

Highway Construction Materials Technician Certification Board Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 by Chairperson Reynolds Toney. The following members/guests were present.

MEMBERS

Don Smith	APAC
Gary Evans	ODOT
Reynolds Toney	ODOT
Darren Bond	Plains Construction
Scott Seiter	ODOT
George Raymond	ODOT
John Jones	Duit Construction
Rod Abbott	Sherwood Construction
Robert Burton	OTA
Jack Stewart	ODOT

GENERAL COUNSEL

Jan Preslar

GUESTS

Bill Gamel	ODOT Consultant
John Benson	FHWA
Steve Johnson	APAC
Chris Matthewson	Anchor Stone
John Bradshaw	Daniel B. Hapke, PE
Robert Lambert	EST, Inc.
Don Snethen	M&M Geotechnology, PLLC

TRAINING CENTER STAFF

Steve Sawyer	Program Director
Karla Irvin	Administrative Assistant

1. Reynolds Toney reviewed the minutes from the October^{3rd} 2001 meeting. A motion was made by Robert Burton to accept the minutes and seconded by George Raymond. The motion was approved unanimously.
2. Board moved to item 4 on the agenda. Scott Seiter handed out some documents to subcommittee chairs comparing our program to that of other certification programs (regional groups) and suggested that they review these and consider the advantages of joining one of these groups. Discussion ensued over the pros and cons. No decision. No action taken.

3. Steve Sawyer presented the program director's report on the following topics;
 - a. Written policy on scheduling/cancelling modules was reviewed. Some clarifying questions were asked but there was no objection to the policy as written.
 - b. The board was informed that the attempt to reduce the Asphalt Certification module to 2 days was unsuccessful.
 - c. The board was informed that reciprocity would be handled on a case by case basis. Discussion revealed that the board was not in agreement about whether or not reciprocity was necessary or even desirable.
 - d. The issue of creating a second level of certification was given to the subcommittees to investigate and report back to the board at the next meeting.
4. Don Smith expressed concern that unqualified applicants were being certified under the current criteria. Bob Lambert explained to the board how unqualified applicants were certified under the existing criteria. The chair asked the subcommittee chairs to review the existing criteria with the program director and determine its adequacy and areas for improvement.
5. Bill Gamel suggested that the board address the problem of unqualified technicians that had already been certified. He also informed the members of their option to abolish the board.
6. George Raymond clarified for the board that, while certification of profilograph operators was a board responsibility, certification of profilograph machines was strictly under the purview of ODOT.
7. New Business - No new business was discussed.
8. Meeting adjourned.