

**Plumbing Board**  
**National Code Review Committee – Meeting Minutes**  
**February 15, 2011 – 9:30 a.m.**  
**Department of Labor and Industry**  
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**Committee Members Present:**

John A. Parizek  
Lawrence Justin  
Jim Lungstrom  
Gale Mount  
Rebecca Ames  
Jim Peterson

**Staff Present:**

Cathy Tran  
Chuck Olson

**Committee Members Absent:**

**Visitors:**

Jeff Keogh  
Gary Thaden  
Bruce Hutchins  
Matthew Marciniak  
John Malone  
Greg Johnson  
Brian Soderholm  
Bob Wolf  
Luther Westrom  
Remi Stone

**I. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lungstrom at 9:30 a.m. Announcements were made and introductions were done.

**II. Approval of Meeting Agenda**

John Parizek made a motion, seconded by Larry Justin, to approve the Agenda. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

**III. Special Business**

- A. Directive for Committee - Chair Lungstrom explained the directive for the committee. The Plumbing Board received Request for Action forms requesting that the Board consider 1) adoption of the International Plumbing Code and 2) adoption of the Uniform Plumbing Code. The committee will review and will make a recommendation to the full Plumbing Board as to whether to pursue a national code adoption or not.
- B. Brief History of National Code Review – Chair Lungstrom presented a brief overview of work that was done by the Department of Health in the years 2000 and 2001. The Department conducted an in-depth comparison of the IPC, Minnesota Plumbing Code, and UPC for purposes of evaluating whether or not one of the national model codes should be adopted by the state. The conclusion at the time was to retain the Minnesota Code and not adopt a national plumbing code.

C. National Code Presentations

- i. Plumbing Board RFA PB0049 was presented by its author, Jeff Keogh. The RFA requests the Board to consider adoption of the International Plumbing Code.
- ii. Plumbing Board RFA PB0052 was presented by its author, Matthew Marciniak. The RFA requests the Board to consider adoption of the Uniform Plumbing Code.

**IV. Committee Discussion**

Discussion to keep the Committee review at a high level and not go into too much detailed evaluation of the technical aspects of the codes themselves. General issues raised included: Enforcement/inspection, administrative aspects, health and safety concerns, training time and costs, plumber licensing, inspector training, license reciprocity with other states, availability of the MN code free via the internet, vs. the unavailability of the national codes free on the internet. Another key issue raised was that of amendments; how many would be needed to make a national code suitable for use in MN. Further points raised included: The process used by the national code bodies to make changes to the code, advantages/disadvantage to keeping the existing MN code for local design firms and contractors, question on how many amendments are made to the national codes by other states.

It was determined that the Committee would look at four areas for the next meeting, with the goal of being able to make a recommendation to the Plumbing Board at the Board's next meeting on whether or not to pursue further evaluation of the national codes, or end the work of the Committee at that point. The four areas for evaluation are: Code Administration, Public Health and Safety, Costs and Training, and accessibility/availability of the code to citizens.

**V. Open Forum**

There were no requests for Open Forum.

**VI. Announcements**

- A. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: No specific date set; March/April timeframe indicated by chair as most likely.

**VII. Adjournment**

A motion was made by John Parizek, seconded by Gale Mount, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jim Lungstrom*

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