

**Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Examining Board  
Application & Fees Committee Meeting Minutes  
July 20, 2009**

**Committee Members Present:**

Jane Hagedorn, Chairperson  
Mick Gage  
Ron Master

**Committee Member Absent:**

Carol Crane

**Staff Attending:**

Cindy Houlson, Executive Officer  
Susan Van Horn, Program Planner  
Wendy Zimmerline, Clerk Specialist  
Matt Oetker, Assistant Attorney General  
Mary Swinehart, Secretary 1

Committee Chair, Jane Hagedorn called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of January 16, 2009 were reviewed and approved.

**Chapter 28 & SF224– Cindy Houlson**

Cindy distributed a timeline for rules affected by SF224. Ken Sharp will be presenting Chapter 29 at the Board Meeting as well as reviewing revenues and expenses to allow determination of the costs of the combined licenses. We've been requested to decrease the fee for the combined license.

This committee has discretion to create specialty license and the fee for same. Water heaters fall under plumbing, by code. Water heaters also include running duct work and many HVAC licensees have previously installed the water heater. Specialty license for water heaters would restrict the amount of plumbing that a person who may have only performed this work.

There was a discussion regarding fee for combined license. Costs will be reviewed after the July 1 deadline figures are submitted. Ken Sharp has worked very hard on documenting expenses to date. It was the consensus at this time that this committee did not wish to decrease the general license fee. The board looked at states around Iowa and did a lot of research to establish the fees.

Suggestion was made that no fee change be made till the end of the waiver period, reduction could occur at renewal. There was discussion of prorating, such as if issued in July would be an entire year, in Dec. pay less.

Concern was expressed with huge expense when inspectors are added to staff.

**Contractors License:**

We do not have the authority to issue contractors license. How is contractor defined?

Sheet metal workers that travel from state to state are pro contractor license.

How is geothermal different than a specialty license? Geothermal is based on national testing.

A subcommittee has not been formed to address subsection 5.

*Subsection 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.*

### **CEUs**

Nothing is approved presently. Concern with license renewal there is a rush to get these moving.

### **28.1**

Add geothermal, contractor and specialty. Set fee at a later date. There was a discussion regarding specialty license and fees.

### **Med Gas**

Is a med gas renewal needed? Basically a reapplication process. There has been no information distributed. Board need not address as they have credentials from NITC or board approved equivalent.

### **Combined License**

Defined in chapter 28 as the big four. Mechanical professional could have applied for three licenses.

28.1 (5) need to expand plumbing and mechanical professional by adding geothermal as provided by the board. Also add to disciplinary.

28.2 (5) change date to July 2009 from July 2010.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 2-4 p.m.

**Motion to adjourn** by Ron, seconded by Jane at 11:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Mary Swinehart