

**Plumbing Board – Executive Committee
Minutes
June 17, 2008
Minnesota Room
Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)
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Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

None

Visitors:

None

Staff Present:

Annette Trnka

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Parizek at 8:15 a.m.

- A. Announcements - None
- B. Introductions

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda

The Chair asked if there were any objections to the Agenda and, hearing none, declared the Agenda approved.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- A. May 20, 2008 Executive Committee Minutes
 - i. Gander made a motion, seconded by Ellingboe to accept the previous Minutes. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed. (Justin was not present for this vote.)

IV. Regular Business

There was no regular business.

Committee approved This information can be provided to you in alternative formats (Braille, large print or audio tape).

V. Special Business

- A. Next Plumbing Board meeting agenda. Chair reviewed the Agenda for the main Plumbing Board meeting.
 - i. Referrals from the Products and Code Amendment Committee.
 - a. PB0019 is recommended by the PCRC to deny the RFA.
 - b. PB0020 is forwarded to the Board with recommendation to approve.
- B. Committee Referrals
 - i. Products and Code Amendment requests.
 - ii. Code Interpretation requests. There have been no requests.
 - iii. Licensing and Registration requests.
 - iv. Green/LEED requests. There have been no new requests.
- C. 75th Anniversary – Invitations have gone out. Ellingboe discussed who the invitations went to. The Governor's office did respond by stating that the Governor doesn't set his schedule until approximately 3 weeks in advance. They should be responding again by next week. Getting a cake for the celebratory portion of the meeting was discussed.
- D. Complaints – Gander stated that he had been contacted by a contractor in the Winona area who stated that there are some people with restricted licenses who aren't qualified. Gander directed this person to the DLI website to fill out the complaint form that will be received by Jim Peterson/Randy Ellingboe. It was discussed what would then happen if that type of complaint was received. Ellingboe stated that to apply for a restricted license, the applicant fills out an affidavit, describing their number of years of experience in plumbing and what type of experience. If a complaint is received, Ellingboe recommends sending a letter to the party who's being challenged and asking for additional documentation to show that the party has been working in this field for the number of years they claim to have experience for. Gander asked if the application is public information and if the complainant could get a copy of a person's application. Ellingboe stated that he believes it would be public information, but that information should be verified by Counsel.

Parizek asked if the Building Code had been adopted as the Standard state wide. Ellingboe stated that it had and that he will discuss that during the Legislative update portion of the main Board meeting.

- E. Status of Medical Gas, continuing education. The Board doesn't have authority over continuing education, it is prohibited by Statute. That includes registration of workers. There is no mention of medical gas in Statute that gives authority to the Board to make rules. In the absence of direct authority by statute on any particular subject (medical gas), it is difficult to create rules without being challenged. Gander said that he would like to ask Wendy Legge, as the Board's counsel, how the Board could address continuing education and medical gas. Ellingboe agreed that would be the best approach. These medical gas systems that are being installed in dental offices are rarely inspected.

VI. Open Forum - None

VII. Discussion

Parizek said that the sales of illegal plumbing items in home improvement stores are getting out of hand. He thought perhaps a rule or legislation requiring posting in these home improvement stores stating that these systems do not meet the Plumbing Code in Minnesota. Gander stated that now that the Building Code has been adopted as the Standard state wide, that includes the Plumbing Code being adopted state wide. Ellingboe said that if you're using materials that do not meet the Plumbing Code, that that installation, then, does not meet the Plumbing Code and if there's any dispute over the issue, for example, failure of the system, then the building owner would have the argument that the system wasn't installed according to Code. Parizek stated perhaps something could be posted on the Board website such as a "consumer alert" letting people know that what you can buy in the home improvement stores isn't Code compliant.

Justin then went over the Agenda for the PCRC meeting scheduled for June 25th. Parizek also brought up scheduling more committee meeting dates, especially trying to "piggyback" as many as possible. Justin booked July 23rd for the PCRC meeting in the Washington room, which is scheduled for all day, starting at 9:30 a.m.

VIII. Announcements

- A) Next Regularly Scheduled Meetings:
- i. July 15, 2008, 8:00 a.m. – Minnesota Room, DLI
 - ii. August 29, 2008, 8:00 a.m. – Minnesota Room, DLI (If Board decides to meet.) This meeting will most likely be cancelled and set to meet October 21.

XI. Adjournment

Justin made a motion, seconded by Gander. The vote was unanimous, and the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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