Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Examining Board
Board Meeting
Monday, Nov. 9, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Ron Masters, Jane Hagedorn, Chuck Thomas, Stuart Crine, Thomas Day, Mick Gage, Susan Salsman, Ken Sharp and Brita Van Horne.

Board Members Absent: Denny Molten & Carol Crane

Staff Attending:
Cindy Houlson
Susan Van Horn
Stephanie Underwood
Matt Oetker
Sheri Cord
Mary Swinehart

Call to Order:
Ron Masters called meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes from October 20, 2009 were reviewed and approved.
Motion: Jane Hagedorn made motion to approve minutes.
Seconded: Ken Sharp
Discussion: No further discussion was held.
Vote: All ayes
Motion: Carried

<u>Committee Reports and Recommendations for Actions</u>

Administrative Rules Committee Sue Salsman Chair
<u>Chapter 31 Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board-Waivers or Variances from Administrative Rules</u> Several questions were asked at the Chapter 31 Public hearing held on October 13th, individuals encouraged to contact the office with questions as this forum is for comments.
Motion: Ken Sharp made a motion that the Board adopt and file Chapter 31 with the Administrative Rules Review Committee.
Seconded: Chuck Thomas
Discussion: No further discussion was held.
Vote: All ayes
Motion: Carried

<u>Chapter 28 Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board-Licensure Fees</u>
Jane Hagedorn presented Chapter 28 to the Board. The board agreed with language in Chapter 28 following a lengthy discussion.
Motion: Chuck Thomas made a motion that the Board file Chapter 28 as notice of intended action with the Administrative Rules Review Committee.
Seconded: Sue Salsman

Discussion: No further discussion was held.
Vote: Two descending votes
Motion: Carried

Chapter 29 Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board – Application, Licensure and Examination. Following a lengthy discussion a motion was made.
Motion: Jane Hagedorn made a motion that the Board file Chapter 29 as notice of intended action with the Administrative Rules Review Committee with modifications of Service Technician.
Seconded: Brita Van Horne
Discussion: No further discussion was held.
Vote: All ayes
Motion: Carried

Chapter 30 Continuing Education for Plumbing and Mechanical
Cindy Houlson shared the public hearing for Chapter 30 will be held on November 24th 11:00 a.m.-1 p.m. This forum will provide an opportunity for comments, no questions will be answered. There will be an expanded number of sites as the result of a suggestion from the last public hearing.

Application and Fees Committee Jane Hagedorn, Chair
Jane commented that this report was covered previously.

CEU Committee Jane Hagedorn, Chair
Jane reported that the CEU Committee has met twice since last board meeting. This group is continuing the process of reviewing both course and instructors. A calendar of courses will be posted online real soon.
There have been a total of 67 applications received:
40 instructor and 27 courses
24 instructors have been approved and 16 courses have been approved
24 have been requested to provide additional information and 3 courses are pending instructor approval.

Chapter 29 Committee Ron Master, Chair
Chapter 29 was presented for notice of intended action earlier.

Plumbing Code Committee Tom Day, Chair
Building administrators/inspectors presented on the codes at last month's meeting. On November 17th industry partners are invited to voice their preference at the Wallace Building. Invites have been sent.

Testing and Credentials Committee Chuck Thomas, Chair
Chuck reported that he; Jane and Mick have experienced the preliminary testing. There are a few bugs to work out such as not enough information provided on questions with diagrams. These observations will be communicated to Prometric for their input.

Licensing Program Statistics
Susan reported the following statistics.

A total of 11,817 licensees, with a total of 20,362 licenses issued

Master License	10298 issued
Journeyperson License	9550 issued
Apprentice	514 issued

Public Comment
Mike Macula
When does the international mechanical code update? *The International Mechanical Code will be adopted January 1, 2010. Typically the code is adopted on a three year cycle. Public Hearing was held for input. The Mechanical Code does not fall under this board.*
When will master inactive/journey active be available on computer? *We are sending out this week to all our license holders as well as others, this board will be accepting paper applications, acknowledging those applications and issuing the license at some point in the future when our computer system is able to handle those requests in 2010. The $25.00 application fee will be waived with this request. That application will have to be received before December 31, 2009.*
Is there a date when an investigator will be hired? *We are in the process of requesting approval to hire an investigator. At this point with the layoffs, furloughs' and hiring freeze, there is still a chance that we may get approval.*
What are some of the names of legislatures that we could contact? *Contact your local legislatures.*
I am a bit confused by the geothermal definition. Does feel the definition of the geothermal system is correct. *Issue is with the statue that instructs this board to provide a geothermal license. This board does not have the discretion to change it.*
On minutes, page 5, it states that for the November Meeting industry partners will be invited to voice your opinions on codes. *Ask that those that have participated on the previous presentation that they refrain.*

James Rashid
Why does a geothermal installer still have to have an HVAC license? G*eothermal installer is doing HVAC work. The legislation in 105.10(5) The Board shall by rule provide for the issuance of a license for installers of geothermal heat pump systems that shall require certification pursuant to industry accredited installer certification standards recognized by the United States department of energy.*

What training is required for sublicenses? *This is new legislation this year; the board has addressed the concerns that have been voiced. There are still inspection and permit requirements that must be met.*

For individuals sharing concerns, comments regarding Chapter 29 encouraged to provide comments at the public hearings or submit to Cindy Houlson as designated in the Administrative Rules bulletin.

Bill Sweitzer
November 17th Code Meeting if unable to attend. *Forward e-mail to Cindy Houlson*.

Mike Minnick
30% reduction of fees where do I apply for mine? *The reduction will not be retro. At the renewable period you will see that cost savings. Individuals applying after rules are in effect the new licensing structure will be used based upon the licensing requirements.*
Enforcement in the field, feel one investigator for the entire state is adequate. *Share your comments and concerns with the Administrative Regulatory Rules Committee when this rule is open for public comment. Information will be shared through the list serve.*

Don Hansen, City of Des Moines
When the state does inspections, will they also provide permits? *Until the state establishes that authority we will not be inspecting.*

In the section on Contractor license there needs to be something that makes it impossible for one master to pull permits for others. *This board does not handle permitting. Permitting and inspections will stay in local jurisdiction*.

James Schaack, Waldinger Corporation
Has applied for instructor approval. One requirement is to OSHA 500 completion card. Request that those that do not have OSHA 500 cards be considered for instructor approval.

Next meeting will be held at the DMACC Campus in Ankeny.

Adjournment
Motion: Ken Sharp made a motion to adjourn
Seconded: Susan Salsman
Discussion: No further discussion was held.
Vote: All ayes
Motion: Carried