Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** January 27, 2010

**Meeting Place:**
Eastern Idaho JATC
190 Wilson Ave.
Blackfoot, ID 83221

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

Regional Manager: Pete Crow
State of Idaho Plumbing Inspectors: Adam Bowcutt and Chris Critser

Meeting was convened at 6:35

Chairman Matt Gardner welcomed all in attendance

Self introductions were made.

Previous meeting minutes were read and approved

Financial report was read and approved
Program:
Former Chairman of the State Plumbing Board Ray Coon spoke on the county option legislation that is being presented to the State Legislature. He explained what an impact it could have on the industry, such as different interpretations of the code from county to county. Perhaps, in the future different codes from county to county if this legislation were to become law. It could even lead to “multi-hat inspectors” meaning that one individual could inspect electrical, plumbing HVAC, and building. We all agree that someone that performs inspections should come from the industry for which he is inspecting. It would mean the death of the Division of Building Safety, they would become simply a licensing agency.

Pete Crow told us that the State of Colorado has a state code and home rule which creates a situation where a state can adopt a plumbing code and a county or city could adopt a different plumbing code

State Inspector Adam Bowcutt echoed Mr. Coon’s concerns of the county option legislation. He told us of plumbing inspectors being pushed into inspecting HVAC. It was supposed to be temporary, but with the state of the economy, there is little chance that there will be any new HVAC only inspectors. He told us of some of the inspections by these HVAC inspectors and how little attention they showed, such as not even looking in the mechanical room, but “green tagging” the house.

Ray encouraged all in attendance to write letters to legislators, especially those on the House Business Committee and the Senate Commerce and Human Services Committee, opposing this legislation. To help educate the legislators, he suggested reminding them that DBS is a self-funded agency, in your letters.

Ray informed the group that Ron Loveland, currently the chairman of the State Plumbing Board, will not seek re-appointment to the Board when his term is up in April.

Chairman Matt Gardner read a letter from C. Kelly Pierce opposing the county option legislation.

Several apprentices brought up the issue of obtaining practical exams. Matt told us it is not a dead issue. Ray said that the Board could adopt a
temporary rule to accommodate laboratory type exams. He encouraged us to write letters to the Board and to Legislators on this issue.

Matt and Mike told those in attendance that they should not be offended by inspectors that ask to see their license, instead they should, one, be proud that they have one and, two, thankful that the inspectors are out there checking licenses because they are helping to protect the industry.

Ray stated that they are protecting the health of the citizens of Idaho and should be proud of their profession, and it is a profession!

Mike informed us what Chapter membership dues are $15.00 annually and that international membership was $75.00 annually.

Pete informed us of the benefits of IAPMO membership. Pete also told us he would get us a copy of IAPMO presentations that could be used for educational purposes at chapter meetings. He told us that we can get a code interpretation by calling IAPMO and that we should also look at the website www.iapmo.org for a lot of different information.

We had a several sign up as new chapter members and are looking at IAPMO membership. **We had 26 in attendance!! Awesome!!**

Next Meeting date is to be determined.

Matt thanked all for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Recorded by Mike Breed