Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Examining Board
Chapter 29 Committee Meeting Notes
Friday, February 26, 2010 2 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Ron Masters, Jane Hagedorn, Mick Gage, Ken Sharp and Chuck Thomas.

Staff Attending: Cindy Houlson, Matt Oetker and Mary Swinehart

Ken Sharp spoke to the group about some concerns that have surfaced in regards to experienced individuals in the trades who have never taken an apprenticeship program thus do not qualify to take an exam under the present guidelines.

Journeypersons Exam

Group 1 are individuals who have completed 4 or more years experience before Dec. 31, 2009 would be eligible to sit for journey exam.
Suggested documentation to be required would be:

Letter from employer (master) they are working under.
Form to take to employer – affidavit to employer. Requiring notarized
Prefer verification before taking the test.
DD214 form for military

Group 2 post Jan 1, 2010. Individual may be part way thru or just started an apprenticeship program. Anyone starting a new apprenticeship program would have to present to the board the DOL certificate. This would provide a clear understanding for those just getting into the trade.

A discussion followed regarding hydronics as a part of plumbing.
Group 1 or 2 where hydronics is concerned, normally looking at apprentices are HVAC or plumbing. Hydronics is provided as part of both.
A lot of areas have plumbing with hydronics included. PHCC is either plumbing or HVAC. In this case individuals could sit for any of the four exams.
Out of state applicants still remains an issue for discussion.

Master Exam

Individual has previously been licensed as a master in the applicable discipline or been licensed as a journeyperson in the applicable discipline and has at least two years of journeyperson experience in the applicable discipline.

Geothermal

There are efforts that geothermal is in favor of going forward as presented.
There are two different drafts with similar language, more toward what the board would wants.

HVAC Service Tech

Evan Peterson from Black Hills Energy will be invited to next meeting (March 10 10:30 -11:30) to present creditentials and program.