

**Model Aquatic Health Code  
Operator Training Technical Committee**

**Conference Call Minutes  
January 29, 2009**

**Members Present:** John Whitmore, Wayne Crokus, Michele Hlavsa, Dean Hyatt, Tom Donaldson, Carl Ralph, Doug Sackett, Lee Tate

**Members Absent:** Dennis Berkshire, Tracynda Davis, Greg Stockton, Colleen Maitoza, Kay Smiley, Lorraine Forston, Mark Pabst

**1. Comments on 6.1.1.2 General Requirements for Training Courses and 6.1.1.4 On-Site Training:** Tom Donaldson sent his comments to the technical committee (TC) members and the document was used as the basis for discussion during this meeting.

**2. Issues Discussed:**

a. Psychometric testing: This testing could be onerous and costly. One option is to present this as a possibility in the annex. The overriding objective for the TC is to spell out what knowledge and skills the certification candidate should be able to demonstrate after successfully completing a course.

b. Verification of identity: How do you verify that the individual who is certified is the same person who successfully completed a course? Is having the certified individual's photo on the certificate a possibility? An inspector during an inspection will likely be able to determine whether the pool operator successfully completed a certification course.

c. Approval of pool operator certification courses: Course approval will be left to individual jurisdictions. The Model Aquatic Health Code should not list approved courses. The TC's responsibility is to set minimum standards on what a pool operator certification course should include.

d. Continuing Education Units (CEUs): The TC agreed that requiring CEUs was a good idea, but the members were not sure how this would be implemented.

e. Revoking certification: The TC agreed this should be an option and called for requiring a process to evaluate the appropriateness of revoking a given certificate. The organization that granted the certificate should be the one that revokes it.

**2. Next Steps:** Provide comments/edits on 6.1.1.2 General Requirements for Training Courses to Carl Ralph by close of business on Wednesday; February 4, 2008. Carl Ralph will compile everybody's input in time for the next TC meeting. The next conference call will be the second week of February. Michele Hlavsa will contact TC members who were not able to attend this meeting to determine the date and time for the next meeting that is convenient for the most members.