CROSS CONNECTION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Twenty-first Public Meeting

Wednesday November 16, 2011
10:00 am
Portland State Office Building
800 NE Oregon
Portland Oregon 97232
Contact - 971-673-1220  Michael Perry

Board Members in Attendance
1. Loren Anderson – Clackamas Community College (Backflow Assembly Testers)
2. Monica Anderson, PE, LEED - Balzhiser & Hubbard Engineers - (Engineers)
3. Michael Briesemeister* - Eugene Water & Electric Board - (Certified Instructors)
4. Mary Howell - Backflow Management Inc. - (Cross Connection Specialists)
5. Ray Johnson - City of The Dalles - (Water Suppliers)
6. Ron Murray (Oregon Plumbers)
7. Rebecca Ternan - Wilkins - (Assembly Manufacturers & Authorized Representatives)
8. Ed Yancoskie - City of Hillsboro - (Oregon Plumbing Inspectors)
*Chair for 2011

Board Members Not in Attendance
1. Vacant - (General Public)

Other Attendees & Staff
1. Jill Hoyenga - EWEB
2. Kate Mattimore - Backflow Management Inc.
3. Jesse Roberts - EWEB
4. Marty Snow - City of Corvallis
5. J. Michael Perry - CC/BP Coordinator

1. Call to Order / Welcome
Chair Michael Briesemeister called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. He welcomed all attendees.

2. Introductions - Board members and Attendees
The Board and other attendees introduced themselves. The Chair noted that there were eight Board members present and that constitutes a quorum.
3. Additions to the Agenda
There were no additions.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes
The minutes of the meeting for August 17, 2011 were approved.

5. DHS Reports
   (1.) Board Members & Alternates
       (a.) Mary Howell’s Alternate is Kate Mattimore
       (b.) Mike Briesemeister’s Alternate is Jill Hoyenga
       (c.) Elmer Ostling’s Alternate was Loren Anderson. Elmer asked if some
           one who is closer could fill out his term. Loren has agreed to do this.
   (2.) Annual Report 2010
       (a.) We have 219 ASRs from Large Systems (> 300 connections). These
           are out of 239 systems, for 92 %. This is up 2% from 2009.
       (b.) We have 430 ASRs from Small Systems. These are out of 615
           systems for 70%. This is up 6% from 2009.
       (c.) All systems who have turned in ASRs for 2010 have been entered in
           SDWIS, but the testing data for large systems still has about 120 to go.
   (3.) Drinking Water Program Staffing
       The Drinking Water Program staffing is down from 49 to 41 people. They are
       attempting to do as much as they can of the work done previously. They will be
       going from a 3 year cycle to about a 4 year cycle on water system surveys.
       In 2010 they were told to add the state systems (5 to 14 connections) to all
       requirements. They will not do this at this time, but will help in emergencies.
   (4.) Oregon Health Authority
       Especially in health care, OHA has been mandated to give more people care for
       less total money. They intend to do this with all involved cooperating and
       standardizing paperwork and doing more preventative care to avoid using
       emergency rooms for primary care.
   (5.) Annual Fee Invoices for 2012
       These were mailed Friday November 11, 2011. There were 874 sent out.
   (6.) Testers and Specialists
       As of November 14, 2011

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   (7.) Plumbing Board
       Michael Perry will attend the meeting on December 15, 2011 via phone.
   (8.) Legislature 2012
       DWP has been informed that, similar to the last even year session, 2012 will
       again be mostly financial planning and further cuts if forecasts continue the
       downward financial trend.
   (9.) Approved Backflow Assembly List 2011
       CC/BP does not have these in stock. There will not be any printed if the DWAC
       and CCAB allow the ASSE approval process in Oregon. They will use ASSE’s
       list on line.
(10.) **OHA Computers**
DWP has gone thru a painful transition to Microsoft Outlook from GroupWise. Old addresses will all be changed. Two shortcuts are:

- healthoregon.org for the main Drinking Water page
- healthoregon.org/crossconnection for Cross Connection Backflow Prevention

(11.) **Term Completions and Elections**

(a.) Rebecca Ternan was elected Chair for 2012.

(b.) Term completions December 31, 2011:

* Monica Anderson (Engineers) will not be renewing after over 6 years. Michael Perry thanked her for her work and help.

* Mary Howell (Specialists) and Ray Johnson (Water Suppliers and DWAC member) have agreed to continue their hard work and remain as Board members. Thanks to them also.

6. **Old Business**

(1.) The Oregon legislature for 2011 and 2012 was discussed. The biggest concern is Tester repair. With economics taking center stage, everyone is not sure if the Tester issue will be discussed.

(2.) Michael reported that there will not be a rules update any time soon. The earliest possible time would be summer 2012. Since this does not give a reasonable time to initiate use of the 10th edition in training, The Drinking Water Program will allow and recommend the use of the procedures for the two new assemblies and for the updates on the older USC test procedures. When the rule changes are initiated, they will address this and the decision on the ASSE device list and procedure.

7. **New Business**

ASSE requested that their list of approved devices be allowed in addition to the USC device and assembly list. The DWP asked the Drinking Water Advisory Committee (DWAC) for their recommendation on whether the two means of approving devices and assemblies are equivalent. The evaluation is based on rule OAR 333-061-0070 (12). The rule states:

(12) **Approve backflow prevention assemblies required under these rules shall be assemblies approved by the University of Southern California, Foundation for Cross Connection Control and Hydraulic Research, or other equivalent testing laboratories approved by the Department.**

The underlined portion is the main point of debate.

This was brought to DWAC at their meeting on October 19, 2011. They felt that they were not qualified to make a decision at this time. They asked that DWAC and CCAB member Ray Johnson to bring this issue to the next CCAB meeting (November 16, 2011) and get their recommendation on this issue. Ray brought this to the CCAB. It was decided that Ray would have ASSE send necessary documents to the Board members. The members will then have until the meeting February 15, 2012 to come up with their initial evaluation and the Board will attempt to come to a consensus or decide they need more time. Ray will then bring this to the next DWAC meeting. There will be one recommendation presented to DWAC. The request was for the list of approved devices, but DWP may also include their methods of testing. Their concern is a device that is allowed by ASSE and that the device may not pass a test based on the Foundation methods.
8. **Correspondence** - None

9. **Public Comment** - None

10. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 12:10.

**Future Meeting Dates:**

1. February 15, 2012 (Wednesday) Portland State Office Bldg Room 612 10:00 am
2. May 16, 2012 (Wednesday) Portland State Office Bldg Room 612 10:00 am
3. August 16, 2012 (Wednesday) Portland State Office Bldg Room 612 10:00 am
4. November 14, 2012 (Wednesday) Portland State Office Bldg Room 612 10:00 am