

Plumbing Board
Product and Code Review Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2008 – 9:30 a.m.
Department of Labor and Industry
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Committee Members Present:

John A. Parizek
Lawrence Justin
Karl Abrahamson
Allen Lamm
Randy Ellingboe

Staff Present:

Wendy Legge
Annette Trnka
Jim Peterson

Board Members Present:

None

Committee Members Absent:

None

Visitors:

Doug Hall
Tom Zangs
Mike Harrigan
Chris Paulsen
Mike Lipke
David Shusterich
CJ Scheff
Andy Schouweiler
Jeff Mogush
John Gunderson

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Lawrence Justin at 9:34 a.m. and announcements and introductions were made.

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Abrahamson made a motion to move Item IV(B)(3) to IV(B)(1) and renumber the subsequent items and accept the amended Agenda, seconded by Lamm. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

III. Approve Previous Minutes

Ellingboe pointed out corrections that should be made to the May 28, 2008 Minutes and made a motion, seconded by Parizek to accept the amended previous Minutes. The vote was Aye by Ellingboe, Abrahamson, Parizek and Justin. Lamm abstained as he did not attend the May 28th meeting. The majority ruled and the motion passed.

IV. Special Business

A. RFA's Reviewed in past Committee Meetings – Updated information.

1. (From 04-23-08 and 05-28-08 Meeting.) Amend MN Plumbing Code to reference ASME standard A112.19.12-2006 (Adjust-a-sink.) Submitted 12-03-07 by Accessible Systems. (File PB0021) Presenter worked with DLI staff member, Cathy Tran, to address the concern the Committee had regarding the flexible tailpiece. The solution was for Adjust-A-Sink to add the verbiage “rigid tailpiece.”

Lamm made a motion to pass the proposed revision on to the Plumbing Board with the recommendation to approve, seconded by Parizek. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

B. Preliminary review of outstanding Request For Action (RFA) items. Committee will review the RFA and determine where the RFA will be directed to for further evaluation.

1. 4715.2161: Individual who passes a certified RPZ Training Class should be allowed to repair and rebuild without a Plumbing License. (File PB0032/05-13-08) After discussion, Parizek made a motion, seconded by Ellingboe to refer this issue to the Licensing and Registration Committee. The need to consider 1) that certified testers can't do rebuilding of RPZs even with training (A.G.'s opinion) 2) Perhaps changes could be considered that require continuing education on backflow and reconstruction. Lamm stated he would like this issue to go before the Plumbing Board after the Licensing & Registration Committee review the issue. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

The meeting took a break at 10:42 a.m. and reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

2. 4715.0420, Subp. 3 and 4715.0510: CPVC for Water Service. (File PB0007/02-22-08) After discussion, the Presenter chose to withdraw the water service portion of the RFA.
3. 4715.0640, 4715.1950 and 4715.2030: Water Closet Seat with Spray by Toto. (File PB0031/05-07-08) Toto made a presentation of their product. Discussion regarding public versus private use. There is a conflict between ASME 112.4.2, which requires that the atmospheric vacuum breaker of the device must be 1 inch above spill line and the Plumbing Code 4715.2100, Subpart A, which requires the atmospheric vacuum breaker of the device be 6 inches above the spill line. The Committee members requested input from the Department of Health on water closet seats. Wendy Legge stated that the Board may wish to consider code change, after hearing back from the DOH. Parizek advised to the Presenter to draft proposed language and present back to the Product and Code Review Committee before the issue goes to the Board. Committee members expressed a desire to get testimony from other places that are currently using this product (such as hospitals and hotels) to

present to the Board. It was decided that this issue will be given to Ron Thompson of the Department of Health for his input.

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 1:22 p.m.

4. 4715.2440: Grinder Pumps discharge pipe size – 1 ¼” minimum. (PB0009/revised 0-/13-08) Jeff Mogush presented. Subparts 2 and 3 should have had underlining to indicate new language. Ellingboe stated that there is a current code barrier regarding buried pipe size. The buried pipe size needs to be a 2 inch minimum. Mr. Mogush’s product currently can’t be used because it’s under 1 ¼”. Ellingboe stated that perhaps a section needs to be developed in the Code for pressurized systems. Abrahamson made a motion to table this RFA until DLI staff can report back on their concerns (adding sections to the Plumbing Code concerning pressurized sewer systems, pipe size, material and cleanout concerns and sump capacity size), seconded by Justin. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

C. Update on RFA’s Reviewed in Past Committee Meetings

1. (From 04-23-08 Meeting) Adopt NFPA 99C – Medical gas and vacuum systems. Submitted 01-04-08 by Minnesota Pipe Trades. (File PB0022)
2. (From 04-23-08 Meeting) Adopt NFPA 99C – Medical gas and vacuum systems, paragraph 5.1.10.6.11.1. Submitted 01-04-08 by Minnesota Pipe Trades. (File PB0023). Wendy Legge weighed in on these issues (IV(C)(1) & (2), and the interpretation is that this issue would not be under the purview of the Plumbing Board. (326.3705, Subd.2, section 5.) Parizek made a motion, seconded by Lamm to pass these files (PB0022 and PB0023) to the Plumbing Board Executive Committee with the recommendation to take it to Codes and Standards to be under the Construction Codes. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

V. Open Forum

There were no requests for Open Forum.

VI. Discussion

- A. New Request For Action items. There are no new Request For Action items.
1. DLI to provide updated list of RFA’s for Committee to schedule review date.

VII. Announcements

- A. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:
1. None scheduled – To be determined after the 7/15/08 Executive Committee meeting.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Parizek, seconded by Abrahamson to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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