

IDAHO PLUMBING BOARD
“SPECIAL” VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING

Friday – February 18, 2011 – 9:30 a.m. (MT)

Division of Building Safety
1090 East Watertower Street, Meridian, Idaho
1250 Ironwood Drive, Suite 220, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho
2055 Garrett Way, Building 2, Suite 7, Pocatello, Idaho

*NOTE: The following report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript of the discussions at the meeting,
but is intended to record the significant features of those discussions.*

Chairman Milford Terrell called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. (MT)

Board Members Present:

Milford Terrell, Chairman
Dan Long
Gordon Smythe
Matt Gardner

DBS Staff Members Present:

C. Kelly Pearce, Administrator
Steve Keys, Deputy Administrator, Operations
Patrick Grace, Deputy Attorney General
Renee Bryant, Administrative Assistant 2/Board Secretary

Chairman Milford Terrell presented an opening statement. The Board’s goal for the meeting was to meet the charge given by the House Business Committee on February 9th, which was for the Board and the opponents of HB0075 to work out their differences and find a solution in regards to the Idaho State Plumbing Code (ISPC) incorporated into the Bill.

Representatives Gayle Batt, Brent Crane, and Joe Palmer, House Business Committee members, and Ann Beebe from the Governor’s office were introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

Kraig Stevenson, International Code Council (ICC); Jimmie Brown, city of Nampa; Carol Alexander, city of Moscow and Idaho Association of Building Officials (IDABO); Sharon Hammer, city of Sun Valley; Eric Adams, city of Sun Valley; and Jenifer Gilliland, city of Boise, spoke in opposition to the Bill.

The following objections were expressed by opponents through written correspondence and/or oral testimony: Perceived lack of vocal control; potential for unfunded mandates; need for an Idaho specific plumbing code instead of a model code; the costs of developing, distributing, and administering an ISPC; the Plumbing Board’s authority to supersede local jurisdictions ability to adopt codes; constitution of the Plumbing Board; inadequate notice for input; and the requirement of water softener loops in all new residential construction

As an intermediary, Representative Crane suggested, and highly recommended, language be incorporated into the bill whereby a state plumbing code would be created; however, the interpretation of the code would be left to the local authority having jurisdiction.

IAPMO will be the publisher of the Code for the state of Idaho if and when it is adopted by the Legislature. For a minimal fee, the Code will be available for purchase in a hard copy or electronic compact disk (CD). There will be free online access to the Code through the Division of Building Safety’s website.

Chris Jensen, spokesperson-elect for attendees at the Division's Pocatello office; Lynn Triplett, Local 296 S.W. Idaho; Kenny Calkins, Cloverdale Plumbing and Treasure Valley Master Plumbers Association (TVMPA); Lee Rice, Independent; and Pete Crow, International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO), spoke in support of the Bill.

The Board offered, and the following individuals accepted an opportunity for rebuttal: Jimmie Brown, city of Nampa; Kraig Stevenson, ICC; Sharon Hammer, city of Sun Valley; Eric Adams, city of Sun Valley; and Carol Alexander, city of Moscow and IDABO.

Mr. Stevenson requested, and the Board agreed, for the DBS to extend/identify to ICC the items from the International Plumbing Code (IPC) that will be incorporated into the proposed ISPC. The Board also agreed to allow ICC an opportunity, at a future Board meeting, to present an operational service agreement for possible consideration.

ACTION: The Division will supply ICC with a list of identifying items from the IPC that will be incorporated into the proposed ISPC.

ACTION: At a future meeting, ICC will present a service agreement to the Board for its review and consideration.

MOTION: Milford Terrell made a motion that the Plumbing Board return to the House Business Committee with a proposal to amend HB0075 as follows: 1. Adopt the Idaho State Plumbing Code (ISPC) as the plumbing code applicable to all jurisdictions in Idaho with the specific authority for cities to address local concerns via negotiated rulemaking; and, 2. Amend the provisions of the ISPC to only require water softener loops in residence built slab-on-grade or finished basements. An attachment to the amendments will include a letter from IAPMO guaranteeing the following purchase prices for the ISPC: Hardcopies - \$112.00 for members, \$140.00 for non-members; and CDs - \$63.84 for members, \$79.80 for non-members. Dan Long seconded. All in favor, the motion unanimously passed.

Chairman Terrell adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

MILFORD TERRELL, CHAIRMAN
IDAHO PLUMBING BOARD

C. KELLY PEARCE, ADMINISTRATOR
DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY

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