

DECEMBER 5, 2012
LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION CONTRACTORS
EXAMINING BOARD

The Landscape Irrigation Contractors Examining Board held their meeting at the Taj Mahal, Diamond Ballroom in Atlantic City NJ. George McCarthy called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. The following members were in attendance:

MEMBER

AFFILIATION

Linda Cantwell	NJDEP
Robert Dobson	Middletown Sprinkler
George McCarthy	Spring Irrigation
William Frederick Rapp	Atlantic Irrigation Specialists
Gaetano Virone	Environmental Designers Irrigation

Michael Schuit, DAG, Gene Rosenblum, DAG (via telephone conference) and members of the public were also in attendance.

Linda Cantwell read the Open Public Meetings Act statement for the Landscape Irrigation Contractors Examining Board and announced that adequate notice of this meeting had been provided to the Secretary of State and designated newspapers, as well as posted in DEP.

Open and closed session minutes from the November 20, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

The Board reviewed and approved a course submitted by Cape May County Vo-Tech. Cape May will be notified of the Board decision.

As a result of inquires with regard to some confusion while filling out the Irrigation Experience section of the application for examination, the Board reviewed the application. Based on the discussion, it was agreed that provided the form would identify the name of the business and the name they incorporated or registered under in the State, the employer/business areas could be combined together. It addition it was suggested that members review the instructions on that same page since of the text may no longer be applicable.

The 2013 meeting schedule was provided to the Boards. It was requested that members identify conflicts as soon as possible.

Members were provided with a copy of the insert being included with the renewal invoices for those contractors expiring on January 31, 2013. The insert provided contractors with updated information on the status of continuing education credit process. A copy of the insert will be emailed to Tim Martin for publication on the Irrigation Association's website. In addition the Board was informed that an insert would be needed for those contractors whose certification expired in 2011. This insert will inform those contractors that their certification will not be eligible for renewal after January 31, 2013.

Guy Virone arrived at 3:45 p.m.

The Board received comments from members of the public in attendance as follows:

When submitting a complaint, contractors should be able to provide a license plate number and DEP should contact NJ Motor Vehicles in order to get a corresponding name and an address. Why should the contractor submitting the complaint to all the work?

Many comments were made with regard to better enforcement of non-licensed contractors.

Some contractors felt that the irrigation certification does not have the same respect/recognition as other professional licenses.

Data miner reports should be in alpha order by last name.

DEP staff should be onsite to monitoring training courses given for continuing education credits and Checking in attendees. The commenter indicated the pesticides training in given in this manner.

The Board members requested and were provided with copies of a draft form to be used when reviewing enforcement cases and templates currently use when violations are issues.

The Board reviewed and approved exam results as presented: 3 passed, 17 failed.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George McCarthy". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

George McCarthy, Chairman
Landscape Irrigation Contractors Board