



State Board of Sanitarian Registration

Twenty-First Annual Report

This report of the State Board of Sanitarian Registration covers the activities of the Board from September 29, 1997 through July 29, 1998. The financial report covers Fiscal Year 1998.

History

The Board was created in 1977 as a voluntary sanitarian registration program by Amended House Bill 137 of the 112th General Assembly. Amended Sub. House Bill 129 passed on July 20, 1987, mandating sanitarian registration for individuals who engage in the practice of environmental health.

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Board is to protect public health by ensuring registered sanitarians possess and maintain specialized knowledge and skills in the field of environmental health. This is accomplished by examination, continuing education requirements, and the investigation of complaints filed with the Board.

The State Board of Sanitarian Registration consists of seven (7) members, including the Director of Health or his designated representative, the Director of the Environmental Protection Agency or his designated representative, and five (5) members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The State Board of Sanitarian Registration scheduled and conducted seven (7) Board meetings:

September 29, 1997
November 10, 1997
January 26, 1998
April 6, 1998
May 11, 1998
June 18, 1998
July 29, 1998

Board Members

Boyd Marsh, R.S. 5886 Ogilby Drive, Hudson, Ohio 44236. Mr. Marsh is the Health Commissioner for the Summit County General Health District. He served as Chairman and also served on the Rules Committee and the Executive Committee. Mr. Marsh's term will expire on August 15, 2001

Monica Eakin, R.S. 8680 Shillington Drive Powell, Ohio 43065. Ms. Eakin is a Quality Assurance Technologist with Kal Kan, Incorporated. She served as Vice-Chairperson and also served on the Executive Committee and Continuing Education Committee. Ms. Eakin's term will expire on August 15, 1999.

Roger Suppes, R.S. 311 Charmel Place, Worthington, Ohio 43235. Mr. Suppes is the Chief of the Bureau of Radiation Protection, Ohio Department of Health. Mr. Suppes served as Secretary, and also served on the Executive and Finance Committees. He is the Director's representative for the Ohio Department of Health.

Joel Lucia, R.S. 9850 Farmington Court, Mentor, Ohio 44060. Mr. Lucia is the Health Commissioner for the Lake County General Health District. He served on the Public Relations Committee and Finance Committee. Mr. Lucia's term expires on August 15, 2000.

Duane Snyder, R.S. 435 Longfellow Avenue, Worthington, Ohio 43085. Mr. Snyder is the Group Leader for the Solid and Infectious Waste Program, Central District Office, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. He served on the Continuing Education and Rules Committees. Mr. Snyder represents the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

Gary Silverman, R.S. 622 Normandie Blvd., Bowling Green, Ohio 43402. Dr. Silverman is Professor and Director of the Environmental Health Program at Bowling Green State University. He served on the Examination Committee. His term will end on August 15, 1999.

R.C. Banks, R.S. 4037 East Kemper Road, Sharonville, OH 45241. Mr. Banks is the Health Commissioner for the Sharonville City Health Department. He served on the Continuing Education Committee and the Public Relations Committee this past year. His term will expire on August 15, 2000.

Support staff includes Lynn Jones, executive secretary and Lynnette Angel, intermittent clerk.

Registration Renewal

Between the periods of September 29, 1997 and July 29, 1998 1,179 registered sanitarians renewed their certificates. 72 applicants were granted registered sanitarian status, bringing the

total of registered sanitarians to 1,251. 131 certificates of sanitarian-in-training were issued by the Board, bringing the total number of sanitarians-in-training to 219.

Registration Activity	9/96-7/97	9/97-7/98
<i>Registered Sanitarian Renewals</i>	1,204	1,179
<i>Registered Sanitarian certificates granted</i>	73	72
<i>Sanitarian-in-Training Renewals</i>	86	88
<i>Sanitarian-in-Training certificates granted</i>	125	131
Totals	1,488	1,470

Examination

Section 4736.08 of the Ohio Revised Code prescribes the educational, experience and examination requirements for registration.

The Examination Committee reviewed 141 applications for sanitarian-in-training status. 131 sanitarian-in-training certificates were granted.

75 applications for registered sanitarian were reviewed. 72 registered sanitarian certificates were granted.

As a result of a Supreme Court ruling regarding administrative appeal procedures (*Goldman v. State Medical Board of Ohio* 95APE 10-1358). Administrative hearings were conducted for all applicants denied registration, regardless of whether the applicant responded to the opportunity for hearing notice. Eleven (11) hearings were conducted between September 29, 1997 and July 29, 1998. The Board affirmed proposal for denial on all but one (1) case.

Professional Examination Service (P.E.S.) - Environmental Health Proficiency Examination

The P.E.S. Environmental Health Proficiency Examination was administered on the following dates:

Date	# of Candidates	Pass Point	% of Passing
12/11/97	24	149	79%
4/9/98	28	145	79%
8/13/98	35	150	83%

There are two versions of the examination, identified as Test 830570 and Test 830580 which are alternated each examination date.

Rules

Pursuant to Sub. HB 473 of the 121st General Assembly (R.C. 119.032), every five years state agencies are required to review each of their rules and determine whether or not to continue without change, amend, or rescind their rules. The Rules Committee developed a timeline and assigned two rule review dates 6/1/98 and 10/1/99 for the forty (40) rules amplifying the sanitarian registration laws.

6/1/98	60%
6/1/99	65%
6/1/2000	70%

On April 6, 1998 a public hearing was conducted to receive testimony and comments regarding amendments of the first set of rules reflecting a 6/1/98 review date. A significant rule change involved the passing point on the registration examination. The passing point changed from one standard deviation below the national arithmetic mean to a non-fluctuating score. The amended language states:

Any applicant for registered sanitarian, must obtain a score on the given examination at least equivalent to sixty percent. Effective June 1, 1999, the passing score shall be established at sixty-five percent. On June 1, 2000, the passing score shall be established at seventy percent.

The remaining ten rule amendments reflect non-substantive technical and gender corrections. A copy of the up-to-date laws and rules is available by contacting the Board office, or can be viewed at the Board's website, www.state.oh.us/san/.

Ten rules deemed accurate, remained unchanged.

The Board is currently reviewing the 19 remaining rules. A copy of the full text of each of the following rules was sent to health departments, associations, and various divisions of the Department of Agriculture, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of Health:

- 4736-1-01 Definitions
- 4736-7-01 Application Form
- 4736-7-02 Application Fee
- 4736-8-01 Requirements for Registration
- 4736-9-01 Procedures and Information: Examination

4736-9-02	Type of Examination
4736-10-01	Sanitarian Extension Request
4736-11-02	Submission of Attendance Information
4736-11-03	Hours of Continuing Education Required
4736-11-04	Types of Continuing Education Courses
4736-11-05	Registration and Approval of Training Agency
4736-11-06	Continuing Education Course Approval Requirements
4736-11-07	Attendance at Continuing Education Courses not Approved by the Board
4736-11-08	List of Approved Courses
4736-11-09	Reinstatement
4736-12-01	Annual Renewal
4736-13-01	Revocation
4736-15-01	Use of Registered Sanitarian and Sanitarian-in-Training Designation
4736-15-02	Supervision of a Sanitarian-in-Training

Before any rule amendments are adopted, a public hearing will be conducted to receive written and oral testimony. This hearing will be held in August 1999.

Public Relations

The Board continued to improve communication with registrants, associations, agencies, and the general public.

- ▶ The Board's website, www.state.oh.us/san/ was developed in March 1997. The site averages 6 visits per day. Accessible information includes, approved continuing education, laws and rules, applications and forms.
 - ▶ Board members and executive secretary staffed an exhibit booth at the Ohio Environmental Health Association meeting to disseminate material and answer questions.
 - ▶ The Board provided written support and statistical information to the Ohio Environmental Health Association's effort to increase exam scores through the preparatory course. This objective will be ongoing, and will become more critical as the examination passing point elevates to 70% during 2000.
 - ▶ Congratulatory letters and new releases, applauding all newly registered sanitarians, were sent to employers.
 - ▶ The Board reviewed and provided written comment to the Department of Administrative Services regarding the proposed sanitarian series classification plan.
 - ▶ An Affirmative Action Plan for the Minority Business Enterprise Set Aside Law was developed and adopted by the Board in November 1997.
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Compliance, Investigation and Enforcement

Five written complaint were investigated with the following outcome:

- C-97-3 Closed - no violation.
- C-97-4 Closed - no violation.
- C-97-5 Closed - unsubstantiated
- C-98-1 Closed - initiation of compliance.
- C-98-3 Closed - unsubstantiated

Continuing Education

The Continuing Education Committee reviewed 894 continuing education requests which were submitted by registered sanitarians, sanitarians-in-training and training agencies.

The Board approved five (5) new training agencies:

- ▶ Environmental Technology Program, Columbus State Community College
- ▶ Infiltration Systems, Inc.
- ▶ University of Toledo
- ▶ Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District
- ▶ Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Environmental Health and Toxicology

The committee also reviewed and updated the Continuing Education Policies.

Finance

The Board operates under an Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (4K9). Agencies within this fund are expected to be self-supporting. All receipts of the Board are deposited into this fund. Receipts for Fiscal Year 1998 totaled \$83,450.69. The Board was appropriated (received spending authority) for \$88,449.00 Expenditures for the same period totaled \$83,821.66.

Revenue	Fiscal Year 97	Fiscal Year 98
Renewal Fees	64,355.50	64,549.00
Registered Sanitarian Application Fees	3,490.00	3,950.00
Sanitarian-in-Training Application Fees	6,490.00	7,550.00
Examinations	7,110.00	7,298.00
Misc. Label/Roster and Public Records Fees	181.00	103.69

Total	\$81,626.50	\$83,450.69
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<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Fiscal Year 97</i>	<i>Fiscal Year 98</i>
Payroll/Purchased Services	\$48,536.17	\$58,753.24
Maintenance	26,934.05	25,068.42
Total	\$75,470.22	\$83,821.66

State Board of Sanitarian Registration Website

www.state.oh.us/san/

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- ▶ **Approved Continuing Education**
- ▶ **Laws and Rules**
- ▶ **Meetings and Examinations**
- ▶ **Policies**
- ▶ **Minutes**
- ▶ **Applications and Continuing Education Forms**