

Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Examining Board

October 15, 2008

Meeting Minutes

The Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Examining Board met at the Iowa State Capitol Building.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:00 am

Roll Call: 9:05

Board Members Present:

Ronald Masters, Chairperson
Jane Hagedorn, Vice Chairperson
Charles Thomas, Secretary
Dennis Molden
Susan Salsman
Mickey Gage
Thomas Day
Ken Sharp
Carol Crane
Stuart Crine

Board Members Absent:

Patricia Broerman

Staff Attending:

Cindy Houlson, Executive Officer
Heather Adams, Assistant Attorney General
Matt Oetker, Assistant Attorney General
Susan Van Horn, Program Planner
Wendy Zimmerline, Secretary 1

Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes from the September meeting were approved as corrected.

Motion: Jane Hagedorn to approve minutes from September meeting as corrected.

Seconded: Thomas Day

Discussion: no further discussion was held.

Vote: All ayes

Motion: Carried

Board Chair Ron Masters then took a few moments for introductions and commendations to the Board for the hard work and time they have been dedicating to the rule process. Board Chair Ron Masters introduced Wendy Zimmerline as the new secretary for the Iowa Dept. of Public Health.

Heather Adams, Assistant Attorney General introduced Matt Oetker, Assistant Attorney General who has begun working with the Board.

Ken Sharp and Heather Adams also gave a brief description of the rule process and emphasized public comment is welcome and important to the process. Heather Adams identified that the public may comment online and also at public hearings that will be held in November and December for Chapters 28 and 29. Chairman Masters also emphasized the importance of the public comment period.

Committee Reports and Recommendations for Actions:

All Committee Chairpersons provided a brief report on the progress of their committee.

Administrative Rules Committee – Sue Salsman Committee Chair

Committee Chair Sue Salsman provided an overview of Chapter 28 and reviewed late fee procedure. Chairwoman Salsman brought forth the recommendation that the rule be approved as Notice for Intended Action.

Motion: Charles Thomas to approve Chapter 28 as Notice for Intended Action.

Seconded: Mickey Gage

Discussion: no further discussion was held.

Vote: All ayes

Motion: Carried

Committee Chair Sue Salsman then provided an overview of Chapter 29. After debate of the presented information the Board decided on a few structural adjustments to improve the flow of the document. Chairperson Sue brought forth the recommendation that the rule be approved as Notice for Intended Action.

Motion: Jane Hagedorn to approve Chapter 29 as Notice for Intended Action.

Seconded: Charles Thomas

Discussion: no further discussion was held.

Vote: All ayes

Motion: Carried

Committee Chair Sue Salsman brought forth the recommendation that Chapter 27 be approved as Adopt and File due to the only public comment referred to the statute which is unable to be changed at this time.

Motion: Stuart Crine to approve Chapter 27 as Adopt and File

Seconded: Jane Hagedorn

Discussion: no further discussion was held.

Vote: All ayes

Motion: Carried

Application & Fee Committee – Jane Hagedorn

Committee Chair Jane Hagedorn presented a draft application for licensing for Board discussion.

The committee has also met to discuss Continuing Education requirements and advised the Board on committee standings for Chapter 30.

Testing/Credentials Committee – Chuck Thomas Committee Chair

Committee Chair Chuck Thomas noted they have received five RFIs with the closing date set for 4:00 pm 10/15/08. The committee will be reviewing them to decide if there is a need for a RFP. The committee goal is to have testing established by January 1, 2009 or shortly after.

Reciprocity Committee – Board Chairman Ron Masters

This committee will be on hold at this time as reciprocity has been removed from the current rules and will become a rule on its own.

Legislative Initiative and State Plumbing Code Adoption – Ken Sharp

Ken Sharp presented an update of legislative changes being moved forward for Chapter 105. He identified that the changes will be presented by the Iowa Dept. of Public Health rather than an individual legislator.

Other Business

Cindy Houlson requested information from the Board members for ideas to communicate and educate the public about upcoming licensure requirements. The Board provided several suggestions of contacts to distribute information.

Public Comment

Don Hansen, City of Des Moines requested clarification on the issuance of contractor licenses by city jurisdictions.

Mike Machula brought forth several comments in regards to Medical Gas Installers and the requirements identified in Chapter 29, a suggestion to use W2 forms as a form of verifiable work experience, and the issue of felony questions and the Department of Labors requirements. Chairman Masters recommended Mr. Machula consider addressing his concerns within the public comment period for Chapters 28 and 29 as well.

Evan Peterson, Black Hill Energy, addressed the need for specialty licensing for appliance repairman and clarification of where a service technician would fall in the licensing rules.

Kevin Kruse, PHCC, addressed the intent of legislative language for Chapter 105. 11 (3) and the addition of subcontractors and reviewed the purpose for licensing contractors.

Rod Van Wart, City of Des Moines, Offered consultation services to the Board.

Bill Schweitzer, IAPMO, asked the board to be mindful of homeowner's right to perform work in their own homes. The majority of cities provide homeowners the option to do their own work provided they get permits and inspection to insure compliance with the codes.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:35 am.

Motion: Ken Sharp to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded: Jane Hagedorn

Discussion: no further discussion was held

Vote: All ayes

Motion: Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Zimmerline
Secretary