

MEETING MINUTES
SOLID WASTE LICENSING COMMITTEE
February 2, 2006

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee was held on Thursday, February 2, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., in the Building D Training Room, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality.

The meeting was called to order by Mark Witherspoon, Chair. In attendance were Committee members Jack Jones, Sid Fitzgerald, Micci Fendley, Jim Willits, and Elizabeth Hoover. Others in attendance included Phyllis Bone, Randy Thurman, Anne Weinstein, Gary Oden, and Jane Schwartz. Not in attendance was Roger Davis.

The minutes were read and approved.

Elizabeth Hoover gave a demonstration of the Solid Waste Licensing webpage on the ADEQ website

Discussion followed regarding the required annual vote on stipends and reimbursements for committee members. A motion was made, seconded and passed that members of the Solid Waste Licensing Committee would receive a \$60.00 per meeting stipend and would receive reimbursements for expenses and travel mileage in the same amounts as allowable for state employees.

There was a discussion on whether members would receive W-2 forms.

Elizabeth Hoover gave an updated report on the vacant positions on the Solid Waste Licensing Committee. She stated that additional nominees were not needed for the educational position, but that since two individuals had declined their nomination, the committee needed to come up with a few more nominees. She stated that two more names were needed for the municipal landfill position and two more were needed for the district representative position.

After much discussion, Mark Witherspoon suggested that the committee members look over the list of facilities circulated at the meeting. For the eligible facilities listed, it was suggested that they go to the website, pull some names from the Licensed Operator search for those facilities, and e-mail him the names of several additional nominees. At that time, he called for a four-minute break.

Upon reconvening, Phyllis Bone provided a handout from the Subcommittee #2, and gave a report on Curriculum and Testing. A copy of her handout is attached and hereby incorporated into the minutes. She reported on the status of her goal to geographically spread the class locations. She also gave a review of the schedule of classes. She stated that she is working closely with industry to develop six-hour updates that more closely

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meet the needs of Class 3 facility operators. A discussion followed on the urgent need to change/updating the three workbooks. The committee discussed the many changes needed, and it was decided to start with the Apprentice book since it provides an education for the beginning operators. Mark Witherspoon requested that Phyllis Bone develop a list of people to assign chapters for the purpose of making the changes in the Apprentice workbook. He also asked her to follow up with the progress made as the people on the list are working on the changes. Phyllis led a discussion on plans for the development of a six-hour update class specifically for industrial operators. The discussion led to the need to identify the changes needing to be made in the Journeyman and Master workbooks. A discussion followed identifying goals and changes that need to be made to improve the curriculum overall.

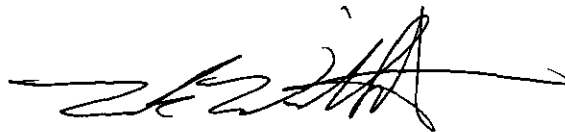
The three options below were pointed out:

- Do we want to change or redefine all three levels?
- Do we want to have a general knowledge of Solid Waste in the Apprentice, more specific information in the Journeyman, and then go on to the Master?
- Everyone agreed that the Apprentice should consist of general solid waste knowledge. However, we differed on the Journeyman.
 - Some thought the Journeyman should be more advanced.
 - Some think the Master Level should be more advanced and specific—more of an administrative level course.

It was decided that we would continue with our discussion on the above options at the next meeting.

The next regular meeting was set for Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., at the SAU Tech Arkansas Environmental Academy, East Camden.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Mark Witherspoon, Chair