

**Plumbing Board  
Meeting Minutes  
January 17, 2012 – 9:30 a.m.**

**Members Present:**

Allen Lamm  
Chad Filek  
Gale Mount  
Jim Kittelson  
Jim Lungstrom  
John Flagg  
John Parizek  
Karl Abrahamson  
Michael McGowan  
Rebecca Ames  
Ron Thompson

**Members Absent:**

Jim Gander  
Larry Justin

**DLI Staff & Visitors Present:**

Commissioner Peterson  
A/C Looman  
Carey Demaris  
Cathy Tran  
Charlie Durenberger  
Gary Ford  
Gary Thaden  
Jeffery Hill  
Jim Peterson  
John Rakjowski  
Karla Peterson  
Luke Westman  
Matt Marciniak  
Nick Carver  
Pat Munkel-Olson  
Phil Raines  
Tim Powers

**I. Call To Order**

This meeting was called to order by Chair Parizek at 9:50 a.m. Housekeeping announcements were made. Introductions were made, attendance was taken a quorum was met.

**II. Approval of Meeting Agenda**

**Abrahamson made a motion to approve today's agenda as presented, seconded by McGowan. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.**

**III. Approve Previous Minutes**

A revision was suggested by Pat Munkel-Olson to strike *Revisor SS/DI* on item V. **Kittelson made a motion, seconded by Flagg to accept the November 9, 2011 minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.**

**IV. Regular Business**

Approval of Expense Reports – Chair approved the expenses.

**V. Committee Reports**

- a. Executive Committee – Parizek stated the committee met this morning to discuss the meeting and topics for today's meeting.
- b. Product and Code Review Committee – Justin is absent, Parizek stated there are 2 RFA's pending and a meeting will be called in March to address.
- c. Code Interpretation Committee – Gander is absent, no update.

- d. Medical Gas Committee – none.
- e. Continuing Education Committee – none.
- f. Licensing and Registration Committee – none.
- g. Water Conditioning Committee – none.
- h. Construction Codes Committee – Gander has decided not to re-apply as Board member, it was mentioned that Kittelson will be taking the CCAC position and the alternate will be selected at a later date.
- i. National Code Review Committee – Lungstrom anticipates a meeting in February with information coming from IAPMO.
- j. DLI Reports – Durenberger explained enforcement process reviewing plumbing enforcement data. It was advised if there are any concerns, questions, or comments he is the contact person and welcomes feedback. The contact information can be found on the Departments website.

## **VI. Special Business**

- A. Requests for Action – No formal requests. Parizek stated there was one RFA that carried over; Cured in Place Pipe (Perma-Liner). The Board previously accepted this to be accepted as an alternate method of repair under Chapter 4715.0330 when approved by the Administrative Authority. **A motion by Lamm, second by Flagg to accept draft letter as presented. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.** A letter will be sent to the presenter.

- B. Current Rulemaking – Munkel-Olson advised the current status on both Chapter 4715 and Chapter 4716.

4715 - A request for hearing or comments has not been received to date this will move forward and board will be kept current with status.

4716 – A formal request for hearing has not been received however; Jeffery Hill with Minnesota Water Quality Association (MWQA) addressed the Board with a letter and stated concerns with the amount of hours listed in 4716. It was asked to amend the hours for water conditioning as follows;

- 6.14 (a) Installation, 200 hours;
- 6.23 (a) Installation, 100 hours;
- 6.24 (b) Servicing, 200 hours.

**A motion to accept the hours as presented by MWQA, second by McGowan. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.**

*Chair Parizek called for a short break at 10:50 a.m. resuming at 11:09 a.m.*

- C. Rulemaking for Backflow Prevention Rebuilder and Tester – Parizek advised he has started drafting rules and has asked members for guidance. Jim Peterson asked for copy of the ASSE 5000 standards, Marciniak advised he has the ASSE 5000 – 2009 version and will mail that to the board. Parizek will review the ASSE standards and will draft proposed rules for the April meeting.

- D. A motion made by Kittelson to move the rulemaking to separate plumbing code rules from chapter 4715 into a DLI rule chapter under the good cause exemption section 14.388, subd 1, item 4, and authorize the Chair and Munkel-Olson to give notice and submit to OAH, seconded by Mount. The vote was unanimous, the motion carried.**

**6 Complaints**

None brought forth.

**7 Open Forum**

Gary Thaden addressed encourages the Board to complete the comparison and code process quickly and accurately very important to the industry. He stated he is willing to assist as needed, if needed.

Nick Carver, City of Maplewood extended an invitation to the board members to the upcoming training at AMBO. A brochure was handed out.

**8 Board Discussion**

**A motion was made by Mount to grant authority to the Chair Parizek to speak on behalf of the Board to the Legislator during session, seconded by Flagg. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.**

Winterizing vacant and foreclosed homes was discussed. There is no mention in the code to oversee this issue at this time.

**9 Announcements**

Next regularly scheduled meetings are held in the Minnesota Room at the Dept. of Labor & Industry on the following dates:

- i. April 17, 2012 – 9:30 a.m.
- ii. July 17, 2012 – 9:30 a.m.

Parizek advised that there will be a decision made on appointments on vacancies in February.

**10 Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Flagg seconded by McGowan to adjourn. The vote was unanimous, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Karl Abrahamson*

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