

American Society of Sanitary Engineering
Cross Connection Control Technical Committee

Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk, San Antonio, TX
Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Item #1 – Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Sean Cleary, Chairman, at 8:30 AM. Introductions were made.

Members present: Sean Cleary, IAPMO, ASSE Regional Director, Chair; Stu Asay, IAPMO/DW&BP; James Bickford, City of Pompano Beach, FL; Paul Bladdick, The LPB Co. Inc.; Bernie Clarke, Clarke Sales; Joseph Kajak, Palm Beach County, FL; William Keene, PIPE U, Local #630; Kenneth Kerr, ABPA; Matthew King III, Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter ASSE; Kenneth Schneider, Sprinkler Fitters Local 268 JATC; Donald Summers, Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 562; Ralph Yanora, PA Water Specialties Company; Marianne Waickman, ASSE Professional Qualifications Coordinator.

Guests present: Michael Ahlee, Ahlee Backflow; Craig Berendzen, Dallas Local 100 JAC; Kevin Fennell, Florida Chapter; Steve Hrabal, Dallas Local 100 JAC; Donald Kool, Pacific Northwest Chapter; Ron Murray, UA Local 290; Rita Neiderheiser, UA Local 669; Steve Silber, UA Local 342 JATC

Item #2 – Adoption of the Meeting Agenda

(Motion #1)

Motion by Bladdick to accept the agenda as written. Motion was seconded by Keene and passed unanimously.

Item #3 – Approval of the April 17, 2009 Meeting Minutes

(Motion #2)

Motion by Keene to accept the minutes. Motion was seconded by Summers and passed unanimously.

Item #4 – Update on the Cross Connection Program

Waickman thanked the Committee and the Series 5000 Working Group for completing the Series 5000 and credited them with getting it done within the time frame that had been established. The Standard was approved by both the Board and ANSI by June 30th. The certifications to the 2 new Standards in the series will begin on 1/1/2010.

In the period 9/1/2008 – 9/1/2009 3167 people were certified or recertified. This is an increase of 350 certifications over the same period the previous year. Approximately 450 ASSE CC Certification classes were held.

The on-line testing program is getting closer to being ready use. A request will be sent to all of the schools asking they notify us as to if they will be using the on-line option. ASSE has been using WebEx conferencing. This can be a very workable option for this Committee to use especially with question review. Getting exams out to the schools is the first priority, followed by informing the schools of the scores. The issuing of the certificates and cards is a lower priority and there is some delay in getting these out.

(Motion #3)

Motion by Bladdick to accept the report by Waickman. Motion was seconded by King and passed unanimously.

Item #5 – Anti-trust Statement

Waickman read the anti-trust statement as requested by the ASSE Board of Directors.

Item #6 – 1056 (SRVB) requirement

Asay brought up the question of assuring that the schools, instructors and proctors are prepared to teach and test to the procedures for the spill-resistant vacuum breaker as will be required as of 1/1/2010.

(Motion #4)

Motion by Asay to prepare a white paper to be sent to all of the schools, instructors and proctors. The paper will include details on the 1056 Standard, test procedures, trouble shooting guide, and a reminder that as of 1/1/2010 all students taking the full tester class must test the SRVB. Motion was seconded by Bladdick and passed unanimously. The paper will be sent to the Committee for review before it is mailed to the schools. It will also be put on the website and perhaps put into the magazine. The paper is to be completed by Asay by not later than 12/15/2009.

Asay brought up the fact the 1056 Standard and the codes may be in conflict. This issue will be resolved by the Standards Committee.

Item #7 – 5140 Certification

Both Schneider and Koenig prepared written exam questions for this certification. There was discussion about the equipment requirements for a school offering the 5140 certification. At a minimum a school would need to have the 1047 and 1048 assemblies as well as an alarm panel, 2 tamper switches, a flow switch and audio visuals that demonstrate forward flow. A conference was set up to review minimum equipment requirements and other 5140 requirements with the sub-committee working on this certification.

Item #8 – 5150 Certification

Yanora presented information on the 5150 certification.

(Motion #5)

Motion by Yanora to allow any school that is accredited for the ASSE Cross-Connection Control program to offer the 5150, Backflow Prevention Program Administrator, course. Motion was seconded by Bickford and passed unanimously.

(Motion #6)

Motion by Yanora to require that instructors of the 5150, Backflow Prevention Program Administrator, course have both a current backflow tester certification and a current Cross-Connection Control Survey certification. They must also be an approved ASSE instructor. Motion was seconded by Kajak and passed unanimously.

(Motion #7)

Motion by Keene to approve the course outline for the 5150, Backflow Prevention Program Administrator, course as amended. Motion was seconded by Asay and passed unanimously.

(Motion #8)

Motion by Keene to approve the Instructional Objectives Checklist for the 5150, Backflow Prevention Program Administrator, course as amended. Motion was seconded by Summers and passed unanimously.

Asay suggested that ASSE develop a book with information that could be helpful to students taking the 5140 class. This could be done in a format similar to the Cross-Connection Control Protection Devices book.

Item # 9 Guidelines changes

Summers and King presented a draft of the proposed changes to the Guidelines for the Cross-connection Control Certification program. The Committee reviewed the document and made suggested changes. Cleary asked that the Committee keep the draft and review it in more detail and send any suggestions of changes to Waickman.

Item #10 – Proctor Guide

This item was tabled until after the Committee makes final decisions concerning the 5140 and 5150 practical exams and after the on-line exams are tested further.

The meeting then went into executive session.

Item #11 – Survey virtual exam

Asay presented a sample of potential test questions for the survey virtual exam. The Committee approved most of the questions and they will be added to the exam

Item #12 – Review of Test Questions

The committee returned from executive session and the following motions were made:

(Motion #9)

Motion by Kajak to accept the changes and additions to the test questions bank. Motion was seconded by Bladdick and passed unanimously.

Item #13 – Old Business

On-line testing was discussed. Each committee member had previously been sent a sample on-line test. For the most part, the test went smoothly. Schneider and Summers agreed to have their schools be the first to use the on-line testing option. They will report back to the Committee with their comments. The schools will be asked to let Waickman know if they plan on using the on-line option.

Item #14 – New Business

Rita Neiderheiser was conditionally appointed to this Committee by Ron Murray, incoming ASSE President.

Bladdick presented an issue concerning inconsistencies in the way that the terms “backflow preventers”, “devices” and “assemblies” are used. The suggestion was made that the CCCT Committee should recommend changes to the Standards Committee concerning the names of Standards and the terms used within the Standard. Cleary stated that this is also a problem in the *Plumbing Dictionary*. King agreed to chair a subcommittee consisting of Bickford, Bladdick and Kerr to look at both the Standards and the dictionary for poor definitions, inconsistent terms and incorrect titles. A request was made that all abbreviations be written out in full.

Asay and Yanora will have a conference with Waickman and Cleary to review the questions for the 5150 (Backflow Prevention Program Administrator) certification.

(Motion #9)

Motion by Keene to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Summers and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:10 PM.