

**Plumbing Board  
Executive Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 21, 2008 – Minnesota Room  
Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)  
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**Members Present:**

Jim Gander  
Lawrence G. Justin  
John A. Parizek  
Jim Peterson (DLI Commissioner's designee)

**Staff Present:**

Wendy Legge  
Annette Trnka

**Members Absent:**

None

**Visitors:**

Brian Soderholm  
Matt Marciniak  
Gary Thaden

**I. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by Parizek at 8:16 a.m.

- A. Announcements
- B. Introductions

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Gander made a motion, seconded by Peterson, to approve the meeting agenda. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- A. August 26, 2008 Minutes
  - i. Gander made a motion, seconded by Peterson, to accept the previous Minutes. The vote was Parizek, Gander and Peterson and the motion passed. Justin abstained as he wasn't at the last meeting.

**IV. Regular Business**

Gander stated on page three of six of the regular Board meeting Minutes of 8-26-08, in the last paragraph, it states that "the statute Gander read was a general statute." Gander stated he thought he had read the definition of plumbing, and he didn't think that was a statute. It was decided to ask Wendy Legge's opinion at the regular Board meeting.

## V. Special Business

- A. Next Plumbing Board Meeting Agenda
- B. Committee –
  - i. Product and Code Review requests – Justin asked Cathy Tran if any of the items that had been requested from the submitters of RFA's that attended the previous Product and Code Review Committee meeting had been provided. Tran stated she didn't recall off-hand if any of those items had been submitted to her. Toto, USA was discussed. Tran stated there were two separate items. The first is administrative authority under alternative products and the other is a new Request For Action to be submitted. The e-mails that had been sent and received from Toto were reviewed. Tran stated she hasn't received a revised RFA from Toto, USA, but that she will contact Mr. Paulsen and let him know that if they don't provide the requested items, it cannot be properly reviewed by the PCRC. Justin asked if Chris Paulsen of Toto, USA was sent a draft of the PCRC meeting Minutes and it was stated the Minutes were not sent, as they had not been reviewed by Justin until last week.

Regarding Macerating Toilet systems, it was stated that they have not provided the further information that was requested at the last PCRC meeting. Justin stated that those Presenters that had been told to provide additional items/information could remain on the Agenda, however, if the information wasn't available by the time of next week's meeting, they could be taken off the Agenda at that time.

It was stated that the Presenters are given clear direction at the meetings of what the Committee requires before the Committee can proceed, and if the Presenter doesn't follow through, the Committee/Board will not continually ask the Presenter for the requested information. Cathy Tran will follow up with Toto, USA, Jim Peterson will follow up on the Vista Clear item. Justin stated that regarding the Macerating Toilet System it was stated in the draft Minutes that DLI staff will work with the Presenter on drafting new Code Language to bring back to the Committee. Tran stated the Presenter of the Macerating Toilet System has not contacted her.

Water conditioning treatment language was discussed. The August 26, 2008, Plumbing Board Minutes, page five, item (D) was referenced. Tran stated that the Department had drafted language on water conditioning, which was turned down, and the reasons for that were discussed, in addition to the decision that Mike McGowan should be present for the discussion. Justin asked if the language that was defeated by the Board was the language that the Product and Code

Review Committee is to review. Parizek stated that the PCRC should begin looking at language relating to commercial water conditioning.

It was discussed that the Department should gather the RFAs from the Advisory Council days and bring them to the Product and Code Review Committee to see if there are any items that should be addressed currently. It was decided that will be done for the January meeting.

Gander made a motion, seconded by Justin, that the Board consider that a form letter be assembled to respond to the Submitter which lists items that are missing or are required to be submitted to the respective Committee/Board in order to ensure that the request will be placed on the Agenda of the next Committee/Board meeting. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

- ii. Code Interpretation requests – There have been no code interpretation requests.
  - iii. Licensing and Registration requests – There have been no code interpretation requests.
  - iv. Green / LEED requests – The Green Committee has not met.
- C. Passage of ICC Residential Fire Sprinkler Mandate – Parizek stated that he was made aware of this Mandate when he was handed a flier on it that training on it had already started. Parizek’s understanding is that the Mandate will be in the 2009 “I” Code. Gary Thaden spoke regarding the mandate stating that a number of years ago the industry foresaw this possibility and there is a provision in 299M – Minnesota Statutes – which is a fire sprinkler licensing, which allows for multi-purpose potable water piping system contractors. It mandates that on one and two family dwellings that a Minnesota plumbing license is required to do that work. Parizek said that he understands that ASSE is writing a certification standard for this, which Parizek received a rough-draft of that standard and what they’re requiring for certification.
- D. Medical Gas, Continuing Education Update – Minnesota Pipe Trades is looking at approaching the legislature on med gas and also on continuing education. Parizek stated that it hasn’t moved forward as of this point.
- E. Well Drillers Association – Parizek met with staff and the Well Drillers Association regarding work they have traditionally done, where they’re now affected by the restrictive plumbing license. They wanted to know if they could continue running lines between the well head and into the buildings, running another underground line to outbuildings; possibly putting a yard hydrant along the way. It was suggested they contact the various contractor’s associations and see if language could be drafted as to what they would be allowed to do and then bring that language before the Plumbing Board for approval.

## **VI. Open Forum**

There were no requests for Open Forum.

## **VII. Board Discussion**

Gander made a motion, seconded by Peterson, to amend the Executive Committee Minutes of August 26<sup>th</sup>, as suggested by Wendy Legge. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

## **X. Announcements**

- A. Next Regularly Scheduled Meetings:
- i. Tuesday, January 20, 2009, 9:30 a.m. – Minnesota Room, DLI
  - ii. Tuesday, April 21, 2009, 9:30 a.m. – Minnesota Room, DLI

## **XI. Adjournment**

Peterson made a motion, seconded by Justin, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Jim Gander**

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