

Plumbing Board Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 30, 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, Wendy Legge and Annette Trnka
2. Approval of Meeting Agenda. Parizek asked if there were any objections or changes to the meeting agenda. Hearing none, the agenda is approved as presented.
3. Regular Business
 - Schedules. The Product and Code Review Committee will have to meet on a separate day until some of the existing amendments have been resolved. Justin recommended trying to put a time line of April to resolve in process amendments, to be finalized in July.
4. Special Business
 - The next Plumbing Board agenda format will stay the same, however, “proposed By-laws” will be added
 - Wendy Legge then discussed the Code Interpretation and Complaint Committee. The Department of Labor and Industry has enforcement authority. The Plumbing Board has the power to refer complaints that allege or imply code violation. The Department has the responsibility to report back to the Board on any complaints referred by the Board how the complaint was resolved. In the past, the Department of Labor and Industry has chosen not to make public the details of the violations that have had action taken on them, just generic details regarding numbers. The By-laws should be revised on the wording regarding complaints, taking out the language regarding making recommendations to the Department, as the Board doesn’t have authority to make recommendations. Therefore the Board could choose to vote on the revision to take out the words “and Complaint.” A motion was made by Justin, seconded by Gander to make the suggested revisions. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.
 - Other items for the next Board meeting agenda should be any other items worked on today.
 - Enforcement should include past philosophies on how programs have approached enforcement and what the goals are. This information could be discussed at the Board’s leisure. It was decided that the agenda is too full right now, and that discussion will be put on hold.
5. Open Forum
 - Well Water Association
 - The Well Water Association has made a request under the Open Forum section of the Product and Code Review Committee and the

Code Interpretation Committee. Background information was given regarding the Well Water Bond. Some workers have been doing plumbing work that they thought was covered under the Well License (such as hydrants) that is not covered under the Well Code, it's covered under the Plumbing Code. In cities and counties that haven't adopted the building code, plumbing work done on buildings that have their own septic systems and are not using municipal water; wells, hydrants, welding and plumbing are not subject to the plumbing code. There is a state bond requirement that anyone who is contracted to do plumbing work is required to have a plumbing bond, not just a well bond. The Well Water Association wants the Code Interpretation Committee to decide if the language covers Well Licenses, and if not, they would like to know if code amendment would be viable.

6. Complaints. There are none.

7. Discussion

- The short term goals have been discussed.
- Long terms goals include some of the things brought up in the Request For Comments. The gray water issue should also be discussed.
- It was determined that Wendy Legge should plan to attend the Executive Committee meetings.

8. Announcements. None.

9. Adjourn

- A motion to adjourn was made by Ellingboe, seconded by Justin. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed. The Executive Committee adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Gander

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