

January 2005 Newsletter

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF SANITARIAN EXAMINERS ("RS Board")

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The New Year as always brings a number of changes for the RS Board and our profession. Please review the brief news items below and check the Board website for further information. Questions can be directed to the Board office.

1. Currently in North Carolina there are 1,075 Registered Sanitarians. Of that number 141 are retired or unaffiliated and 99 are interns. The exam was administered three times in the past year to 49 interns of which 33 passed and 16 failed.

2. In 2004 the makeup of the Board changed with the expiration of the terms held by Dennis Salmen and Eddie Pierce, the change in position of Linda Sewall and the retirement of Dr. Trenton Davis. The Governor appointed Perry Solice, Sanitarian-At-Large from Sampson County to replace Dennis Salmen, Malcolm Blalock, Public Spirited Citizen to replace Eddie Pierce, Terry Pierce, the Secretary of DENR representative to replace Linda Sewell and Dr. Burton Ogle, education representative to replace Dr. Trenton Davis.

3. The current officers for the Board are: Chairman, Nilla T.(Dicke) Sloop, Wake County, Piedmont Representative; Vice Chairman, Terry Pierce, Secretary of DENR Representative; Secretary/ Treasurer, Ann (Len) Gilstrap, Carteret County, Eastern Representative. Malcolm Blalock is the Education Committee Chairman and Ann Gilstrap is the Legislative Committee Chairman.

4. If you refer to our website, <http://www.rsboard.com>, you will find the minutes of the meetings and information related to the many issues that face the Board such as; educational requirements, requests for reciprocity, approval of applications for internship, military hardship requests and educational course approval. The Education Committee has developed forms that are now on the website including much needed proctoring guidelines and an application process for proctoring of the NEHA Exam. Educational Policies and Procedures are also posted on this site and the updated directory by individual as well as county may be found there also.

5. The past year has been extremely busy with multiple requests for reciprocity, however as each request has been reviewed, there has not been a state to date that meets the requirements for reciprocity. The Education Committee is compiling a resource list of all states that have a licensing board and the requirements for those boards. This will help in research related to reciprocity issues.

6. The Board renewed the contract with NEHA that enables North Carolina to use the national exam for the credentialing of professionals in the state. Along with this contract, NEHA is offering a special "open window" or reciprocity to credentialed individuals in the state through March 1, 2005 whether you are a member of NEHA or not. This will allow an individual to become nationally credentialed as a Registered Environmental Health Specialist/ Registered Sanitarian with NEHA.

7. The Board has received three complaints that have required the appointment of two members to investigate each complaint that may lead to suspension or revocation of certification. This investigation is required in GS 90A-57 Section .0404. (Investigation Of Complaints) These investigations are time consuming and costly to the Board, requiring reimbursement of expenses related to the investigation to the members involved in conducting these.

8. The Legislative Committee has been meeting and working long hours with the guidance of the Attorney General's office to rewrite the Statutes and Rules related to the Registration of Sanitarians. The need for a rewrite has been made even more evident as these investigations have been taking place. There is a real need to strengthen the wording and give clearer definition to the Rules and Statutes.