

INTERNATIONAL BOTTLED WATER ASSOCIATION

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, November 11, 2018
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Minutes

I. Attendance

Committee Co-Chair:

Glen Davis, Absopure Water Company

Douglas R. Hupe, Aqua Filter Fresh

Committee:

Joe Cimino, Choice H2O

George Heikkinen, DS Services of America, Inc

H.R. Hidell, Hidell International

Mark Lindblom, Premium Waters, Inc.

Kasey Raley, Eurofins Eaton Analytical

Robert Smith, Grand Springs Distribution

Lou Vittorio, EarthRes Group, Inc.

IBWA Staff Liaisons:

Linda Alfakir, IBWA

Bob Hirst, IBWA

Al Lear, IBWA

II. Approval of June 4, 2018 Education Committee meeting minutes

The minutes of the June 4, 2018 Education Committee meeting were approved.

III. 2018 IBWA Annual Business Meeting Education Programs

The Education Committee reviewed the 2018 annual business meeting education program and to organize introductions for the program speakers.

IV. IBWA Technical/Regulatory Seminar Program

IBWA/FSPCA PCQI Workshops (FSMA)

Bob Hirst facilitated two PCQI Workshops in September: one in Grand Rapids, Michigan and a second workshop in Arlington, Texas. The workshops were attended by 18 IBWA member employees, bringing the total number of PVQI certificates issued to 300. Net revenues from the workshops now total approximately \$75,000.

Workshops in 2019 will once again be planned based on interest and need.

Future Seminars/Webinars/Workshops

Currently, a recorded webinar on the FSMA Intentional Adulteration Rule, presented by Hogan Lovells, is available to IBWA members. Hogan Lovells plans to offer additional webinars on the IA Rule, based on FDA's published guidance documents. IBWA will announce when those webinars are scheduled.

Several sessions at this week's annual business conference were recorded and will be made available through the IBWA website. Information on accessing and viewing them will be published in IBWA's News Splash.

Bob Hirst discussed a possible need for education on IBWA's proposed new audit program, either live or via webinar. Other topics would include information on PFAS and bottled water's important role as an alternate source of water for public water systems facing PFAS contamination.

V. IBWA Publication Update

Several IBWA publications are under revision and are being updated to accommodate FSMA. A working group is drafting revisions to the IBWA Plant Technical Reference Manual (PTRM). To date, approximately 70% of the manual is complete in draft format. In addition, the appendix sections have been completed. The working group will meet via conference call again in late-November or December to continue work on the PTRM.

VI. Certified Plant Operator Program Update

Total Exams:	68
Total Passed:	56 (81%)
Total Failed:	12 (19%)
Cut Score:	70%
Average Score	78%
Total No. of CPOs in program:	552
No. of CPOs requiring recertification in 2018:	164

There were more than 20 alternate proctored exams in 2018

VII. Old Business

Bob Hirst provided a status report on the 2018 IBWA business plan education objectives and KPIs. All KPIs have been achieved or are in progress and due to be achieved by the end of the year.

VIII. New Business

No new business was discussed by the Committee.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.