

**IDAHO HEATING, VENTILATION AND
AIR CONDITIONING BOARD
VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

Wednesday – July 18, 2012 – 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 intended to be a verbatim transcript of the discussions at the meeting,
but is intended to record the significant features of those discussions.**

Chairman Dan Brizee called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. (MT)

Board Members Present:

Dan Brizee, Chairman
Ted Sermon, Vice-Chairman
Bruce Graham
Tim LaMott

Board Members Absent:

Russ Goyen
Bill Carter

DBS Staff Members Present:

C. Kelly Pearce, Administrator
Steve Keys, Deputy Administrator-Operations
Patrick Grace, Deputy Attorney General
Jerry Peterson, HVAC Program Manager
Rod Freligh, Regional Manager, Region 1
Chris Jensen, Regional Manager, Region 3
Kathleen Watkins, Financial Manager
Bill Hatch, Public Information Officer
Renee Bryant, Administrative Assistant 2/Board Secretary

DBS Staff Members Absent:

Ron Whitney, Deputy Administrator-Administration

◆ **Announcement**

At the request of DBS, Chairman Brizee read the following announcement: “Anyone needing to take or make a phone call do it outside or in the lunch room. We have had some recent cases where people are on their cell phones in the hallways and disturbing our employees.”

◆ **Recognition**

Jon Laux was recognized for his years of service on the Idaho HVAC Board with a commemorative plaque.

◆ **Open Forum**

No items or concerns were brought forth.

◆ **Approval of July 18, 2012 Agenda**

MOTION: Ted Sermon made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Bruce Graham seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Approval of May 16, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Ted Sermon made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Bruce Graham seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Public Testimony – Adopt and Amend 2012 International Mechanical Code (IMC), International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC), and Parts V and VI of the International Residential Code (IRC)**

Dan Brizee expressed the negotiated rulemaking process should be ongoing; discussing the differences between codes as soon as they become available for viewing. The topic *Code Review* will be placed as an informational item on all future agendas.

ACTION: All forthcoming agendas will have the topic *Code Review* as an informational item.

Kraig Stevenson, International Code Council (ICC), stated the International Codes are available on ICC's website free of charge. ICC has the ability to custom format codes to state specifications.

Pete Crow, International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO), asked the Board to consider the Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC).

The Idaho Building Code Board (IBCB) has approved and adopted amendments to the 2009 codes. The adoption of the 2012 codes is still under consideration. Should the IBCB move forward with the 2012 codes; some, if not all, of the amendments to the 2009 codes would not be necessary.

Steve Keys recommended, and Chairman Brizee agreed, to establish a subcommittee titled *Review of Code*. The subcommittee will informally discuss the adoption of the 2012 code and/or future codes. Justin Goodwin, city of Moscow, suggested IDABO be involved. Evelyn Grime, College of Western Idaho (CWI), offered the college's facility and resources. Committee members are: Bruce Graham (chairman), Dan Brizee, and Bill Carter, HVAC board members; Jerry Peterson, DBS; Chris Miller, CWI; and IDABO representative.

Notification of subcommittee meetings will be posted on the Division's website and sent to interested parties.

ACTION: The Division will post notification of subcommittee meetings on its website and send to interested parties.

Dan Brizee requested to be placed on DBS's list for the IBCB and Plumbing Board meeting agendas. Kelly Pearce asked the IBCB and Plumbing Board chairmen be added to the HVAC agenda list.

ACTION: The Division will place Dan Brizee on the IBCB and Plumbing Board agenda lists and the chairmen of the IBCB and Plumbing Board to the HVAC agenda list.

◆ **Adopt and Amend 2012 International Mechanical Code (IMC), International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC), and Parts V and VI of the International Residential Code (IRC)**

MOTION: Ted Sermon made a motion to table the topic *Adopt and Amend 2012 International Mechanical Code (IMC), International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC), and Parts V and VI of the International Residential Code (IRC)* until the October 2012 Board meeting. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

MOTION: Tim LaMott made a motion that the Board defers action on the adoption or amendment of the 2012 codes subject to further review. Ted Sermon seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Pressure Testing of ABS/PVC Venting**

On behalf of Carol Alexander, Justin Goodwin presented proposed language for possible addition to IFGC section 503.4.1.2, and IRC section G2427.4.1.2. The proposal would require all plastic pipe located within a dwelling used for venting flue gasses be tested at five (5) psi for 15 minutes.

MOTION: Ted Sermon made a motion to accept the proposal as written. Bruce Graham seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Definition of Plumbing System--Liquid and Fuel Gas Piping**

John Nielsen, DBS plumbing program manager, reiterated the proposed language for possible incorporation into Idaho Code § 54-5015(c).

The topic *Definition of Plumbing System--Liquid and Fuel Gas Piping* correlates with the topic *Responsibilities of the Trades*. Both issues were discussed simultaneously.

MOTION: Ted Sermon made a motion to accept the proposal as written. Tim LaMott seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

◆ **Responsibilities of the Trades**

At a previous meeting, Steve Keys opened discussion relative to the interfacing and licensing scheme between the HVAC, Electrical, and Plumbing Boards. Currently, there is a Memorandum of Understanding. Overtime, this situation has morphed into a complicated and somewhat confusing problem. For simplicity, Mr. Keys suggested the following: 1) Create specialty license with grandfather clause, or 2) Require all inspectors be certified in the three trades.

The topic *Responsibilities of the Trades* correlates with the topic *Definition of Plumbing System--Liquid and Fuel Gas Piping*. Both issues were discussed simultaneously.

The Board was supportive of the suggestion to require all inspectors additional certification in the three trades.

◆ **Costco II Assistance**

The topic *Costco II Assistance* was addressed under the topic *Contractor Licensing Requirement for "Big Box" Vendors*.

◆ **Contractor Licensing Requirement for “Big Box” Vendors**

“Big Box” vendors; i.e., Costco, Home Depot, and Lowes contract with licensed HVAC contractors, also dealers of Lenox, Trane, and Carrier, to install equipment sold in their stores.

Experiencing difficulties in other jurisdictions, Costco has asked for a letter from the state consenting to the business practices stated above. DBS has deferred as it is unclear whether it is an acceptable practice.

The question posed was whether “big box” vendors are considered general or HVAC contractors.

Dan Brizee has an agreement with Costco and offered to provide a copy to Patrick Grace for his review. The topic *Contractor Licensing Requirement for “Big Box” Vendors* will be addressed at the October Board meeting as an informational item.

ACTION: Dan Brizee will provide a copy of his contract with Costco to Patrick Grace.

ACTION: For the October 2012 meeting, the topic *Contractor Licensing Requirement for “Big Box” Vendors* will be placed on the agenda as an informational item.

◆ **Continuing Education**

One proposal is for DBS to provide a CEU course sufficient to satisfy the licensing/renewal requirements at no charge to licensees. The premise is to offer the course as a baseline alternative, not do away with other programs. This proposal would be more acceptable to the legislators because there would be an alternative where licensees would not have to pay.

◆ **HVAC Program Manager Report**

High School Training Program – Twenty five high schools around the state of Idaho have residential construction programs. Eight have purchased or received equipment from federal “green grant” money. Jerry Peterson has provided training and guidance in the development of a greenhouse spec to the existing curriculum. There is a link on ICC’s website, through government relations, to its high school technical training program.

Ventilation – Ventilation in homes is an issue; specifically masonry fireplaces and back drafting. In August 2012, Jerry Peterson will meet with architects, contractors, building officials, etc. in Sun Valley to discuss this matter.

◆ **Operational Report**

Mechanical Inspections – The issue related to a county’s inspection program has been resolved. The HVAC inspection program the county is conducting presents no concerns with regard to certification requirements.

◆ **Administrator Report**

DBS Personnel – The Division has added or reassigned three key members to its administrative team. Ron Whitney has been promoted to deputy administrator-

administration; Kathleen Watkins is the new financial manager; and Michael Savoie is the new human resources officer.

Financial Report – Kathleen Watkins reviewed the Idaho HVAC Board fund FY 2012 financial statement as of May 31, 2012.

Videoconferencing – The bandwidth will be expanded at the Division’s Coeur d’Alene office in hopes of solving picture quality.

New On-Line Program – In the near future, meetings and training will be available for viewing (live or recorded) through the Division’s website.

Changes in Workforce – Kelly Pearce made a PowerPoint presentation titled *Changes in Workforce*. The presentation consisted of charts comparing the average number of employees working in residential and commercial construction, as registered with the Idaho Department of Labor (2007-2012); DBS budget-personnel reduction (2007-2012); and expenditures to appropriations (2005-2012).

◆ **Adjournment**

MOTION: Ted Sermon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Brizee adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m. (MT).

DAN BRIZEE, CHAIRMAN
HEATING, VENTILATION AND
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C. KELLY PEARCE, ADMINISTRATOR
DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY

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