

TO: Plumbing Code Advisory Council Members
FROM: Ken McCann, Chair – Plumbing Code Advisory Council
DATE: October 23, 2014
SUBJECT: Minutes-September 29, 2014 Plumbing Code Advisory Council Meeting

Attendance and Meeting Location

The meeting began at 10:04 a.m. on September 29, 2014 at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois State Fairgrounds, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, Illinois. The following were in attendance:

IDPH Staff

Ken McCann, Division Chief Environmental Health
Justin DeWitt, Chief, General Engineering Section
Frank Shimkus, Manager, Plumbing Program
Rhonda Hawkins, Administrative Assistant
Darrah Dunlap, Intern Environmental Health

Plumbing Code Advisory Council Members

Linc Cochran
Dennis Doolan
Doyle James
Ken McCann
James Majerowicz
Beverly Potts
Gerald Tienstra

Guests

Thomas G. Ayers
Jim Barney
Dan Howl
Shawn Martin, ICC
Bob Neale, ICC
Greg Thorpe
Bill Ward, Home Builders

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 meeting agenda by Bev Potts and seconded by Doyle James.
- The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
- A motion was made by Gerald Tienstra to approve the June 30, 2014 meeting minutes and seconded by Bev Potts.
- The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Discussion Items

- Ken McCann opened the floor for public comment. Public comments were made by Bob Neal, Shawn Martin, Greg Thorpe, Tom Ayers and Dan Howl.
- Bob Neal, Regional Manager with International Code Council (ICC) presented ICC statistics to the PCAC board referencing Public Act 92-489, as well as, discussed data from the Capitol Development Board. Mr. Neal asked the PCAC to consider adopting the ICC's International Plumbing Code.
- Shawn Martin with ICC provided a draft of the International Plumbing Code to the PCAC. Shawn Martin discussed the ICC standards for disinfection of the potable water system with the PCAC. Mr. Martin discussed "green code" and "green construction".
- Greg Thorpe, Rock Island Building Official discussed the "green code" and would like to adopt as an alternative in place of the International Association of Plumbing Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) code.
- Tom Ayers, Chief Building Official with Rock Island discussed Hot Water Distribution- Subpart N conflicting with legislation as well as the Illinois Plumbing Code conflicting with the International Green Construction Code (IGCC) standards for building and fire codes.
- Dan Howl with the International Institute of Architects introduced himself to the PCAC.

- Justin DeWitt discussed that the 890 rules are adopted and published. Part 68 IL Admin Code 750 will be published in the IL Register on October 10, 2014. Parts 892 and 894- Irrigation and Plumbing contractor rules were filed with JCAR and are scheduled for adoption.
- Justin DeWitt discussed that the Department has adopted the 750.710 rule regarding Certified Plumbing Inspectors. All plumbing inspectors must be certified. DeWitt discusses that the Department will utilize Regional staff to administer State inspector certification exams.
- Justin DeWitt discussed 750.110 rules regarding the new fee schedule for plumbing; fees will increase for any new plumbing applicant. The NSF fees have increased from \$20 to \$100.
- Justin DeWitt stated that the Department is working to get the last two code amendments adopted and is currently not working on new code amendments.
- Product demonstration conducted by Jim Barney with Comfort Designs- Mr. Barney presented on a shower drain system. Mr. Barney asked the PCAC to approve this product.
- Justin DeWitt discussed that the Department was contacted by a firm representing an ice hockey skating rink. Justin DeWitt raised an open discussion with the PCAC on heating domestic water reclaimed heating systems.
- Tom Ayers suggested that the PCAC team up with the Energy Conservation Committee.
- Justin DeWitt discussed cleaning domestic water lines and asked the board to take under advisement as there is currently nothing addressed in the Illinois Plumbing Code and this is a Public Health concern. Justin DeWitt provided a handout to the council.
- Jim Majerowicz raised concern for the cleaning of domestic water lines on galvanized piping systems as some of the older piping systems may contain lead.
- Gerald Tienstra raised concern as to who is dismantling the piping when cleaning the domestic water lines as there could potentially be backflow issues.
- Shawn Martin offered to provide the PCAC with language from the ICC standards on the disinfection and testing of piping
- Justin DeWitt stated that the PCAC board will begin working on a preliminary draft for providing language in the IL Plumbing Code on disinfection of piping systems.

- Ken McCann updated the PCAC on the Contractor renewals.
- Ken McCann discussed the Division of Environmental Health will no longer be sending out wall certificates for individual licensees; instead using a 8 ½ x 11 letter with a snap shot of the individual's license to be displayed.

Meeting adjourned

Dennis Doolan motioned to adjourn, seconded by Gerald Tienstra. Meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 11:15 a.m.