

Meeting Minutes: Welding Committee-Board of HPPS

Date: February 14, 2022
Time: 9 a.m.
Minutes by: Jake Pettit
Location: WebEx Event

Committee Members Present

1. Kyle Bain
2. Todd Green – CO’s Designee
3. Mark Kincs
4. Jake Pettit
5. Roger Thein – Committee Chair

DLI Staff & Visitors

Brittany Wysokinski (Gen. Counsel, DLI)
Lyndy Logan (DLI)
Mike Little (HPP Inspector)

Committee Members Absent

Kent Spaulding

Call to Order

- A. Roll Call – meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Thein and roll call was completed by Secretary Pettit. A quorum was met with 5 of 6 voting committee members present electronically.
- B. Announcements/Introductions
 - Remote Meeting Statement from Chair
- C. WebEx instruction/procedures were read aloud

Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mark Kincs, seconded by Kyle Bain, to approve the agenda as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous with 5 votes in favor; the motion carried.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Mark Kincs amended the previous meeting minutes to replace the word “required” with “enabled” on page 2. A motion was made by Jake Pettit, seconded by Mark *Kincs*, to approve the previous meeting minutes as amended. The roll call vote was unanimous with 5 votes in favor; the motion carried.

Approval of Expense Reports

Electronic expense reports will be sent by Lyndy to Financial Services for payment.

Special Business

Minnesota High Pressure Piping Code: Welding

- Kincs—suggests adding the term “Welding Operator” to subpart 5.
- Kincs—makes a motion to make that change
- Bain—asks whether we need motions to change the draft at this point
- Thein—ultimately determines that motions will not be needed at this point
- Kincs—Rescinds motion.
- Bain—Asks how removing the welding log requirement in subpart 8 effect enforcement

- Green—States that the Department has permitted the submission of a welding log
- Thein—Asks what counts as marking, as stated in the rules
- Kincs—Welding log is not defined in the code
- Wysokinski—Explains that the definition of welding log would be up to the industry standards
- Green—Removal of the welding log requirement would not affect enforcement because the language of the rule would still permit a welding log to be submitted.
- Bain—Asks whether subpart 8 could be removed entirely
- Green—Reads language from ASME B31.1-2020, section 127.6 and suggest incorporating similar language in subpart 8
- Thein—Suggests addition of sentence to end of subpart 8 allowing contractors to maintain records that identify welds made by the welder or welding operator.
- Bain—Asks whether committee should vote on draft as a whole or each subpart individually. Also asks what happens if the Board wants to make changes and whether the rules will come back to the committee.
- Wysokinski—The Board will decide if the draft needs to return to committee, or whether the Board wants to make its own changes
- Thein—Decides to vote on each subpart, including subparts that were not changed

A motion was made by Thein, seconded by Bain, to approve subpart 1 as it appears in Attachment A, Draft 4. The vote was unanimous with 5 votes in favor; the motion carried.

A motion was made by Kincs, seconded by Bain, to approve subpart 2 as it appears in Attachment A, Draft 4. The vote was unanimous with 5 votes in favor; the motion carried.

A motion was made by Bain, seconded by Pettit, to approve subpart 3 as it appears in Attachment A, Draft 4. The vote was unanimous with 5 votes in favor; the motion carried.

A motion was made by Pettit, seconded by Bain, to approve subpart 4 as it appears in Attachment A, Draft 4. The vote was unanimous with 5 votes in favor; the motion carried.

A motion was made by Pettit, seconded by Kincs, to approve subpart 5 as it appears in Attachment A, Draft 4. The vote was unanimous with 5 votes in favor; the motion carried.

A motion was made by Pettit, seconded by Bain, to approve subpart 6 as it appears in Attachment A, Draft 4. The vote was unanimous with 5 votes in favor; the motion carried.

A motion was made by Kincs, seconded by Bain, to approve subpart 7 as it appears in Attachment A, Draft 4. The vote was unanimous with 5 votes in favor; the motion carried.

A motion was made by Bain, seconded by Kincs, to approve subpart 8 as it appears in Attachment A, Draft 4. The vote was unanimous with 5 votes in favor; the motion carried.

A motion was made by Bain, seconded by Pettit, to approve subpart 9 as it appears in Attachment A, Draft 4. The vote was unanimous with 5 votes in favor; the motion carried.

A motion was made by Bain, seconded by Kincs, to reaffirm the affirmative vote on subpart 1 so that the Chair Thein was not involved in the motion. The vote was unanimous with 5 votes in favor; the motion carried.

Board Discussion

Kincs asked whether there was anything in particular that should be discussed related to the Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR) and stated that there did not appear to be any major costs associated with this proposal.

Announcements

N/A

Adjournment

A motion made by Kincs, seconded by Bain, to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 a.m. The roll call vote was unanimous with 5 votes in favor; the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

JAKE PETTIT
Committee Secretary

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Rule 5230 Proposed Changes

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