

**Board of High Pressure Piping Systems**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 29, 2008**  
**Minnesota Room – Department of Labor and Industry**  
**443 Lafayette Road North, Saint Paul**  
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**Members Present:**

Mark Geisenhof  
David Grong  
Larry Jordan  
Jim Andrie  
Bob Bastianelli  
Mark Kincs  
Maureen Hanson  
Vicki Sandberg  
Tom Joachim (DLI Commissioner's designee)

**Staff Present:**

John Schultz  
Todd Green  
Wendy Legge  
Kevin Wilkins  
Annette Trnka

**Visitors:**

Matthew Lemke  
Phil Raines

**Members Absent:**

Pat Galatz  
Larry Stevens, Jr.  
Peg Larsen  
Therese Bozicevich

**I. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Jordan at 1:33 p.m.

**II. Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Sandberg moved to accept the Agenda, seconded by Hanson. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

**III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Grong moved to approve previous minutes, as amended, and was seconded by Sandberg. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

**IV. Special Order of Business**

**a. Sub-committees**

Discussion of the presented sub-committee list prepared by Jordan included a request from Geisenhoff to be included on the Licensing Committee, and removed from the Ammonia Committee. Chair Jordan agreed. Further discussion included the recommendation from Wendy Legge that both sets of three sub-committees meet prior to the High Pressure Piping Systems board meeting, in order that the sub-committees would then be able to make recommendations to the board on their recommendations. It was decided that the

Administration, Ammonia and Licensing sub-committees would meet at 8:00 a.m., and the Bio-Processing, Welding and Steam sub-committees would meet at 10:00 a.m. The regular board meeting would then start at 1:00 p.m. of the same day.

The Administration Committee will consist of Mark Kincs (Chair), Peg Larsen, Vicki Sandberg, Larry Stevens & Tom Joachim.

The Ammonia Committee will consist of James Andrie (Chair), Patrick Galatz, David Grong and Tom Joachim.

The Licensing Committee will consist of Maureen Hanson (Chair), Therese Bozicevich, Bob Bastianelli, Larry Jordan, Mark Geisenhoff and Tom Joachim.

The Bio-Processing Committee will consist of Vicki Sandberg (Chair), James Andrie, Maureen Hanson, Peg Larson, and Tom Joachim

The Welding Committee will consist of Pat Galatz (Chair), Therese Bozicevich, David Grong, Larry Stevens, and Tom Joachim

The Steam Committee will consist of Bob Bastianelli (Chair), Mark Kincs, Mark Geisenhoff, Larry Jordan and Tom Joachim.

Department of Labor and Industry staff advisors will consist of Kevin Wilkins, Todd Green, Wendy Legge and John Schultz for all sub-committees.

Sandberg made a motion to accept the sub-committees as presented, seconded by Geisenhoff. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

All committees will make recommendations to the Board. No committee will have final authority. All committee members will vote on their recommendations, therefore subject to open meeting law. By-Laws could be changed to reflect that the Committees have authority to make the final recommendations. DLI Staff is to break down the code (Chapter 5230) in sections for each applicable committee.

**b. Continuing Education**

- a. There are not continuing education requirements at this time. The Board does not have authority to adopt legislation regarding continuing education. This was the one exception of power the Board of High Pressure Piping Systems was given. However, the Board could certainly make suggestions to the Department of Labor and Industry regarding what they feel would be good requirements regarding continuing education. All other professions that the Department of Labor and Industry oversees has continuing education requirements, so the Board may want to consider that.

**V. Announcements**

**a. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting**

- i. March 6, 2008 – Minnesota Room, DLI. Administration, Ammonia and Licensing sub-committees to meet at 8:00 a.m. Bio-Processing, Welding and Steam sub-committees to meet at 10:00 a.m. Board meeting to start at 1:00 p.m.
- ii. April 2, 2008 – Minnesota Room, DLI. Administration, Ammonia and Licensing sub-committees to meet at 8:00 a.m. Bio-Processing, Welding and Steam sub-committees to meet at 10:00 a.m. Board meeting to start at 1:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Sandberg, seconded by Joachim to accept April 2, 2008. The vote unanimous and the motion passed.

Hanson made a motion, seconded by Bastianelli to accept the first Thursday of every month from May through December. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed. A friendly amendment was made by Hanson and seconded by Bastianelli to cancel the July 3, 2008 meeting date. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

## **VI. Regular Business**

- a. Minnesota High Pressure Piping Code
- b. Licensing
- c. Continuing Education

Todd Green spoke on the HPPS Rule Amendment Issues. The first issue was on proposed on Limited License. The Board needs to consider whether they want separate exams for pipefitting/welding. There could possibly be two different license types for journeymen. There could be a limited power piping certification journeyman or ammonia/refrigeration, or if you scored 70 on the whole exam, it would be the full high pressure piping license. Limited License needs to be reviewed by Sub-committee and make a determination.

Definition of Repair – Todd Green states that as a division, DLI is often asked for interpretation of that Statute (MN 326.48) repair of existing installations. Department proposed definition of repairs as “Repairs on an existing installation include replacement of flanged or threaded valves, strainers, traps, fittings, or gaskets for these items, and manufactured threaded nipples. Except for patches and weld overlays, repairs on existing installations do not include replacement of welded joints or alteration of an existing high pressure piping system.” Board should meet at the beginning of the Sub-committee meeting and determine the definition of Repair.

Expiration of Welder Performance Qualifications – The Department proposed language is to place the same 3 year expiration for both power piping and ammonia refrigeration. Discussion included instead of making it a set time (3 years) versus the inspector having the right to demand a re-test. Every time an x-ray is taken of a weld, it’s considered a “re-qualification.” Or could include, “test every three years to certify, unless there has been an x-ray for re-certification.”

Qualification of procedures and welders. The Department proposed qualification tests of procedures and welders and also language that would exempt owners of HPP systems from the above requirements.

## **VII. Committee Reports - None**

### **VIII. Complaints - None**

### **IX. Open Forum - None**

**X. Board Discussion - None**

**XI. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Sandberg, seconded by Hanson to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor and the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bob Bastianelli*

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