TO: State Board of Plumbing Examiners
FROM: Frank Shimkus, Plumbing Program Manager
DATE: January 15, 2013
SUBJECT: Minutes for the December 19, 2012 Open Meeting

Attendance and Meeting Location
The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. on December 19, 2012 at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois State Fairgrounds, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, Illinois.

The following were in attendance:

IDPH Staff
   Dr. David Culp, Deputy Director, Office of Health Protection
   Ken McCann, Division Chief, Environmental Health
   Justin DeWitt, Chief, General Engineering Section
   Frank Shimkus, Manager, Plumbing Program
   Jason Boltz, General Counsel
   Kevin Jacobs, Assistant General Counsel
   Janet Tucker, Office Associate
   Tiago Maia, Graduate Intern
   Irma Anaya Villa, Administrative Assistant

Board Members
   Larry Allport
   Thomas Caliper
   Doug Dodson
   Jim Flemming
   John Gallagher
   Todd Sandberg
   Tim Strubhar
   Bill Weinhoffer

Welcome and Introductions
McCann welcomed everyone. A roll call was performed and quorum was established.
Motions

- Flemming made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Gallagher. Flemming made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. It was seconded by Gallagher.

Agenda

DeWitt explained the purpose and need for bylaws which the Department expected to have drafted and ready for review and approval by the next meeting.

Culp thanked everyone for attending the last meeting and for providing feedback at the plumbing exams he attended.

DeWitt presented the group with the new law for expedited licensing for military members and their spouses effective January 1, 2013. The new law requires licensing agencies to act quickly on any application from an applicant that meets the qualifications and issue a temporary license until a final decision is made for final approval of the applicant according to the qualification criteria. The purpose of the law is to facilitate military members starting work as soon as possible when they have to relocate. The Department sought the Board's feedback on implementing a process for determining eligibility and process for issuing a plumbing license. The language requires the Department to approve training and experience that is “substantially equivalent” to its requirements, so a decision will need to be made on whether a license from another state would be sufficient to qualify for admittance to the Illinois plumbing exam or what criteria must be met. The Plumbing Program will draft criteria used to determine ‘substantial equivalent’ and present to board.

Exam updates were discussed
- Possible discontinuation of lead project
- Modify drawing, include scale

Break 12:00 - 1:00

Agenda Cont’d

6 meetings were conducted with apprentices and their sponsors who have failed the plumbing exam multiple times.

Motion

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sandberg, seconded by Flemming.
- The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote
Meeting adjourned  3:00 p.m.