

# Board of Coal Mine Examiners Meeting

The following is a summary of the November 13, 2003, meeting

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- I. **Meeting called to order at 9:08 AM by Frank Linkous, Chairman. Members present were Frank Linkous, Donnie Lowe and Arvil McConnell. Absent were Lloyd Robinette and Charles Ellis.**
- II. **Opening statement delivered by Frank Linkous, Chairman.**
- III. **Review of cases of Virginia certificate holders subjected to recent judgments by Kentucky Mine Safety Board Review Commission.**
  - Paul D. Clervinger  
Board Decision: Mr. Clervinger will notify DM immediately when he assumes the role of First Class Mine Foreman. An on-site exam of roof control plan will be given to him, with follow-up spot evaluations for six months.
  - David Sturgill (Did not appear as requested)  
Board Decision: Mr. Sturgill will be required to appear before the Board before being reinstated. A letter of notification of the Board decision will be mailed to Mr. Sturgill.
  - Harold Ray Swiney  
Board Decision: Mr. Swiney will be accompanied by a DM electrical specialist as he performs his activities as a certified electrical repairman. The DM inspector will also monitor him and recommendations will be made regarding his performance.
- IV. **Final Board review of amendments to DMME Board of Coal Mine Examiners Certification Regulations presented by Steve Walz. Amendments approved.**
- V. **Mary Gibson presented proposal for a consolidated concept for surface blasters. This will facilitate a single exam which could be taken to achieve surface blaster certification for both coal and mineral mining.**
- VI. **Open agenda**
  - Judy Steele-Horne, Independent Trainer, presented concerns to the Board for consideration: computerized exams, electrical certification questions (instructor qualifications), frequency of examinations, work experience requirements, first aid exam consistency

VI. **Adjournment – 12:30 PM**

Transcript of hearing will be available upon request.

