



Pat Quinn, Governor
LaMar Hasbrouck, MD, MPH, Director

525-535 West Jefferson Street • Springfield, Illinois 62761-0001 • www.idph.state.il.us

TO: Plumbing Code Advisory Council Members
FROM: Frank Shimkus, Plumbing Program Manager
DATE: May 31, 2013
SUBJECT: Minutes-May 20, 2013 Plumbing Code Advisory Council Meeting

Attendance and Meeting Location

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. on April 22, 2013 at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois State Fairgrounds, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, Illinois.

The following were in attendance:

IDPH Staff

Justin Dewitt, Chief, General Engineering Section
Ken McCann, Division Chief, Environmental Health
Frank Shimkus, Manager, Plumbing Program
Tiago Maia, Intern
Mark Kuechler, Champaign Regional Supervisor
Jan Tucker, Office Associate

Plumbing Code Advisory Council Members

Linc Cochran
Jeremiah Deakin
Jim Fleming (joined late)
Doyle James
Ken McCann
James Majerowicz
David Manzel
Beverly Potts
Gerald Tienstra

Guests

Len Fassett
Gary Hinderlighter
Mark Kuechler

Welcome and Introductions

Ken McCann introduced himself and welcomed everyone. A roll call was performed and quorum established.

Motions

- A motion was made to approve the agenda by Majerowicz and seconded by Tienstra.
- The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

- A motion was made to approve the April 22nd Minutes by Potts and seconded by Tienstra.
- The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Discussion Items

- McCann opened the floor for public comment; however, there was none at this time.

- DeWitt began with an update on the comments for the current draft of the rules. On April 26 the Illinois Register published the first notice of the amendments. A number of comments have been received. The responses to those will be given back to the individual person who asked. In the next week or so, Frank, Tiago, Mark Kuechler and Justin will draft those responses and send them out. Once we go to second notice and those comments funnel through JCAR then all of the responses will go back to JCAR, not to the commenter. There are some concerns showing up about graywater that are being addressed with local departments, but at this point no changes to the code are expected in order to respond to those. The comment period will close in approximately 60 days.

- Potts questioned lead content percentage because the state code still says 8% and the new federal law changes the percentage to .25%. McCann suggested she submit a written comment.

- Dewitt reiterated that Phase III is the very technical code changes that will continue to be discussed with this group but will not be submitted until after the current amendments are ratified and published.

- McCann stated he thought best case scenario it would take 6 to 8 months to get rules approved. So far there has not been a request for public hearing. If there is a request, that would cause a potential delay and add an additional month to month and a half to the process. The hope is that we will be before JCAR with a decision by Fall. Dewitt felt the soonest we would be before JCAR would be September – October. The goal is to get it done by the end of the end of the year.

- Dr Culp has issued a 2 year cycle directive to us that all program rules be addressed every 2 years. Potts commented that by reviewing it every 2 years we would not be in a situation where the entire book needed to be reinvented.

- Plastic pressure and temperature ratings. Shimkus passed out copies of a letter he received from Robert Bolko, who is concerned about the types of plastics that we approve for use for potable water and direct fired heaters and their connections to them and the pressure ratings of relief valves and potential problems that could develop, who is inspecting them and the process necessary in order to make sure that these things are installed properly.

Mr. Bolko is requesting at least 30 minutes of the council's time to discuss his concerns and make a presentation.

Majerowicz and Tienstra both recommended allowing Mr. Bolko 30 minutes of time to address the Council. McCann said he will put Mr. Bolko on the June 24 agenda under product review.

- Program licensure fees. Tiago presented the actual fees incurred for the plumbing exam to be a little over \$12,400 each time the exam is given. The money collected for each exam is only \$10,000, leaving a deficit of \$2,400. Tiago suggested increasing the exam fee from \$100 to \$125. Hinderlighter recommended raising the test fee to \$150. Fleming recommended \$175 (the examining board wants the fee to be \$175). Dewitt brought up the fact that the City of Chicago charges \$149.

Potts wanted to know if it were possible to increase the exam fee for subsequent exams. Kuechler reiterated that the fee should be based on the cost of the exam.

No action or decision was made on the increased fee schedule today. McCann will put fees on the agenda in June.

- Justin passed out a document on clear water reuse. The Council will review and make suggested changes by June 17.
- Additional code changes relating to the clear water waste subcommittee was discussed in length by Jim Majerowicz. Ken McCann suggested a subcommittee be formed.
- Proposed meeting dates: June 24, July 22, August – no meeting, September 23 and October 28, to be held at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Motion

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gerald Tienstra, seconded by Jeremiah Deakin
The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned 12:00 p.m.