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Minutes of 11/09/2023

Board Members Ted Sermon, Chair **Division** John Nielsen, Executive Officer
Present: Bill Carter, Vice-Chair **Staff:** Lea Kear, Legal Counsel
Mike LaPray Renee Bryant, Board Support Supervisor
Judy Van Cleave
Garret Christoffersen

Board Members Randy Hart
Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM MT by Chair Ted Sermon.

APPROVAL OF 05/10/2023 MINUTES

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

BOARD BUSINESS

Schedule 2024 Meetings: The Board agreed on the following 2024 meeting dates: February 21, June 12, and October 30.

Board Survey: A survey titled “Board Evaluation Survey Questions” is sent to the Board after every meeting. The Chair asked for the Board Members to complete the surveys in a timely manner.

Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) and HVAC (HVC) Boards: There was discussion of possibly combining the HVC and LPG boards into one board. A statute change would be required, and the earliest it would be able to go before the legislature is at the 2025 Legislative Session. This topic to be addressed at future meetings.

Discussion on the 2024 Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC): There was discussion of creating an Idaho HVAC Code book based on the IAPMO Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC).

Chad Schwendiman, City of Boise and IDABO Representative, asked the following questions: 1) Will inspectors currently certified under the International Codes (I-Codes) be grandfathered in under the new code, 2) Has The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) been contacted to get its opinions since this will change engineers designs, 3) Will there be a conflict between the gas suppliers in Idaho using the I-Codes and HVC installers, 4) What about penetrations below grade that doesn't meeting the I-Codes, and 5) Is there going to

be a struggle for curriculum change in the schools with students that are in their third year now and potentially having to switch codes mid-stream. This topic will be addressed at future meetings.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Public Comment: Tim Beymer, Valley Wide Cooperative, stated in IDAPA rule, there are different pressures between propane and natural gas. Typically, if running a propane system in a house, it should be pressure checked at 60 psi. As much as the systems are changing with generators going in, etc., homes are being changed to two (2) psi systems. Therefore, installers are going through and repressurizing the entire home. Mr. Beymer suggested changing the rule so that tests are set at 60 psi across the board.

Financial Report: The Idaho HVAC Board's Financial Report, FY2023 YEAR END REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES as of June 30, 2023, was provided.

Agency Legislation: A summary of draft proposals by DOPL was provided and will go before the 2024 Legislature. Two proposals that may affect the Board are: 1) Licensure Renewals, a biennial licensure renewal (unless already more than two years) with an expiration date to the birth month of the licensee or, for entities, the birth month of the licensee's owner or designee; and 2) Public Works License Exemption, allow for an exemption from licensure for subcontractors performing work on a project managed by a licensed public works contractor when the value of the subcontracted work is less than \$100,000. It also eliminates the category of Class D licensure.

Program Report: Executive Officer Nielsen provided an update on the HVAC Program; i.e., DOPL website is being updated, new "OASIS" licensing software system available in July 2024, and Canyon County relinquished their HVAC Program in September 2023, to DOPL for inspections.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:29 AM.