SOUTHEASTERN IDAHO
Chapter of
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL OFFICIALS

Chairman: Matt Gardner
Vice-Chairman: Mike Balmforth
Secretary/Treasurer: Mike Breed

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: July 14, 2009
Meeting Place:
Idaho State University
RFC Building
Pocatello, ID

Officers Present: Matt Gardner-Chairman
Mike Breed-Secretary/Treasurer

Regional Manager: Pete Crow

State of Idaho Plumbing Inspectors: Adam Bowcutt
Other Inspectors: Garret Christoffersen-City of Idaho Falls

Meeting was convened at 7:00

Chairman Matt Gardner welcomed all in attendance then asked Past Chairman Rob Jensen to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Self introductions were made.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mike Breed and were approved by membership.

Mike also gave the financial report.

Program: Clay Smith of G&S Sales presented a program on Air Admittance Valves. He explained that housing starts in the area for 2009 were down 54% from 2008 and down 81% from 2006.

Clay explained that changes in the plumbing industry have always been difficult transitions, such as the changes from galvanized to copper water supplies and then from copper to PEX. Often they were 20 year battles.

He explained that air admittance valves actually work faster than traditional venting to retention of the trap seal. Roof penetrations are a potential for damage, air admittance valves can eliminate the need for roof penetrations. Air admittance valves will not put plumbers out of work, such as homeowners installing their own. He has the opinion that if the homeowners install them, they will do so incorrectly and they will have to hire a plumber to correct it.

After Clay’s presentation, the group discussed pro’s and con’s.

Garret Christoffersen reported on new Idaho code changes and the work his committee has been doing to provide an Idaho-specific code. He explained the purpose of the new code is to standardize what is expected in Idaho. Garret told us that the changes are available to view on the Division of Building Safety website (dbs.idaho.gov). He outlined a few of the changes, the new code will include drawings and will require that enough space be left available for a water softener, in addition to the all ready required water-softener loop. The new code will also allow the use of air admittance valves for island sinks only.

Mike Breed told the group that he had sent letters to legislators encouraging them to have Garret appointed to the Plumbing Board. He asked that those present to let their legislators know that we need someone on the Board that could represent South Eastern Idaho.
Nominations for officers: Motion was made, seconded and passed to re-elect existing officers on a white ballot.

Pete Crow installed Mike Breed and Matt Gardner to their respective offices.

Matt appealed for ideas on increasing membership. Pete responded that in other chapters, members come to satisfy their continuing education credits.

Next Meeting is to be determined.

Matt thanked all for attending and adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Recorded by Mike Breed