

**Plumbing Board
Continuing Education Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2011 – Minnesota Room
Department of Labor & Industry (DLI)**

Members Present:

Rebecca Ames
James Kittelson
Karl Abrahamson
Jim Lungstrom (DLI Commissioner's designee)

Staff Present:

Jim Peterson (DLI)
Kevin Wilkins (CCLD)
John Schultz (DLI)
Chuck Olson (DLI)
Jessica Looman (DLI)

Members Absent:

Visitors:

Rick Palmateer
Luther Westman
Rick Gale
John Parizek
Jack Hettwer
Gary Thaden
Mike McGowan
Jeffrey Hill
Matthew Marciniak
Bob Wolf
Kevin Campana
Don Knipe
John Malone

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Abrahamson at 1:15 p.m. Announcements were made and introductions were done.

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Approval of November 23, 2010 meeting minutes and a presentation by Jeffrey Hill were added. Kittelson made a motion, seconded by Lungstrom to approve the meeting agenda as revised. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

III. Regular Business

Expenses and Per Diem were approved.

Motion made by Palmateer, second by Ames to approve the Minutes from November 23, 2010. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

IV. Special Business

A presentation by Jeffrey Hill (MWQA) was made endorsing continuing education but request the committee to consider limited time requirements for water conditioning installers/contractors. Supporting documentation was distributed. The MWQA currently provides training for members and believes the scope of their work pertaining to the plumbing code is limited. There were no questions from committee members.

Jim Peterson presented language from the department modeled after the electrical code requirements. Required hours were discussed with some believing the suggested 16 hours per license cycle should be reduced to 12. A notation was made that previous minutes reflect that 16 hours was acceptable.

Language pertaining to water conditioning continuing education requirements would need to be drafted separate and placed in a different code section.

Ames made a motion requiring 16 hours of continuing education per license renewal period, second by Palmateer. Vote was 3 in favor – 2 opposed, motion carried.

Motion to send draft language to Board for review and recommended as the base document for adoption in the next code cycle by Lungstrom, second by Palmateer. Vote was unanimous, motion carried

V. Committee discussion

During committee discussion Reciprocity with North (2 hours/year) and South (4 hours/year) Dakota was discussed. Department commented that typically out of state programs are approved and minimum hours required by Minnesota must be met.

There was no further discussion.

No one requested to address the committee under open forum.

With no further business and no future meeting scheduled at this time, Kittelson motioned to adjourn, second by Lungstrom. Vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "A. J. D.", written in a cursive style.