Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 11:45 by David Gans

Attendance:
Nine were in attendance

Minutes:
No prior minutes to discuss.

Training Schedules:
No training scheduled at this time

Old Business:
We discussed PEX and the effects of disinfection (chlorination). It was noted that Europe uses a ionization method of disinfection. Water filtration is needed to remove the chlorine to get a long lasting PEX product. IAPMO has their business group establishing standards for water filtration.

In the discussing of water quality a independent website that address local water quality can be found at:
www.ewg.org/tapwater

New Business:
- The insurance industry is tightening the screws on “negligent” homeowners and problems because of their negligence.
- Will insurance companies pay for code upgrades? Examples are an expansion tank on a WH after a water heater related loss?
- The Water Heater checklist needs to be updated. It was originally created in 2010. We discussed a Plumbing Engineer article by Ron George that has an eight-page checklist. We also need a checklist for Tankless WH and the specifics of each manufacturer? This would be an undertaking!
- We discussed PVC and CPVC venting of high efficiency water heaters. It was discussed that a listed and approved venting system is now available by IPEX. System 636 is the name of it. Look it up on the internet.
- With the condensing water heaters and retrofits do you allow the vent to be stuffed up the existing vent? It is ok as long as the vent is approved by the manufacturer of the WH and the vent is run through termination properly.
• Are we as an industry ready to require expansion tanks with retrofit installations? Code officials this is a question for you? New construction it is clear that a tank is required. Both inspection groups (Combination and Plumbing) at the City of SD require them for new construction.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50

Respectfully submitted,

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