MINUTES OF THE STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL BOARD CE IPM REVIEW COMMITTEE

November 13, 2014

The meeting was held November 13, 2014 at the Structural Pest Control Board, Lake Tahoe Conference Room, Sacramento, California.

Committee Members Present:

Darren Van Steenwyk, Chairman
Nita Davidson
Naresh Duggal
Sylvia Kenmuir
Brandon Kitagawa
Jim Steed
Andrew Sutherland
Dave Tamayo

Board Staff Present:

Robert Lucas, Assistant Executive Officer Valerie Connelly, Continuing Education Analyst David Skelton, Administrative Analyst

Departmental Staff Present:

Kurt Keppler, Legal Counsel

ROLL CALL / ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Mr. Van Steenwyk called roll at 9:28 A.M. Mr. Tamayo was absent. Quorum established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 20, 2014 COMMITTEE MEETING

Ms. Kenmuir moved and Mr. Sutherland seconded to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2014 Committee Meeting. Passed unanimously.

REVIEW THE STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL ACT AND TITLE 16, CALIFORNIA
CODE OF REGULATIONS WITH A FOCUS ON INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT
PRACTICES, CONTINUING EDUCATION, THE SCOPE OF THE APPLICATOR
LICENSE AND QUALITY CONTROL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR
POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD.

Mr. Van Steenwyk opened up discussion on the continuing education requirements for Branch 1 Field Representatives and Operators.

The Committee discussed the continuing education requirement for Branch 1 Field Representatives and Operators and how to properly allocate it across the continuing education categories.

Mr. Tamayo arrived at 9:46 A.M.

The Committee discussed the extent to which Branch 1 Field Representatives and Operators need to be familiar with the practice of IPM.

Ms. Kenmuir moved and Mr. Steed seconded to recommend to the Board that the continuing education requirement for Branch 1 Field Representatives and Operators be changed to, 3 hours of Laws and Regulations, and 17 hours of Application and Intervention. Passed by majority. (AYES: Van Steenwyk, Davidson, Kenmuir, Kitagawa, Steed, Sutherland, Tamayo. NOES: Duggal.)

The Committee discussed how the continuing education requirement for multiple branch licensees would be distributed throughout the categories.

Mr. Duggal stated that in the interest of consumer protection licenses that are held in multiple branches should be subject to a larger continuing education requirement.

Mr. Steed stated that the Committee's responsibility is to encourage IPM through the CE process and if Branch 1 licensees do not practice IPM their continuing education requirements should not be changed.

The Committee discussed the prospect of recommending no change in the hour requirement for Branch 1 licensees.

Mr. Tamayo moved and Ms. Kenmuir seconded to recommend to the Board that the continuing education requirement for Branch 1 Field Representatives and Operators be changed to, 3 hours of Laws and Regulations, and 13 hours of Application and Intervention. Passed by majority. (AYES: Van Steenwyk, Davidson, Kitagawa, Kenmuir, Steed, Sutherland, Tamayo. NOES: Duggal.)

Mr. Van Steenwyk opened up discussion on the topic of the continuing education categories and whether or not courses should be approved specifically for each branch of pest control.

Mr. Steed stated that Laws and Regulations and IPM apply universally but Application and Intervention are much more branch specific.

The Committee discussed continuing education courses for the Application and Intervention category and whether or not they should be approved branch specifically.

Ms. Davidson stated that licensees will seek out the continuing education that applies to them.

Ms. Kenmuir moved and Mr. Tamayo seconded to recommend to the Board that the following continuing education requirements be implemented. Passed unanimously.

License Type	L&R	A & I	IPM	Total
Applicator	3	10	3	13
Branch 1 FR	3	13	0	16
Branch 1 OPR	3	13	0	16
Branch 2 FR	3	5	12	20
Branch 2 OPR	3	5	12	20
Branch 3 FR	3	5	12	20
Branch 3 OPR	3	5	12	20
Branch 1 & 2 FR	3	13	12	28
Branch 1 & 2 OPR	3	13	12	28
Branch 1 & 3 FR	3	13	12	28
Branch 1 & 3 OPR	3	13	12	28
Branch 2 & 3 FR	3	5	12	20
Branch 2 & 3 OPR	3	5	12	20
Branch 1, 2 & 3 FR	3	13	12	28
Branch 1, 2 & 3 OPR	3	13	12	28

Mr. Van Steenwyk opened up discussion on quality control for continuing education courses.

Mr. Steed recommended surveying license holders in order to gauge which continuing education providers and which courses are of sufficient quality.

Mr. Tamayo stated that assessing and ensuring the quality of continuing education courses could be accomplished through increased auditing.

Mr. Tamayo moved and Mr. Steed seconded to recommend to the Board to increase audits on continuing education providers and to make any statutory or regulatory changes that are needed to fund the increase. Passed unanimously.

The Committee delegated to staff the task of ascertaining whether the current form(s) associated with continuing education are sufficient to address the changes recommended by the Committee and if not, to recommend amendments to the form(s) to make them sufficient.

Mr. Van Steenwyk stated that he would bring a recommendation to assign subject matter to each of the new continuing education categories to the December 10, 2014 Teleconference Committee Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no public comments for items not on the agenda.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next meeting was scheduled for December 10, 2014 as a teleconference meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:08 P.M.

Darren Van Steenwyk, Chairman

Date