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Draft Minutes of 02/15/2024

Board Members	Matt Gardner, Chair	Division	John Nielsen, Executive Officer
Present:	John Kierce	Staff:	Lea Kear, Legal Counsel
	Bill Harmon		Bryan Mulleneaux, Investigator
	Bob King		Zack Trujillo, Board Support Specialist
			Melissa Ferguson, Edu./Cur. Prog. Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM MT by Chairman Matt Gardner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 10/19/2023 meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD BUSINESS

Appeal – PLB2310-0011: The appeal was tabled until the next meeting as there was no representation for the respondent.

North Idaho College 72-hour Specialty Appliance Course: The Board reviewed the proposed Specialty Appliance Course from North Idaho College. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Specialty Appliance Course. The motion carried unanimously.

Discuss Adoption of 2024 Idaho State Plumbing Code (ISPC), based on 2024 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC): Executive Officer (EO) Nielsen recommended the Board Members look over the 2024 UPC to see if that is the document they want to adopt for the state. The industry was encouraged to come up with proposed amendments as well. Darcy Neidigh, DeBest Plumbing, asked the purpose of having the code cycle under statute instead of rule. EO Nielsen stated is the best option for implementing the rules.

Chapter 12 Uniform Mechanical Code: This issue was addressed under the topic “Chapter 3 & 5 Uniform Solar, Hydronics and Geothermal Code”.

Chapter 3 & 5 Uniform Solar, Hydronics and Geothermal Code: EO Nielsen recommended the Board reference these codes and try to amend certain sections into the Idaho State Plumbing Code.

Gas Pressure Test: The HVAC Board is considering dropping the 20-pound test, using a 60-pound test only. EO Nielsen included this topic, suggesting the Plumbing and HVAC community be more aligned when it comes to these topics and changes.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Cash Balance Report: EO Nielsen provided a Cash Balance Report. Administrator Russ Baron proposed to the legislature that DOPL boards have a cash balance of 125 – 150%. The legislature is reviewing the proposal. The Administrator doesn't want civil penalty money to help support the Boards, rather have that money go towards education outreach. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

Financial Report: A Financial Report was provided. The Board requested a more in-depth explanation of the report be provided at a future meeting.

IAPMO Journeyman and Contractor Exam Provider: Edu./Cur. Prog. Supervisor Melissa Ferguson gave a presentation on IAPMO and the new changes to the exam system. DOPL will be using PSI for its exams, with PSI being able to provide more-testing sites throughout the state in which the exams can be taken. The Board asked for, and Ms. Ferguson explained, the financial impact of this new exam system. In addition, Ms. Ferguson explained that the exam will be updated to stay current with the ISPC.

Inspection Types in OASIS: EO Nielsen recommended the following for inspection types in OASIS; "Final, Groundwork, Rough-In, Sewer & Water, Water Heater Replacement, Requested Inspection, and Gas Pressure". EO Nielsen explained that reducing the amount of inspection types will streamline the process in OASIS.

Notice of Violation (NOV) Report: The NOV Report was provided.

Legislation Update: EO Nielsen provided the legislative status on the following bills: House Bill 505, House Bill 509, House Bill 478, House Bill 562, and House Bill 563. The School Building Safety Legislation is no longer a part of the Agency Legislation.

Public Comment: A question was asked whether the state employs compliance officers. There are no compliance officers currently employed by the state. Kenny Caulkins, Cloverdale Plumbing, asked why the word 'minimum' was deleted in front of the word 'standard' in House Bill 478. EO Nielsen will do more research and get clarification for why that change was made. Ms. Neidigh asked if meeting packets will be provided to industry at future meetings. EO Nielsen will work with DOPL staff to provide those packets. EO Nielsen also clarified that if any member of the industry has a suggested amendment to the 2024 ISPC to contact him directly.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:37 AM. 02/15/2024/zjt