

Executive Committee of the Plumbing Board
Meeting Minutes
April 15, 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)
Wendy Legge (DLI)
Pat Munkel-Olson (DLI)
Suzanne Todnem (DLI)
Cathy Tran (DLI)
Jim Peterson (DLI)
Gary Ford (Metro Testing)
Matthew Marciniak (IAPMO)
Chad Filek (Board Member)
Scott Eggen (Board Member)
Ray VanZant (Midway Votech)
Jim Gander (Superior Mechanical)
Gary Thaden (MMCA)
Bob Taylor (Osland Piping)

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Parizek at 8:18 a.m. Introductions and housekeeping announcements were made. Scott Eggen, new Plumbing Board member, introduced himself as an inspector with the City of Minneapolis.

II. Approval of Meeting agenda

A motion was made by Lungstrom, seconded by Filek, to approve the agenda with the change noted below. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A) April 21, 2014 should read January 21, 2014

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The following change was noted to the January 21, 2014 Executive Committee minutes:

IX. Discussion

- Suzanne Todnem has been assigned as primary only as it relates to Rulemaking; Pat Munkel-Olson is primary general counsel for the board.

Edwards made a motion to approve the January 21, 2014 Executive Committee Minutes; seconded by Lungstrom. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

IV. Regular Business

Nothing to report

V. Special Business

- A) **Plumbing Board Agenda Review**
Department Updates / Certifications:

- All issues have been smoothed out and there is nothing drastic coming out of the legislature. There was a Bill dealing with inspections that Lungstrom will address during the Board meeting.
- There is a lot of confusion relating to backflow certification and Parizek said he will give a quick report to the Board.
- The CCAC met in May; Jim Kittleson will provide an update.
- Sheree Speer, from the Revisor’s Office, will provide numbering options for the Plumbing Board’s new rule. She will present two options: keeping language in chapter 4715 or moving language into a completely new chapter.
- Amendments will be reviewed with possible revisions – preferably limited to jurisdictional concerns, conflicting provisions or ambiguous language.

B) North Dakota reciprocity concern

Reciprocity concerns will be discussed at the Plumbing Board meeting today. There is a major discrepancy with continuing education (CE) requirement hours between MN and ND when renewing licenses. ND requires 3 hours every 2 years and MN requires 16 hours every 2 years. The reciprocity agreement for licensing hasn’t changed – if you have a valid ND license, you can apply for a MN license and vice versa. ND has always waived their CE requirements for individuals with a Minnesota license that have a reciprocal ND license. ND was hoping that MN would waive our CE qualifications for individuals with a ND license. Jim Peterson is looking to set up a tri-state meeting between North and South Dakota and Minnesota to discuss these concerns. The Board has authority over license reciprocity but not over continuing education reciprocity agreements. In order to change this, the Board would need to open up a rulemaking process and check statutes, which would have to be done by the legislature. The Board could make recommendations to CCLD and Parizek added it would be nice to see CE reciprocity throughout Minnesota and the surrounding states.

VI. Correspondence

No correspondence was received

VIII. Open Forum

None

IX. Discussion

No discussion

X. Announcements

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

- A)** Tuesday, July 15, 2014 @ 8:00 a.m. – Minnesota Room, DLI (Annual Meeting – Election of Officers)
- B)** Tuesday, October 21, 2014 @ 8:00 a.m. – Minnesota Room, DLI

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chad Filek, Secretary