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Certified Pool/Spa Operator® (CPO®) Courses – January – June 2011

Sponsor	Dates	Location	Contact	Address	Telephone
Iowa Parks &	January 25-26	Cedar Falls	Cathy Shutts	1534 Penrose St	(641)236-3917
Recreation	February 8-9	Sioux City		Grinnell, IA 50112	Fax:
Association	March 8-9	Des Moines		E-mail: cshutts@pcpartner.net	(641)236-6779
	March 29-30	Iowa City			
	April 26-27	Clear Lake			
	May 9-10	Cedar Rapids			
	June 14-15	Fort Dodge			
SLC Pool	February 23-24	Des Moines	Steve Craig	Swimming Pool Supply	(515)986-3931
Consultants	March 8-9	Quad Cities		5292 NW 111th Drive	, ,
	March 22-23	Okoboji		Grimes, IA 50111	
	April 5-6	Council Bluffs		E-mail: steve@spspools-	
	April 26-27	Des Moines		spas.com	
	June 21-22	Des Moines			
Certified Pool	February 22-23	Spencer	John	65910-267 th Street	(800)253-7235
Trainers of	March 15-16	Waterloo	Szymanski	Alden MN 56009-4211	Fax:
Iowa &	March 29-30	Story City			(507)863-2367
Minnesota	May 2-3	Altoona			
ACCO	None Scheduled		Jessica	5300 NW 55 th Ave	(515)278-0487
Unlimited			Pollard	Johnston IA 50131	Fax:
Corporation				E-mail:	(515)278-2183
				jpollard@accounlimited.com	
Aqua Palace	January 12	Council Bluffs	Jennifer	810 Woodbury Ave	(712)329-4180
This is the	February 16	Council Bluff	Roberts	Council Bluffs IA 51503	
"Blended"	March 16	Council Bluff		E-mail: aquapalace@aol.com	
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(<u>http://nspf.org/</u>					
CPO/CPOBlend					
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of the material					
is offered					
online. The					
training is					
completed and					
the test given at					
the one-day on-					
site training.					

Check with the individual training organizations, your inspection agency, or the Iowa Department of Public Health at (515)281-8722 for courses that may be scheduled later. You can also check for courses in Iowa and surrounding states at http://nspf.org/CPO/CPOSchedule.aspx.

Americans with Disabilities Act Changes

The United States Department of Justice (DOJ) recently published new rules requiring that facilities design for accessibility: Title II amending 28 CFR Part 35, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services; and Title III amending 28 CFR Part 36, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Public Accommodation and in Commercial Facilities

(http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/ADAregs2010.htm). These rules adopt the 2010 Standards for Accessible Design generated by the US Access Board (http://www.access-board.gov/ada-aba/ada-standards-doj.cfm#chapter1). The rules do not take full effect until March 2012, but it's likely that many jurisdictions will look to compliance with the 2010 standards sooner. The 2010 standards were actually published in 2004, but were not officially required until now; the previous standards dated to 1991.

The rules apply to aquatic venues operated by city and other governmental entities, including schools. Hotels, YMCA's and similar facilities are covered if they don't meet the federal definition of a "private club." Apartments, condominiums and homeowners associations generally are not subject to the rules as long as the facilities are available only for the residents and their guests (government subsidized facilities probably would be subject to the rules) (http://nspf.org/Documents/ADA_Law_Info.pdf).

The 1991 standards did not address recreational facilities like pools and spas. The rules say that if an aquatic facility is constructed or modified after March 15, 2012 it must come into compliance with the 2010 standards; in the language of the rules, there is no "safe harbor" for aquatic facilities. The application of the standards prior to 2012 is less clear, but architects may start to consider compliance to the 2010 standards a "standard of practice."

The 2010 standards require that swimming pools and wading pools have a sloped entry or a lift. If the pool has more than 300 feet of pool wall, a second accessible means of entry is required; some additional methods are available for the second entry point. A spa must have a lift, a "transfer wall" or a "transfer system." These are described at the Access Board link above. There are significant clearance requirements to allow for the use of a lift or a transfer wall or system.

This is a complicated area of law and the IDPH does

not have the expertise to sort out all of the issues. We would not anticipate adding specific requirements to the swimming pool/spa rules to address ADA. The first stop for an owner or a designer should be the local building official. At some point in the process, that person's decision will be the one that counts.

The Building Code Section at the State Fire Marshall's Office has said that they are willing to try to answer specific questions regarding the application of the rules. Ljerka Vasiljevic, (515)725-6154, vasiljev@dps.state.ia.us, is the primary contact. She is an experienced plan reviewer and has received training in the new requirements.

Another resource is the DBTAC-Great Plains ADA Center, part of a network of offices dedicated to providing information about ADA compliance (http://www.adaproject.org/, (800)949-4232). We have spoken to their staff and they have been helpful.

IDPH Staffing Changes

As we reported last time, Michael Magnant, the lead person for swimming pool regulation at IDPH for a number of years, will retire as of December 30, 2010. Heather Lloyd (515-281-8561,

hlloyd@idph.state.ia.us) and Debbi Cooper (515-242-6337, dcooper@idph.state.ia.us) will be taking calls, answering rules questions, doing program audits, and providing inspections (except construction inspections).

John Kelly will be moving into the engineer position. He comes to IDPH from the Department of Administrative Services where he worked primarily with state building construction projects. He doesn't have any background with pools and the overlap with Mr. Magnant will be minimal, so we hope you will be patient as he gets up to speed.

We are also adding Randy Lane to help with several of our registration programs including pools. Mr. Lane previously worked with Iowa Department of Natural Resources as an Environmental Specialist doing field work in central Iowa.

Continuing Education Courses – January – June 2011

Sponsor	Dates	Location	Contact	Address and Telephone	Credit
Iowa Parks &	January 24	Cedar Falls	Cathy	1534 Penrose St	2.5 hours
Recreation	February 7	Sioux City	Shutts	Grinnell, IA 50112	
Association	March 7	Des Moines		(641)236-3917	
	March 28	Iowa City		E-mail: cshutts@pcpartner.net	
	April 13	Davenport			
	April 25	Clear Lake			
	May 9	Cedar Rapids			
	June 13	Fort Dodge			
SLC Pool	March 8	Quad Cities	Steve	Swimming Pool Supply	2.0 hours
Consultants	March 14	Des Moines	Craig	5292 NW 111th Drive	
	March 22	Okoboji		Grimes, IA 50111	
	April 5	Council Bluffs		(515)986-3931	
	April 11	Des Moines		E-mail: steve@spspools-spas.com	
	May 2	Des Moines			
Certified Pool	February 24	Spencer	John	65910-267 th Street	4.0 hr
Trainers of Iowa	March 17	Waterloo	Szymanski	Alden MN 56009-4211	
& Minnesota	March 31	Story City		(800)253-7235	
	May 4	Altoona			
ACCO	None scheduled		Jessica	5300 NW 55 th Ave	3 x 2.0 hours
Unlimited			Pollard	Johnston IA 50131	
Corporation				(515)278-0487	
				E-mail:	
				jpollard@accounlimited.com	

Remember that Certified Pool/Spa Operators[®] in Iowa must obtain 10 hours of continuing education in the five years between renewals of the CPO[®] certificate. The individual CPO[®] must maintain a record of the continuing education. The record must be available to the inspection agency at each facility for which the CPO[®] is responsible.

Check with the sponsoring organization for the subject matter at these courses and for courses scheduled later.