



Education & Training Council Virtual Meeting Agenda - MINUTES

June 20, 2024

8:30 AM

A. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions

Attendees: Joel Martinez, Geneva Vanlerberg, Dawn Lund, Koren Carpenter, LaShone Bedford, Peter Schwarz, Sally Duffy, Rebecca Chesnut

B. Volunteer for Minutes

Geneva

C. Approval of Agenda

Moved and approved

D. Approval of Minutes from March, 2024 Meeting.

Moved and approved

E. Training Update; Review of Michigan Section Trainings

Review of what the Council is working on.

1. Exam prep classes and Lab School

This is relatively new, started in the spring. Went very well. Prepared review packets, practice tests, went through EGLE's practice test. The first was geared toward F-4, F-3 with some S topics as well. Planning to stay focused on these same certifications. Another class scheduled in October time frame in Lansing area.

Lab school is also new. Want to get people an introduction to a laboratory as practice for the certification testing.

2. Michigan Field Day

Want to grow this and get bigger. After this year's event, want to sit down and download/brainstorm.

3. Regional Seminars

Separate committee. Hard to find presenters currently. The committee could use new volunteers. Koren can help find speakers. There are about 17 people on the committee, but only a few actively participate. Time to revamp the committee a bit. Want content at the regional meetings to appeal to operators, not necessarily a sales pitch if utilizing vendors as speakers. Fall is focused more on distribution. Spring

more on treatment. Dawn Lund volunteered that she is always willing to speak on rates, financial planning, etc.

4. UP Conference, Joint Expo, MI-ACE
Staff thinks these are going really well currently. These events don't fall under ETC.

New upcoming classes
Pumps and valves class
Intro to instrumentation class
Management and supervision
The Deep End

F. Committee Liason Update

1. Regional Seminar Planning – Cheryl Loudon
Always looking for presenters.
2. Source Water – Cheryl Loudon
No conference this year.
3. UP – Greg Alimenti
No updates
4. Water Security & Emergency Maintenance – Koren Carpenter
Not active currently
5. Distribution System Practices – Sally Duffy
Field day happened in the spring. Very good event with lots of speakers and vendors. Want to improve attendance and advertising in the future. Trying to schedule a review meeting.
6. Asset and Infrastructure Management – Sally Duffy
Had annual seminar in spring. Trying to determine the best timing on this. Used to have it the day before the wastewater conference at the same location. Committee meets three times per year with the seminar being the main focus. Michigan Infrastructure Conference has a fellowship available to public employees as well.
7. Laboratory Practices – Joel Martinez
Actively planning November 13 conference at Eagle Eye. Starting to fill out the presenters currently, looking for assistance from RTP as well.
8. Maintenance – Lashone Bedford
Meeting scheduled July 12 at GLWA this time. This is a joint MWEA committee and want to get more water focused people here. Seminar coming up on pumps and pump controls.
9. Health and Safety – Sally Sutton
No updates
10. Research and Treatment Practices – Joel Martinez
RTP is always willing to offer speakers. This is a very technical committee.

G. Other business

Update on search for new Executive Director.

H. Next meeting – TBD

September 18 at 10am

I. Adjourn

ADDED from Rebecca –

The following topics are what attendees have requested to see at Regional Seminars. If you or someone you know is interested to speak at any or all of the following dates:

Gaylord – 10/15 @ Treetops Resort

Livonia 10/16 @ Schoolcraft College

Grand Rapids – 10/17 @ Crossroads Conference Center

The topics I would like to have discussed at future events are...

- LCR, Water Sampling in Schools
- PFAS/LCR
- emerging contaminants/disinfection
- PRV's
- how to interact with residents or the public
- more on pfas
- compliance, regulations
- meter reading options
- maintenance techniques, pump pm's, calibrations, pipe installations, etc.
- system maintenance
- Maintenance & more chlorination
- microplastics
- infrastructure and maintenance
- Cyber Security
- customer service - complaints
- energy
- attracting and retaining workforce
- Cybersecurity and Controls
- New Regulations
- Demand Management
- upcoming challenges - containments
- more distribution topics
- age in workforce
- Water Operators & Local officials, local politics
- \$ funding available for infrastructure improvements
- Six Sigma