

**Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board
Chairs Meeting
Friday, May 5, 2011**

Present: Jane Hagedorn, Chuck Thomas, Cindy Houlson, Matt Oetker and Mary Swinehart

Absent: Susan Salsman and Ron Masters

Call to Order – Chair Jane Hagedorn

There was a discussion about Sky Baski's new request. At the April board meeting his waiver from continuing education for license renewal was denied on the grounds that this board lacks the authority to grant such a waiver. Mr. Baski called Jane Hagedorn requesting an audience with the Board. Jane felt this issue could first be covered by the CEU Committee. A recommendation will then be taken to the board for final decision.

Summary Document Update

Matt Oetker reviewed the legislative changes and plans to handle each change.

Sec 1&2: expand the definitions for HVAC, Hydronic and Refrigeration

Matt revised the rules to include new definitions. Also included the changes for the different committee.

Rules will be going to the board meeting this month for board approval. Rules then will go to the Governor's office for review.

Chuck Thomas commented that change of definitions have changed the scope of the exams.

HVAC will include commercial refrigeration

Refrigeration to include cooling & heating, all natural and propane gas

These two licenses are virtually the same license.

Exams will be redone making both the same exam.

A postcard will be sent to all licensees with legislative changes bulletin points.

Section 3 reduces paper application

In most cases the application was already two pages long. Instructions will remain separate from application and screening questions will reference previous licensing periods.

Section 4

Deleted from the rules

Section 5

Mat Oetker has incorporated changes into Chapter 28. A meeting has been scheduled with finance to develop a process for refunds. There are three basic types of refunds: a) credit card; b) checks/money orders that have been cashed; and c) checks/money orders that have been held in anticipation of the legislative change.

Section 6

Matt Oetker is addressing the language on the website as will in the Fees chapter.

Temp staff is being trained to be answer phone calls.

Changes in software have begun.

Section 7

Homeowner licensing exemptions – just answering questions.

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Section 9

Eliminate special electrical license. Refunds are unknown.

Section 10

Licensure term from two years to three years.

Section 11

CEU requirement – 3 year term/grace period for license fees.

Section 12 & 13

Senate amendment military exemption.

A webinar with training providers has been scheduled for next week. This informational meeting will provide updates to those providers.

Adjournment