The combined Southern California Plumbing and Mechanical Chapters of IAPMO met on Tuesday, July 17, with 26 members and guests. Roscoe King, Chapter Chairman called the meeting to order. Bob Payne of Keyline Sales led the salute to the flag. This was followed by the self-introduction of attendees including the four (4) first timers.

Ed Saltzberg, Chapter Secretary, read the Minutes of the June 19, 2007 meeting. The Minutes were approved as read.

Jerry Plank, Chapter Treasurer, was not present so there was no treasurer’s report. Bob Bailey of UPPA of Long Beach acted as treasurer for the day.

Announcements

1. Bob Bailey of UPPA of Long Beach reported no breakfast meeting in August, they are playing golf.
2. Pete Tanace of Costa Mesa reported on the PHCC of Orange County inspectors nite.
3. David Gans of Oceanside reported that they are starting a San Diego IAPMO Chapter on August 7. We wish them much success.
4. Roscoe King reported that he and Pennie Feehan of CDA are on the IAPMO Seminar Committee.

TECHNICAL PROGRAM

Roscoe King introduced Bill Kitchens, Sales Engineer, with Christy’s, Manufacturers Representative. Bill spoke about PEX pipe and PEX- Al -PEX Pipe and passed out literature. He said that while PEX is not approved in the California Plumbing Code, 27,318, houses and apartments were plumbed with PEX in California. Bill stated that PEX was started in Europe 30 years ago and currently all states except California approved PEX piping. Bill spoke about the failures of copper fittings in Las Vegas due to dezincification.

Bill then passed out copies of Maximum Performance (MaP) testing of Popular Toilet Models. This was testing done by two (2) Engineering companies, one in Canada and one in U. S. They tested the discharge capability of Water Closets. Kurt Bramstedt of Caroma Inc. spoke about the test and said that now all Water Closets can be compared as to their
ability to evacuate contents. Kurt said they tested Water Closets at 1000 grs. but the standard is 250 grs. There was much discussion of drain line carry. Kurt said that was not tested in the MaP study. Kurt said that much of the new technology is from Europe and Australia.

Chuck Graham, Sales Engineer, spoke about Matco-Norca Cast Iron Pipe. He said that it meets all ASTM cast iron standards. It complies with 3rd Party Testing and it is IAPMO listed.

**New & Old Business**

1. Mario Orlando of Westmark Enterprises showed the Wilkins lead free Backflow Preventer, sizes ¾” and 1” which is USC approved and comes in R. P. or Double Check.
2. Roscoe displayed an IAPMO Belt Buckle. He said only 50 were made and this one was given to Chief Plumbing Inspector of LA City, Les Chatfield. It was given to Roscoe as a deserving recipient.
3. Ed Wass was thanked for subbing last month and there was a motion made to have Ed Waas as next year’s Chapter Chairman. Roscoe will check the By-laws to see if a non-city official can be Chapter Chairman.

At the conclusion of the new business, the door prize was awarded. Henry Martinez of Costa Mesa won the $10.00 door prize.

Other prize winners were Tim Dunn of City of Ventura, Jerry Schreiber of Vernon, Bob Bailey of UPPA of Long Beach and Bob Payne of Keyline Sales.

Winners of a wine, from Ed Wass of Spears Manufacturing, were Pennie Feehan of CDA and Ron Caudle of So Calif Gas Co.

With that, the meeting concluded. We wish to thank Bill Kitchens of Christy's and Kurt Branstedt of Caroma for the interesting program.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Saltzberg
Chapter Secretary