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There are states that rely on other jurisdictions to provide initial inspector certifications due to not having the resources to maintain their own instructors. These jurisdictions typically have a smaller administrative staff and fewer numbers of inspectors working within the jurisdiction. These jurisdictions may typically only require certification training for one or two individuals at a time during a year. It has become more common for certification classes being offered to have limited or no availability to outside agencies as jurisdictions address their individual training as their first priority. There are members of CVSA staff who have worked within enforcement and have prior instructor certifications. They are an available resource for providing training due to their knowledge of many aspects of the NAS inspection program and in many cases expertise.

JUSTIFICATION OR NEED

Many jurisdictions are prohibiting travel out of state or prohibiting candidates from out of state into their state during the Covid-19 pandemic. Outside of these current conditions, These jurisdictions may not have the resources or funding to host their own training courses. Travel costs must be provided by smaller jurisdictions who do not host training for their candidates to attend out of state training.

REQUEST FOR ACTION

It is requested that current employed CVSA Staff with the appropriate background and experience be permitted to obtain and/or maintain instructor certifications and be permitted to serve as instructors. This could provide for an additional training resource for jurisdictions having difficulty obtaining inspector certifications.

ACTION TAKEN BY COMMITTEE

Discussion in committee originally was on amending Operational Policy 4 and 6 to allow for CVSA staff and contractors to be certified and possibly train any CVSA certification course. Through initial discussions and with the updates to Operational Policy 6, it would be a requirement for any instructor to be a certified inspector in order to instruct a CVSA Certification course. So there was no way for staff or a contractor that is not certified to conduct training in any circumstances based on current policy. The issue was then divided into two issues, the first being "should a CVSA staff person or contractor be able to obtain and maintain certification?" The issue of Operational Policy 6 was closed and the an adhoc group was formed consisting of Steff Mosby, Scott Dorler, Sean Mustatia, Ben Werner, John Rigney.

There was a suggested edit presented to the committee, but through discussion, the committee determined that staff or contractors of CVSA being certified was problematic and there was no motion to move any additional edits to Operational Policy 4 forward to the board of directors and the issue was closed.

Without modifications to Operational Policy 4, any further discussion regarding Operational Policy 6 was no longer necessary.