

**IDAHO PLUMBING BOARD
VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

Thursday – October 24, 2013 – 9:30 a.m. (MT)

**Division of Building Safety
1090 East Watertower Street, Suite 150, Meridian, Idaho
1250 Ironwood Drive, Suite 220, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
2055 Garrett Way, Building 1, Suite 4, Pocatello, Idaho**

*NOTE: The following report is not 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 9:35 a.m. (MT).

Board Members Present:

Milford Terrell, Chairman
Dan Long, Vice-Chairman
Gilbert Pond
Matt Gardner
Debbie Oberhofer

DBS Staff Members Present:

C. Kelly Pearce, Administrator
Steve Keys, Deputy Administrator, Operations
Ron Whitney, Deputy Administrator, Administration
Patrick Grace, Deputy Attorney General
Kathleen Watkins, Financial Manager
John Nielsen, Plumbing Program Manager
Rod Freligh, Regional Manager, Region 1
Chris Jensen, Regional Manager, Region 3
Terry Blessing, Regional Supervisor, Region 1
Adam Bowcutt, Regional Supervisor, Region 3
Bill Hatch, Public Information Officer
Renee Bryant, Administrative Assistant 2/Board Secretary

◆ **Open Forum**

Continuing Education Units (CEU) – City of Twin Falls Plumbing Inspector Stephen Harr asked DBS to conduct a meeting on CEU requirements to industry and officials in the Magic Valley.

ACTION: The plumbing program manager and Stephen Harr, City of Twin Falls Plumbing Inspector, will organize a meeting in Twin Falls to discuss continuing education requirements with industry and officials.

Chairman Terrell introduced Representatives Gayle Batt, Terry Gestrin, and Paul Shepherd at the meeting.

Brian Nelson, Nelson Plumbing, expressed opposition to the CEU requirements. Unsure of the actual number of licensed plumbing contractors and journeymen in Idaho, the chairman offered for the Division to provide Mr. Nelson with the statistics.

ACTION: DBS will provide Brian Nelson with the number of licensed plumbing contractors and journeymen in the state of Idaho.

High School Technical Training Program – The International Code Council has implemented a new program for high school students participating in technical training. The program will introduce students to the model building codes, as well as code interpretation, application, and administration. A brochure was provided to the Board.

◆ **City and County Concerns**

City and county officials addressed their concerns under *Open Forum*.

◆ **Approval of October 24, 2013 Agenda and July 25, 2013 Minutes**

MOTION: Gilbert Pond made a motion to approve the agenda and minutes as presented. Dan Long seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Schedule 2014 Meetings**

The 2014 Idaho Plumbing Board meeting dates are as follows: February 20th, May 22nd, July 23rd, and October 9th.

MOTION: Dan Long made a motion to approve the 2014 Idaho Plumbing Board meeting dates as presented. Matt Gardner seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **High School Industry-Related Programs**

Representatives of the Idaho Department of Labor (IDOL) briefly addressed the many business services offered by IDOL to the citizens of Idaho.

Suggestions to better connect with the industry were: 1) Post a banner on the Division’s website to contact IDOL for employment opportunities; 2) DBS create a list of available apprentices and post to its website; and/or 3) IDOL tie into or provide the necessary information to post listings of all trades on the Division’s website.

◆ **CEU Requirements**

CEU requirements for plumbing journeymen and contractors, IDAPA 07.02.05.016(c)(i) and (ii), were read into the record.

A modified handout by the committee specifying the guidelines for CEU was distributed to the Board.

A lengthy discussion ensued with the following concerns addressed: 1) what qualifies as industry-related courses, i.e., business practices, first aid, OSHA, EPA; 2) Testing, on-line or written, as a CEU option; 3) Demographics of classes or exams; i.e., supply houses, colleges; 4) Reciprocal CEUs; 5) Board meeting attendance and accredited hours; and 6) Timeline for licensees whose licenses expire in January 2014 to obtain the required CEU hours.

The Board was in agreement with the proposed changes presented in the CEU Requirement handout with one exception; remove “Plumbing board members” from *Course Approval Requirements* as it is a conflict of interest since board members receive monetary compensation for Board meetings.

ACTION: The Division will remove the verbiage “Plumbing board members” from the fourth paragraph on page one under *Course Approval Requirements* of the CEU requirements handout.

Representative Gestrin, board members, and DBS staff provided the following suggestions with regard to CEU notification to Idaho plumbing contractors and journeymen: 1) Mass mailing (letter style); 2) Statement on contractor/journeyman renewal notices; 3) Educate state inspectors; and 4) Provide supporting documentation to DBS inspectors for distribution to industry.

ACTION: DBS will provide a mass mailing on CEU criteria, letter style, to all Idaho licensed plumbing contractors and plumbing journeymen.

ACTION: The plumbing program manager will work with the Division's customer resource team to post a statement regarding CEU requirements on all plumbing contractor and journeyman renewal notices.

ACTION: The Division will educate, as well as provide literature to their inspectors on the specifications of the CEU rule for distribution to the plumbing industry.

◆ **Adding PP & PE-RT AND Polyethylene for Building Sewer Pipe & Fittings**

Currently, Polypropylene (PP) and Polyethylene of Raised Temperature (PE-RT) are not approved for use in tables 6-4 and 7-1 of the 2009 Idaho State Plumbing Code (ISPC). They are approved in the latest appendix to the ISPC and the 2012 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC).

A proposed rule change to IDAPA 07.02.06 was presented to the Board for approval of the products.

The chairman stated the first public hearing will be the February 20, 2014 Board meeting; however, the negotiated rulemaking process will not begin until sine die of the 2014 legislature.

ACTION: The topic *Adding PP & PE-RT AND Polyethylene for Building Sewer Pipe & Fittings* will be placed on the February 20, 2014 Board meeting agenda as an action item. This is a public hearing and first reading.

◆ **American Water Works Association (AWWA) Manual**

The December 1995, 6th edition of the *Cross Connection Control Manual*, standard for cross connection control and backflow prevention devices, is no longer available. A proposed rule change to update IDAPA 07.02.04.012.01 to the current edition (April, 2012, 7th edition) was presented to the Board.

As requested, whenever a temporary and/or proposed statute or rule change is presented to the Board the Division will identify it as a first or second reading.

ACTION: The Division will specify all future temporary and/or proposed statute and rule changes as a first or second reading.

Today's meeting was the first reading. The program manager will present a temporary rule at the February 2014 Board meeting.

ACTION: The plumbing program manager will present a temporary rule at the February 2014 meeting; updating IDAPA 07.02.04.012.01 to the current edition of the *Cross Connection Control Manual*.

ACTION: The topic *American Water Works Association (AWWA) Manual* will be placed on the February 2014 Board meeting agenda as an action item and second reading.

◆ **Expired License and Retest**

The following proposed changes to Idaho Code § 54-2617 were presented to the Board: 1) Allow a plumbing contractor to place his certificate of competency in an inactive status with the Division; and 2) Extend the length of time to renew a certificate to two years of the expiration date.

The process to review temporary and/or proposed statute and rule changes was explained. To proceed to a second reading, the Board must vote to approve the first reading. The topic *Expired License and Retest* will be addressed at the February 2014 meeting as a first reading.

ACTION: The topic *Expired License and Retest* will be placed on the February 20, 2014 Board meeting agenda as an action item and first reading.

◆ **Permit Screen**

In the interest of time, Chairman Terrell deferred the topic *Permit Screen* to the February 20, 2014 Board meeting.

ACTION: The topic *Permit Screen* will be placed on the February 2014 agenda as an informational item.

◆ **Plumbing Program Manager Report**

IAPMO Conference – The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) 84th Annual Education and Business Conference was held September 29 – October 3, 2013 in Kansas City, Missouri. Topics were: 1) Introduction to radiant systems, 2) Alternative systems in 2012 UPC Appendix C (Appendix L in ISPC), 3) Net-zero water use; 4) Smoke, fire, and ceiling dampers; and 5) UPC/UMC workshops.

Continuing Education – In 2014, IAPMO will offer two seminars; *2009 UPC Essentials Workshop* and *2009 UPC Special Topics*. A flyer will be distributed to Idaho plumbing contractors and journeymen with the following information: 1) Courses will be held February 21-22, Boise; March 13-14, Coeur d’Alene; and March 28-29, Pocatello; 2) Each course is 8 hours and CEU certified; and 3) Fee per day is \$100/IAPMO members and \$150/Non-members.

Reciprocal License – Idaho has reciprocity agreements with Oregon, Washington, and Montana on the journeyman license. The plumbing program manager spoke with Utah representatives. The Utah Plumbing Board will take this matter under consideration.

License Requirements – In Idaho, a plumbing contractor license represents a plumbing company and a plumbing journeyman license performs plumbing services.

Some states do not have apprenticeship programs or require a journeyman license; only a plumbing contractor license to manage both the plumbing business and physical labor.

The concern brought forth was unless an inspector catches and cards a contractor on the job; how does DBS stop a contractor from physically working in the trade without an active journeyman license.

The chairman asked the topic *License Requirements* to be brought back to the February 2014 meeting for consideration.

ACTION: The topic *License Requirements* will be placed on the February 2014 agenda as an informational item.

◆ **Operational Report**

Legislative Update – There is no new legislation, only administrative rule dockets for submission to the 2014 legislature. The proposed rules consist primarily of the adoption of the building, electrical, and mechanical codes.

Revenue/Expenses – Financially, the plumbing program has stabilized. Revenue for the HVAC and electrical programs has been enhanced due to the contract with the city of Meridian.

◆ **Administrator Report**

Financial Report – The Idaho Plumbing Board Fund, FY 2013 financial statement as of June 30, 2013, and FY 2014 financial statement as of September 30, 2013 were reviewed.

Proposed Budget – A new proposed budget, with a slight increase of over 2% from last year, has been submitted to the governor’s office.

Revenue – DBS closed FY 2013 with a 22% increase over the previous year.

◆ **New/Old Business**

There was no new or old business to discuss.

◆ **Adjournment**

Chairman Terrell adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m. (MT).

MILFORD TERRELL, CHAIRMAN
IDAHO PLUMBING BOARD

C. KELLY PEARCE, ADMINISTRATOR
DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY

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