

Executive Committee - Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2014 @ 8:00 a.m.
Department of Labor and Industry
443 Lafayette Road No., St. Paul, MN 55117-4344

Committee Members

John Parizek – Chair
Jim Lungstrom
Grant Edwards

DLI Staff & Visitors

Lyndy Lutz (DLI)
Cathy Tran (DLI)
Jim Peterson (DLI)
Gary Thaden (MMCA)
Gary Ford (Metro Testing)
Pete Moulton (Plumbing Board)
Chad Filek (Plumbing Board)

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Parizek at 8:19 a.m. Introductions and housekeeping announcements were made.

II. Approval of Meeting agenda

Edwards made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Lungstrom. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Lungstrom made a motion to approve the December 10, 2013 Executive Committee Minutes; seconded by Edwards. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

IV. Regular Business

Nothing to report.

V. Special Business

A) Plumbing Board Agenda Review

- No department updates to report.
- Parizek stated he has a report from the Water Reuse Agency group; the Agency has completed their work for code revisions. He received approval from the group to move forward with Chapter 17 on Rain Water Reclamation and although they were opposed to Chapter 16 due to some of the water quality issues, they would continue working on it. There is a Risk-Assessment Report that should be finished by the Minnesota Department of Health within the next year which will provide a better understanding of water quality needs.
- Gary Thaden expressed his disappointment that the Board would not be moving forward with Chapter 16; the water quality issue does not reside with the board, it is the technical aspects of installation that is before the board. Parizek stated there was too much opposition at this time; Thaden stated he understood the opposition, however, he did not understand why since the board does not deal with quality of water. It is not within the purview of this body (the board) to determine what the water quality is, it is the installation process.

- Edwards noted that at a previous meeting, discussion revolved around the idea of potentially making Chapter 16 an appendix, not binding code language. Parizek replied that even as an appendix there would be an issue, especially with the gray water. He added that it is not just the water quality standard; it is the jurisdiction over who is responsible for what aspect of it.
- Cathy Tran discussed the following:
 - Water Reuse Agency’s long term rules and regulations; the agency wants something in place for proper design/operations/maintenance.
 - Certified waste water operators and coordination with other agencies regarding onsite and gray water systems.
 - Concerns with Chapter 16 – The discharge of gray water and proper design to avoid dry drain issues; by moving some of the gray water you have more solids in the plumbing systems.
- Gary Thaden expressed his concern with Chapter 16 not being pushed forward.
- Parizek stated that the majority of the board members had re-applied for their positions. Expects re-appointments / appointments to take place in June 2014. If a member hasn’t been officially re-appointed or replaced by July 1, 2014 then that member would be automatically seated on the board.
- Construction Codes Advisory Council – Parizek stated he wasn’t aware of any recent meetings; Jim Kittelson would be asked to make a report if applicable.
- No other committees have met.
- Construction Industry Conference will be held on February 6, 2014.
- Parizek stated the board would review proposed amendments to the 2012 Uniform Plumbing Code; storm water, siphonic roof drainage, and flammable interceptors would be discussed.
 - Exhibit 35 to be addressed; Exhibit 13 deals with interceptor language from Chapter 4 and will be addressed in conjunction with Exhibit 35.
 - Recommendations dealing with traps – Exhibits 36, 37, 38, and 39.
 - Chapter 17 (Exhibit 41) will be reviewed.
 - An additional exhibit, number 42, was presented by Pete Moulton at the last meeting. Exhibit 42 deals with connections to public sewer and water. There is another section in the UPC that deals with this issue that we previously addressed but we need to compare the language.
- Complaints – Parizek stated he reported an individual that was advertising and plumbing that did not have a bond or license. Enforcement opened an investigation.
- Parizek stated the board would review Committees; Code Committee work has been completed – most likely won’t be a need for this committee in the future; Lungstrom agreed and Parizek stated he would make a recommendation to the board to dissolve the committee.

VI. Correspondence

No correspondence was received

VIII. Open Forum

None

IX. Discussion

- Parizek went to the recent 56th Annual Institute for Building Officials at the University of Minnesota. He attended a CE course presented by the City of Minneapolis that dealt with basic plumbing inspections.
- Suzanne Todnem has been assigned as legal representation only as it relates to Rulemaking for the Board.

X. Announcements

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

- A) Tuesday, April 15, 2014 @ 8:00 a.m. – Minnesota Room, DLI
- B) Tuesday, July 15, 2014 @ 8:00 a.m. – Minnesota Room, DLI
- C) Tuesday, October 21, 2014 @ 8:00 a.m. – Minnesota Room, DLI

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Parizek, Chair