

**Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Examining Board
Committee Chairpersons Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2009**

Committee Members Present:

Ron Masters, Chairperson
Patty Broerman
Jane Hagedorn
Sue Salsman
Chuck Thomas

Staff Attending:

Cindy Houlson, Executive Officer
Susan Van Horn, Program Planner

Chairperson Ron Masters called the meeting to order at approximately 11:25 am.

Chairperson Masters noted the purpose of the meeting was to allow the committee chairs the opportunity to discuss the activities of the individual committees to identify the accomplishments and needs of each committee.

Reciprocity Committee – Chairperson Patty Broerman reported their committee has been researching options but has postponed any further communication with other states until the licensure rules are completed. Also reported was the completion of a reciprocity statement to be added to the rules.

Testing/Examination Committee – Chairperson Chuck Thomas reported they are beginning work on the verbiage for the examination/evaluation portion of the rules. Also discussed was who would begin work on CEU's. The committee chairs determined Jane Hagedorn will begin drafting CEU language.

Discussion then focused on the status of Chapter 29 Rules.

- Minimum requirements: GED/education requirement needs to be reviewed. Potentially places hardship on applicants who may have not completed a formal education but are able to qualify under all other criteria.
- Grandfathering criteria: The “consecutive employment from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008” clause was identified as potentially causing hardship to an applicant who was laid-off, injured, or otherwise unable to work continuously but qualifies under all other criteria. Suggestion was to eliminate ‘consecutive’ from rule purposed for Chapter 29. Recommendation is to state the employment verification as 5 of the last 10 years and nothing additional.

This information will be forwarded to the Administrative Rules Committee.

The next item for discussion was Chapter 28 Rules.

- The discussion focused on the purposed Initial Application Fee and Board Exam Sponsoring Fee. The committee chairs had extensive discussion about the

purpose and intent of the fees. The proposal to eliminate the Board Exam Sponsoring Fee was addressed and suggested to instead apply a \$35.00 one time 'processing' fee to all applicants the first time they apply to the Licensing Board either as an initial applicant or as an exam candidate. The committee chairs determined they will return to the individual committees for further discussion of the suggested change and reconvene discussions at the next public meeting.

In closing business the committee chairs agreed the need for licensing contractors will need to be addressed in the next legislative session. In addition, Chairperson Jane Hagedorn requested IDPH staff update the Board on any potential legislative changes as soon as they develop.

The next meeting of the committee chairs will be held prior to the next Board meeting on October 15, 2008.

Chairperson Ron Masters adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Van Horn