



Arizona Sanitarians' Council

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ARIZONA SANITARIANS' COUNCIL MINUTES – December 3, 2015 MEETING

Council Members Present – David Morales, George Amaya, Harlan Lee, Blanca Caballero

Blanca Caballero called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), 150 N. 18th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ.

1. The Council reviewed and approved the minutes of the September 17, 2015 Arizona Sanitarians' Council meeting, with no suggested changes. Mr. Morales moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Amaya seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
2. The Council members signed the registration certificates for the applicants that passed the Sanitarian Examination in October 22, 2015. Twelve (12) of eighteen (18) people passed the exam taken on October 22, 2015, for an overall pass rate of 67%.
3. A total of fifteen (15) applications were reviewed and twelve (12) applicants were approved to take the exam. All twelve (12) of the approved applicants were approved to take the exam based on education. One (1) applicant was not approved to take the exam due to lack of natural science credits, one (1) applicant was not approved to take the exam due to lack of required documents demonstrating they have experience as a sanitarian aide, and one (1) applicant that applied for reciprocity was approved.
4. The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) recently contacted the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) to discuss a difference in the reporting of scores. NEHA is utilizing a scaled grading system and requires a scaled score of 650 or higher for credentialing. ADHS registers individuals that pass with a raw score of 70% or greater, based on the requirements in rule ([A.A.C. Title 9, Chapter 16, Article 4, Registration of Sanitarians](#)). Individuals that pass the Arizona registered sanitarian exam with a raw score between 630 and 650 would therefore be registered in Arizona but would not qualify for the NEHA credential. Individuals in this scenario would be eligible to retake the NEHA exam at their convenience, through NEHA, if they wish to obtain their credential.
5. Mrs. Caballero will be sending an email to the registered sanitarians with a reminder to obtain continuing educational units (CEUs) to maintain their registrations and will include information regarding the free, online CEU opportunities available on the Council's website.
6. New proctors have been approved to administer the Arizona registered sanitarian exam from both ADHS and the Arizona Department of Agriculture. Council

- members are able eligible to proctor the exam but can only proctor exams that do not have candidates from their representative agencies.
7. Mr. Morales inquired about how the requirements in rule, for sanitarians, could be updated and/or changed. The requirements in question would include adding to the list of approved classes when qualifying for the exam based on education or for having future tests administered by ADHS and directly through NEHA. Mrs. Caballero explained that ADHS is currently under a rule writing moratorium and changes could therefore not be made to the rules.
 8. Multiple council members wanted to know if ADHS maintains information on individuals applying for registration as a sanitarian, such as whether or not they have a four-year degree and the agency they represent (if applicable). Mrs. Caballero said she would inquire on the results of a 2014 workforce study that was conducted and captured similar information and would also inquire about the possibility of modifying the existing database to capture such information.
 9. The next Council meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m. on March 3, 2016, at the ADHS (150 N. 18th Ave., Room 415C, Phoenix, AZ). The next exam will be held on January 28, 2016, at 12:45 p.m. at the ADHS, 150 N. 18th Ave., 4th Floor Training Room, Phoenix, AZ.
 10. With no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Blanca Caballero, R.E.H.S./R.S.
Chair