

Plumbing Board Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2008
Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry
443 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, MN 55155

Call to Order

1. Introductions

- Attending: John Parizek, Larry Justin, Jim Gander, Randy Ellingboe, Annette Trnka

2. Review of Request for Actions.

- Justin requests the Board (or sub-committee) be able to review the Minutes of the past Plumbing Board Advisory Council to see what status the “in process” Requests had gotten to. Ellingboe said that he would gather those previous Minutes from the PCAC to present to the Board.
- Ellingboe suggested there be a Plumbing Board meeting dedicated to the “Green Building” issue. Parizek suggested an ad hoc committee might need to be formed for just that issue.
- For items 18, 19, & 20 of the Request for Action list, a Committee should be dedicated to those alone.

3. Discussion on whether to have the Sub-committees meet on the same day as the Plumbing Board meetings. Parizek feels it’s something that should be put before the Board.

- Can DLI staff sit on Sub-committee meetings? Legge states that if the Sub-committee has rule making authority, a non-Board member should not be on that Sub-committee. However, staff could be invited as a consultant or expert opinion to meetings.
- Parizek states Gander’s Complaint sub-committee would have to have rule making authority because of the Statute regarding 30 days from the date the complaint was received to have an interpretation. Justin states that the complaints and the Sub-committee’s decisions should be presented to the Board before final decision.
 - Justin’s sub-committee would consist of Justin as chair and Ellingboe, Abrahamson and Lamm as members.
 - Gander’s sub-committee would consist of Gander as Chair and Ellingboe, Ames and Sullwold as members. Members would be given the request for interpretation by e-mail and would be able to respond by e-mail with their opinion. Those responses would be compiled and given to the Chair for his decision. Ellingboe’s recommendation would be that the Sub-committee review and come to a decision because of confidentiality, report to a closed Board meeting, but a detailed discussion should be had before making a decision.
- Justin’s code amendment and product review Sub-committee would make recommendations to the Board, not make final decisions.

- For materials received on complaints, Requests For Action or request for interpretation, the submittals could be forwarded just to that Sub-committee, or to the entire Board. The Board needs to make a decision on which way they want those requests/complaints handled.
4. Review of Agenda for Regular Board Meeting.
 5. Web page
 - Add to web site the Request For Action Form and the Request For Interpretation Form.
 - Reciprocity Agreements – provide Board members with testing status being the same as MN for North Dakota and South Dakota reciprocity agreements.
 - Possible future topic is “limited license categories.”
 6. Open discussion
 7. Adjourn
 - The Committee adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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