

Mid-Year Report of the Board of Examiners

In preface to this report I would like to apologize for the tardiness. It was my belief certain relevant information was essential to give a more accurate view point. I am seeking better ways to gather information required to fulfill my role as stated in the Standards and Practices. I want encourage AWCI staff, administrators and assessors of the exam, to give regular reports so that the Board of Examiners can fulfill their role as set forth in the Standards and Practices document. It is one of the goals of the Chief Examiner to seek this information in the upcoming months.

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The Board of Examiners has met on a regular basis throughout the year by teleconference to discuss, appeals, variance requests, as well as administration and assessment concerns. Currently the Chief Examiner is working with the AWCI Education Coordinator to update information contained in the Administration Manual. In addition to this would be develop a flow chart that lays out the process of the exam.

I have decided to bring forth the examination results in a calendar year format to make it easier to compare to prior years.

2009	Theory	Micro-Mech.	Quartz	Automatic	Chronograph	Totals
Taken	101	69	67	69	111	417
Pass	62	30	41	48	73	254
Fail	38	28	25	23	35	149
Not Scored	0	10	1	1	3	15
# of Appeals	3	2	0	2	4	11
Appeals Granted	1	0	0	0	2	3
Appeals Denied	2	2	0	2	2	8
Appeals Undecided	0	0	0	0	0	0
Percentage Pass	61.39	43.48	61.19	69.57	65.77	60.91
Percentage Fail	37.62	40.58	37.31	33.33	31.53	35.73

2010	Theory	Micro-Mech.	Quartz	Automatic	Chronograph	Totals
Taken	134	92	75	72	135	508
Pass	92	31	38	40	80	281
Fail	40	54	32	26	45	197
Not Scored	2	7	5	6	10	30
# of Appeals	9	14	8	8	7	46
Appeals Granted	1	7	4	5	3	20
Appeals Denied	7	6	3	3	3	22
Appeals Undecided	1	1	1	0	1	4
Percentage Pass	69.4	41.3	56	62.5	61.48	55.31
Percentage Fail	30.6	58.7	44	37.5	38.52	38.78

Although there was a dip in the pass rate over the last year, it was still above 50%. Most notably the amount of appeals has increased by 23%.

Goals for this year

1. Increased cooperative of information between AWCI staff and Board of Examiners
2. Improve accountability within the entire exam process to ensure fairness and impartiality
3. Seek additional ways for the Chief Examiner to view the examination process, either by direct oversee (being present during the process), indirect overseeing (via web cam, appointed assistant, telephone communication); so this information can be brought to the Board of Examiners for review.
4. Continue to work on needed revisions of the examination, that are already currently under way; insuring the exam stays relevant, fair and impartial.

Respectfully Submitted,



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