

**Chairs Committee Notes**  
**May 18, 2009 at 4:00**

Members Present: Ron Masters, Sue Salsman, Chuck Thomas, Jane Hagedorn

Members Absent: Patricia Broerman

Staff Present: Cindy Houlson, Susan Van Horn, Wendy Zimmerline, Matt Oetker  
Special Guest Olivia Oetker

Sue Salsman reported on the Administrative Rules Committee. They have had a couple of meetings. Contested Cases is not ready to go. Basically they have gone through Contested Cases and issues that the Board discussed at their last meeting. Ken Sharp has requested that he be apart of the report to update the Board on SF224 and the timeline that includes committee work that will need to be completed.

Comment: Examples of committee work include Chapter 28 changes that the Application and Fees Committee will need to work on. Chapter 27 changes that the ARC Committee will need to address. Chapter 29 may be a combination of Test Committee and ARC Committee. Chapter 30 would be CEU Committee. Changes in the new licenses and other pieces of SF224 have affected most of the rules.

Chuck Thomas reported that the Test Committee. Since last meeting the contract was received on Thursday, IDPH has now signed the contract so it is now valid. Next step is a phone conference on Wednesday. They have to get things moving along, still trying to meet the July 1 date. It sounds like it takes 6-8-10 weeks to get it up and running. Susie has a lot to do with it. We had to wait till the contract was signed before setting up a meeting with Iowa Interactive and Prometric.

Comment: First test may have to be old style, in a room with a proctor if Iowa Interactive is not ready.

Comment: The Electrical Board is still trying to work out their issues with Prometric.

Comment: We will need a contingency plan.

Comment: Prometric is doing testing; this is not a new thing. We should be able to move forward and need to encourage them.

Comment: SF224 requires action on many items. It does have an effective date of July 1.

Comment: Ken will brief the Board on the time line and setting up priorities.

Chuck concluded his report.

Jane Hagedorn reported that the Application and Fees Committee had not met. They will be meeting once they receive their assignments associated with SF224.

Jane Hagedorn reported that the CEU Committee worked on forms and they are now prototypes and are being tested. They are trying to have the forms ready for the Board to consider. The next meeting they will be addressing e-classes. Chapter 30 will also have changes that need to occur to with the new licenses being included in SF224.

Comments: Discussion revolved around apprentice performance on math tests and challenges it present when so many are doing poorly.

Discussion shifted to who would be present at the June meeting. If meeting would be shifted to another date, alternative members could not attend. There are two options, move the meeting or cancel the meeting. Ron determined he would bring it up at the Board meeting.

Reciprocity Committee did not have a report.

Chuck reported that the Medical Gas Piping Committee has not met. There has been an issue come up on applications from ABC members. They identified their training provider as something different from NITC or METC. We will be following up on the issue. A few other individuals have identified other providers and those will also be followed up on.

Staff report: Staff continued to work the 24 hours of overtime to catch up with the applications that come in.

Comment: At the Board meeting should the code be brought up? Chapter 25 will bring it forward and then Ron could establish a new Code Committee.

Comment: There have been 7,630 applications received and 5,486 licenses issued 1,569 pending on-line applications and 575 paper applications pending data entry.

Comment: Members discussed reasons why apprentices are not showing up. Chuck's group has 275; Ron knew of 70 some here in the area and at least 70 more in Cedar Rapids. Total in the software system is 217.

Felony report: Discussion on the break down of categories on the spread sheet. It may not be appropriate to lump theft and burglaries together. Matt will work with Cindy on the best way to separate the reports. Another issue discussed related to how much detail was wanted or needed on this report. It could become unmanageable if each report was broke out individually.

Comment: This is public information.

Comment: Please bring your copy of IA Code 105 to the meeting. We will provide copies for those who cannot get to a printer or do not have their own copy.

A new Waiver from Administrative Rules has been received. It will be presented at the Board meeting and has to do with the Iowa Workforce Development Contractor Registration Number issue.

Comment: The Board does not have the rules in place to have the authority to address the waiver. Barb Nervig is also out of the office for a period of time. Someone else in the Department will need to address the waiver.

There was lively discussion on the way other surrounding State address individuals from Iowa who want to work in their state. Bottom line is we are in grandfather period which is different from the licensing period other States are in.

Comment: At the last Board meeting it was determined that the individual had to submit a Waiver before his issue could be addressed. The Waiver was sent to him and he returned it.

Comment: Additional issue brought up was the need to demonstrate their intent to work in Iowa. The individual or company should have already been working in Iowa.

Comment: This was something the Board did in the rules; it is not in IA Code 105.

Discussion continued about what other States do and whether Board can make a recommendation to the Department. Ken Sharp was in the building and he was asked to join us to clarify the Waiver process.

Comment: Typically every agency can waive the rules. Problem for this Board is the rules are not in place yet.

Comment: Not in favor of opening up umbrella yet. Not in favor of a blanket ruling. We need to look at each one separately.

Comment: Is there a sub committee that could handle these? ARC Committee seems reasonable. If we approve a blanket then all would be approved.

Comment: Is it against the law to work without an IWD number? Reciprocity is a totally different issue.

Ken Sharp joined the meeting.

Comment: Ideally during the waiver period everyone would have had to take or retake the State test. That did not happen. As a result, reciprocity may never become a reality because of the grandfathering period.

Comment: Need to make sure that the public knows legislation has tied the Boards hands and created the issues that are now concerns for many.

Comment: There is a fine line here; the Board created this rule not the legislation. The Board cannot waiver 105 language.

Comment: We need to have the discussion at the Board meeting. There is a 30-60 day limit to respond.

Comment: Minnesota did reciprocate with Des Moines.

Comment: Reciprocity will be a big challenge for awhile.

New topic was introduced for discussion, upcoming elections. Staff had no response from anyone except those who currently hold leadership positions. All indicated they would continue it no one else was interested in the position. If there was interest, they would step down. Nominations can come from the floor. Chair will appoint all subcommittees.

Additional licensing questions were reviewed. Question came up on could a local jurisdiction require landlords to get a license for installing water heaters. Response was 105 trumps the local jurisdictions. Once the State speaks on a topic, it is law. This is not our issue since SF224 provides the exemptions. It goes beyond the scope of 105 and is a local jurisdiction issue.

Ken Sharp left the meeting.

Letters that will be presented at meeting were reviewed. They will be read by Chuck in order to get the secretary more involved in the meeting. All other remaining items were reviewed and it was stressed that everything needs to be discussed at the meeting. It is important that all members be involved in the discussions.

Ron announced that he had submitted his information for his license.

Meeting was adjourned.

Cindy Houlson