

**Plumbing Board
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2010
Minnesota Room
Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)
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Members Present:

Karl Abrahamson
Rebecca L. Ames
Steve Christenson
Jim Gander
Kenneth Kammerer
James Kittelson
Lawrence G. Justin
Allen J. Lamm
Michael McGowan
Rick Palmateer
John A. Parizek
Jim Lungstrom (DLI Commissioner's designee)
Paul Sullwold
Ronald Thompson (MDH Commissioner's designee)

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

John Schultz
Mary Miller
Jim Peterson
Annette Trnka

Visitors:

Gary Thaden
Carl Crimmins
Luther Westman
Laura Millberg
Don Knipe

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Parizek at 9:44 a.m. Introductions were done and announcements were made.

II. Approval of Agenda

Because Gary Thaden representing the Minnesota Mechanical Contractors Association has a meeting he needs to leave for, the Chair stated his item on the Agenda would be moved to after approval of the Expense Reports. Gander made a motion, seconded by Abrahamson, to approve the meeting agenda as amended. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- A. October 20, 2009 Minutes
 - i. Upon hearing no changes or corrections, the Chair declared the October 20, 2009 Minutes approved.

IV. Regular Business

- A. Approval of Expense Reports
 - i. Chair stated that he had reviewed the expense reports and Per Diems and found them in order and declared them approved.

VI. Special Business (Special insertion)

- A. Endorsements. MMCA, Departmental Funding. Gary Thaden spoke on behalf of the Minnesota Mechanical Contractors Association. He presented a document which they are asking the Board support, as they intend to go in front of the Legislature during the next session, asking that the statute in which \$1.5 million dollars taken from DLI to go into the General Fund be repealed.

Lamm made a motion, seconded by Abrahamson, that the Board supports the resolution made by the Minnesota Mechanical Contractors Association. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

V. Committee Reports

- A. Executive Committee – This Committee met prior to the start of the Plumbing Board.
- B. Product and Code Review Committee – This Committee met on December 1, 2009. Chair Justin reviewed the Request For Action files discussed at this meeting.
- C. Code Interpretation Committee – This Committee has not met.
- D. Licensing and Registration Committee – This Committee has not met.
- E. Water Conditioning Committee – This Committee has not met.

VI. Special Business

- B. Requests For Action
 - i. File PB0043 (6-17-09) Copper Water Tube Adhesive Joint, Mueller. Commissioner's Designee Lungstrom stated he had received a voice mail from this Presenter, in which Mr. Mueller requested his presentation be deferred to the April Plumbing Board meeting.
- C. DLI Reports
- D. Endorsements

- i. DLI, License Fee Restructuring. Gander made a motion, seconded by Kammerer, that he Board support DLI's restructuring of fees. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.
- ii. DLI, Contractor Language. The meeting took a short break to allow copies of the document titled *Possible Amendments to Minn. Stat. Chapter 326B (2009) Regarding Business Licenses for Plumbing and Water Conditioning*, which had previously been distributed at the October, 2009 meeting. The document was then discussed by the Board.

Gander made a motion, seconded by Palmateer, to endorse the document titled *Possible Amendments to Minn. Stat. Chapter 326B (2009) Regarding Business Licenses for Plumbing and Water Conditioning*. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

The meeting broke at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

E. Rulemaking

- i. Rulemaking Cycle
 1. Department Recommendations. Schultz reviewed a spreadsheet created by the Department which shows the timeline of the current rulemaking cycles by the various codes under the Department's purview. It is the Department's recommendation that the Plumbing Board establish a rulemaking cycle for the Minnesota Plumbing Code, rather than be in a continuous rulemaking cycle. Another option would be for the Plumbing Board to adopt a national or universal plumbing code.

The Board broke for lunch at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Justin made a motion, seconded by Kittelson, to adopt the CCLD rulemaking timetable 2012 Model Code Adoption Cycle, such that the SONAR is completed by the April, 2012 Plumbing Board meeting; the RFAs be decided on by the Plumbing Board by December 31, 2011; and the Request For Comments be published no later than July 31, 2011. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Discussion took place on adopting a universal plumbing code versus keeping Minnesota's Plumbing Code. The Board directs that DLI make available an electronic version of the review of Minnesota Plumbing Code versus the IPC and UPC done by the previous Plumbing Code Advisory Committee.

Abrahamson made a motion, seconded by Gander, that any submitted RFA's product standard be listed as a mandatory standard in both the IPC and UPC before they will be considered

by the Plumbing Board; a line with a check box will be added to the RFA form asking if the product standard is listed in both the IPC and UPC. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

2. Rulemaking Timeline – there was no further discussion.
- ii. Future Request For Comments – see the above motion.
- iii. Legislative Session Effects on Rulemaking. Parizek stated that there were two issues that will be discussed during the next legislative session regarding plumbing: continuing education and medical gas.

VII. Complaints

There have been no complaints submitted to the Board.

VIII. Open Forum

Laura Millberg from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency had filled out an Open Forum request requesting an update on where the Board is on the RFAs submitted regarding storm water/grey water for residential and commercial buildings; however, she had to leave. Chair Parizek stated his understanding is that Senator Jungbauer would be presenting new legislation during the next legislative session. Parizek stated he will be meeting with the Senator the following day regarding waterless urinals.

IX. Board Discussion

Justin stated that during the Executive Committee, support for Committee meetings was discussed. The Department has stated that Annette Trnka will not be available for support during Committee meetings and asked if any Board member would volunteer for assistance during the meetings to type motions that are displayed overhead and take notes of the directions of the Committees to Presenters. There were no volunteers.

X. Announcements

- A. Next Regularly Scheduled Meetings:
 - i. Tuesday, April 20, 2010, 9:30 a.m. – Minnesota Room, DLI
 - ii. Tuesday, July 20, 2010, 2008, 9:30 a.m. – Minnesota Room, DLI

XI. Adjournment

Lamm made a motion, seconded by Kittelson, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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