitted by,

Diana Rashash