

**Plumbing Board
Medical Gas Committee
Meeting Minutes (Draft)
Thursday, September 23, 2010 – Minnesota Room
Department of Labor & Industry (DLI)
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Members Present:

Paul Sulwold
John A. Parizek
Karl Abrahamson
Jim Lungstrom (DLI Commissioner's designee)

Staff Present:

Mary Miller
Cathy Tran
Fernando Nacionales (MDH)
Robert Dehler (MDH)
Benjamin Zwart (MDH)
Ron Thompson (MDH)

Members Absent:

Jim Gander

Visitors:

Luther Westman
John Gunderson
Alan Allmon
Don Knipe
Jim Kuhn

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sulwold at 9:10 a.m. Announcements were made and introductions were done.

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda

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

III. Regular Business

Expenses and Per Diem were approved

IV. Special Business

- A. Directive for Committee – Miller briefed the committee on the directive from the legislature, possible rule making process and time requirements.

Responsibilities of the committee in accordance with the bylaws of the Plumbing Board were reviewed.

- B. Interpretation of Statute – Question by Thompson asking if the Board would require inspections or was given this authority under statute. Statute does not address this or grant the Board authority in this area. Miller presented the committee with an interpretation of the Statute regarding who is allowed to install as of 8/1/10 and exemptions a & b.

- C. Issues to discuss
 - i. Adoption of NFPA 99 into Chapter 4715 – Various editions of NFPA 99 were discussed along with NFPA 99C along with certification requirements in ASSE 6010. A determination would need to be made as to which addition would need to be adopted or referenced in either Chapter 4715 or 4716.
 - ii. Qualifications/Credentials for approval as a certifying organization – Certification would focus on requirements as outlined in ASSE 6010. The certification process used in other states will be looked at for guidance in determining required standards.
 - iii. Application for State Installer Certification – Details will need to be worked out within the Department to ensure fee structure, recertification, verification and other areas are in line with current policies.
 - iv. Determining validity of certification prior to August 1, 2010 – a verification process will need to be devised requiring proper documentation provided for certification.
 - v. System inspection – Parizek questioned the possible conflicts which could exist between code edition of NFPA 99 and which would be enforceable in the field. This could vary depending upon federal requirements, which edition is more stringent. Additional clarification will be needed.
 - vi. Other – Thompson brought into discussion the need for clarification as it relates to maintenance and repair of medical gas systems and installation of bulk systems.

V. Committee discussion

Points which will need to be addressed include a clarification on who is allowed to install after 8/1/10, how to reference NFPA 99 in code. Qualifications to be met for certification and required documentation. Coordination of renewal process with department. This will likely be include in the current standard rule making process and intended for expedited rules.

VI. Open Forum

A question was asked of the Committee regarding certification of inspectors.

The Board will not address this issue.

A question was asked of the Committee regarding limitations of installers to piping itself. Scope will need to be clarified in rule.

VII. Announcements

A meeting may be scheduled on Tuesday, November 23 at 1:00 p.m. A notification will be sent out when such meeting is scheduled.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Parizek, second by Abrahamson. Vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

John A. Parizek