

CTQP Asphalt Technical Review Team  
Meeting of June 21, 2006

Present were: Brian Pickard, Chairman, TRT Members; David Wang, Gregory Sholar, Igor Dubrovskiy, and Jeffrey Fetzko. Also present was Sandy Greenwood.

The meeting took place at the Turnpike facilities in Orlando beginning at 10:15 AM. The following items were discussed:

**Agenda Item 1. Review of TRT March 30, 2005 Meeting:**

Brian completed a quick review of the March 30, 2006 meeting minutes with a note that there was no response from Yvonne regarding the TRT's request to see the failure rates of all exam questions. Brian offered to submit a new request.

**Agenda Item 2. Review emails since last meeting:**

There also appeared to be a lot of emails related to poor exam questions and problems with some of the course information. A significant question was presented regarding who does what with recommended changes to course material, particularly, the request from UTT to Yvonne regarding an appendix change. Brian agreed to review the latest Paving Level II exam to make sure all recommended changes from the TRT had occurred. Additionally, Brian agreed to review the CTQM and if that isn't clear, get clarification from Yvonne as to the proper practice to implement course revisions.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding course errors, review and recommendations that is covered in more detail under agenda item 6.

**Agenda Item 3. Discussion of Actions taken since January 4, 2006:**

Greg Sholar informed the group that the State Materials Office has decided not to put anymore time into the Breeze version of Asphalt Paving Level I due to extraordinary time commitments. Brian agreed to inform Yvonne and identify options such as resurrecting the request for the University of Florida to do an online course.

**Agenda Item 4. Discussion of recommendations for pending requests for approval as Construction Training and Qualification Program (CTQP) Asphalt Training Providers:**

Nodarse: Paving Level I Approved 5-0  
Paving Level II Approved 5-0  
Plant Level I Approved 5-0  
Plant Level II Approved 5-0

**Agenda Item 5. Discussion of recommendations for pending requests for approval as CTQP Asphalt Training Instructors:**

**A. Proposed Instructors for Nodarse:**

**a. Asphalt Paving Level I:**

- i. Al Sevcech
- ii. Jill Vargas
- iii. Mark Thompson
- iv. Linda Ellis
- v. Andrew White

**b. Asphalt Paving Level II:**

- i. Al Sevcech
- ii. Jill Vargas
- iii. Mark Thompson
- iv. Linda Ellis
- v. Andrew White

**c. Asphalt Plant Level I:**

- i. Al Sevcech
- ii. Jill Vargas
- iii. Mark Thompson
- iv. Linda Ellis
- v. Andrew White
- vi. Wayne Sargent
- vii. Linda Hunt

**d. Asphalt Plant Level II:**

- i. Al Sevcech
- ii. Jill Vargas
- iii. Mark Thompson
- iv. Linda Ellis
- v. Andrew White
- vi. Wayne Sargent
- vii. Linda White

**Review:**

1. Al Sevcech: After reading through the qualifications and discussing the board members' knowledge of the proposed instructor, a unanimous recommendation for approval was made as instructor for Asphalt Paving Level I, Asphalt Paving Level II Asphalt Plant Level I and Asphalt Plant Level II.

2. Jill Vargas: After reading through the qualifications and discussing the board members' knowledge of the proposed instructor, a unanimous recommendation for approval was made as instructor for Asphalt Paving Level I, Asphalt Paving Level II Asphalt Plant Level I and by a vote of 4-1, a positive recommendation as instructor for Asphalt Plant Level II.

3. Mark Thompson: After reading through the qualifications and discussing the board members' knowledge of the proposed instructor, a unanimous recommendation to reject Mr. Thompson for approval was made for Asphalt Paving Level I, Asphalt Paving Level II Asphalt Plant Level I and Asphalt Plant Level II due to a concern with quality of work product in the past.

4. Linda Ellis: After reading through the qualifications and discussing the board members' knowledge of the proposed instructor, a unanimous recommendation for approval was made as instructor for Asphalt Paving Level I, Asphalt Paving Level II Asphalt Plant Level I and by a vote of 3-2, a positive recommendation as instructor for Asphalt Plant Level II.

5. Andrew White: After reading through the qualifications and discussing the board members' knowledge of the proposed instructor, a unanimous recommendation for approval was made as instructor for Asphalt Paving Level I, Asphalt Paving Level II Asphalt Plant Level I and Asphalt Plant Level II.

6. Wayne Sargent: After reading through the qualifications and discussing the board members' knowledge of the proposed instructor, a unanimous recommendation for approval was made as instructor for Asphalt Plant Level I and by a vote of 4-1, a positive recommendation as instructor for Asphalt Plant Level II.

7. Linda Hunt: After reading through the qualifications and discussing the board members' knowledge of the proposed instructor, a unanimous recommendation for approval was made as instructor for Asphalt Plant Level I and Asphalt Plant Level II.

**B. Proposed Instructors for Center for Transportation Training (UF):**

**a. Asphalt Paving Level I**

- i. Daniel Barbato
- ii. Christopher Libby

**b. Asphalt Paving Level II**

- i. Daniel Barbato
- ii. Christopher Libby
- iii. Gale Page

1. Daniel Barbato: After reading through the qualifications and discussing the board members' knowledge of the proposed instructor, by a vote of 3-2 a recommendation for approval was made as instructor for Asphalt Paving Level I.

A unanimous vote was made for rejection as an instructor for Asphalt Paving Level II due to lack of apparent field experience in paving operations.

2. Christopher Libby: After reading through the qualifications and discussing the board members' knowledge of the proposed instructor, by a split vote of 3-2, a recommendation of approval was made as instructor for Asphalt Paving Level I.

By a split vote of 4-1, a recommendation for rejection as instructor for Asphalt Paving Level II was made due to lack of apparent field experience.

3. Gale Page: After reading through the qualifications and discussing the board members' knowledge of the proposed instructor, a unanimous recommendation of approval was made as instructor for Asphalt Paving Level II.

**C. Proposed Instructors for Center for Universal Engineering Sciences:**

**a. Asphalt Paving Level I**

- i. Thomas Durrance
- ii. Ruben Carney

**b. Asphalt Paving Level II**

- i. Thomas Durrance
- ii. Ruben Carney

**c. Asphalt Plant Level I**

- i. Thomas Durrance
- ii. Ruben Carney
- iii. Michael Marshall

**d. Asphalt Plant Level II**

- i. Thomas Durrance
- ii. Ruben Carney
- iii. Mary Bowen

1. Thomas Durrance: After reading through the qualifications and discussing the board members' knowledge of the proposed instructor, a unanimous vote of rejection was made as instructor for Asphalt Paving Level I, Asphalt Paving Level II, Asphalt Plant Level I and Asphalt Plant Level II due to a complete lack of any supporting information such as a resume.

2. Rueben Carney: After reading through the qualifications and discussing the board members' knowledge of the proposed instructor, by a split vote of 4-1 a recommendation for rejection was made as instructor for Asphalt Paving Level I and Asphalt Paving Level II. By a unanimous vote a recommendation for rejection as instructor for Asphalt Plant Level I and Asphalt Plant Level II. Rejection was based on not being certified and apparent lack of hands on and field experience both in the paving field and in the laboratory.

3. Michael Marshall: After reading through the qualifications and discussing the board members' knowledge of the proposed instructor, a unanimous recommendation of rejection was made as instructor for Asphalt Plant Level I due to lack of apparent hands on experience in an asphalt laboratory.

4. Mary Bowen: After reading through the qualifications and discussing the board members' knowledge of the proposed instructor, a unanimous recommendation of rejection was made as instructor for Asphalt Plant Level II due to lack of apparent hands on experience in an asphalt laboratory.

Lastly, the Chairman asked that as we get informed of a new instructor's first course presentation, that the TRT members take the time to review the class to insure that a proper decision was made to approve them as an instructor. Greg suggested that we utilize course evaluations to identify instructors that need to be evaluated. Brian will contact Yvonne about the possibility of getting those evaluations.

**Agenda Item 6. Discussion of recommendations for revisions to, acceptance, and approval of the current Asphalt Course Materials:**

1. Paving Level II has been approved for development of an online course (CBT).
2. Yvonne and Kim Smith have been notified of upcoming major revisions to the asphalt specifications that may require considerable revisions to our course materials and exams.
3. David Wang suggested that the CTQM and course materials be reviewed to ensure the courses cover what the CTQM require. David agreed to complete that evaluation for Paving Level I particularly as it relates to tack rate and spread rate.
4. Greg Sholar agreed to review the comments from Gale Page's email of May 22, 2006 as it relates to Plant Level II and make a recommendation to Brian on the best way to accommodate necessary revisions.
5. The team agreed that in order to put an end to the barrage of complaints, we will now review each exam in successive TRT meetings and expand the meeting time with a scheduled lunch break. The first to be reviewed will be Paving Level II.

**Agenda Item 7. Discussion, acceptance and/or rejection and/or approval of new courses:**

1. Due to the decision by State Materials, the TRT recommends that Yvonne consider making Paving Level I an on-line course once funds are available.

**Agenda Item 8. Selection of Date, Time and locations of next Asphalt TRT:**

The next Asphalt TRT will be held on August 31, 2006 at the Turkey Lake Turnpike facility beginning at 10:00 AM pending room availability.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM.