Notes

Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board
Testing and Exam Committee
February 20, 2012 - 10:00 A.M.
5TH FLOOR S CONFERENCE ROOM #518
Lucas State Office Building
321 East 12TH Street, Des Moines, IA

Present:
Chuck Thomas
Jane Hagedorn
Mick Gage
Ron Masters
Cindy Houlson
September Lau
Ramona Cooper

Absent:
Jim Cooper
Matt Oetker

Cindy Houlson shared with the Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board committee an email received from Prometric; where she had forwarded questions from the committee. After discussion the committee decided to request the Iowa Plumbing and Mechanical Board (IPMB) delegate responsibility to the committee to move forward with communication with Prometric.

The committee would like to at reduce the number of questions from 100 to 75 – 80 on the journeyperson exam. However, they feel 200 questions on the Master exam are appropriate.

If approval to move forward is received from IPMV the Testing and Exam Committee will hold a teleconference meeting from 1 – 3 P.M. on Monday, February 27. The Testing and Exam Committee has requested 1) Ramona reserve a conference room and 2) Cindy provide CIB information for this meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine 1) what directive the committee wants to provide Prometric (to reduce the number of questions on the Journeyperson exam from 100 to 75 - 80) and 2) establish a deadline of 30-days for Prometric to complete this task. If this deadline is unreasonable they are requesting that Prometric provide in writing, the reason this cannot be accomplished.

When the agreement with Prometric is renewed the committee would like to request:

- Prometric to administer exams through Community Colleges and increase the number of test sites within the state
- Shorten the waiting time for a licensee to retest (i.e. first time testing can continue to be one month however for retesting this seems excessive)
- Explore going to a standardized tests

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.