Minutes of the Iowa Chapter of IAPMO Meeting, 17 November 2011.

The Iowa Chapter of IAPMO meeting was held at the Holiday Inn in Des Moines, November 17, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by the President, Bob Lynch.

The minutes of the previous meeting were submitted by Bernie Osvald. Bill Schweitzer asked that a correction be made to the minutes. He stated that the free first year membership to IAPMO does not include voting rights. It was moved by Don Hansen and seconded by Mike Minnick that the minutes of the meeting be approved as amended. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended.

It was moved by Scott Harms and seconded by Mike Minnick to approve the Treasurers Report as submitted by Rick Coffman. The motion passed.

Terrance McLean from GreenField Direct, LLC was introduced. Terrance made a presentation of a product named PipeBurst Pro which consists of sensors to detect water leaks. These sensors connect to a valve that turns off the water supply and sounds an alarm. The sensors may be placed in various locations such as laundries, kitchens, mechanical rooms.

Chris Olsen from Specified Systems was introduced. He brought a polypropylene product for use in the venting of high efficiency appliances called Innflue from Centrotherm ECO System. Some areas no longer approve the use of PVC for venting of appliances as condensing because the acids produced destroy the glue joints. This product is not yet approved for use by IAPMO and not yet included on installation instructions for appliances. It is available in sizes 2 inch thru 12 inch.

Bill Schweitzer and Don Hansen talked about the ongoing discussions by the State of Iowa Plumbing and Mechanical Board about defining State of Iowa licensing categories. The question is whether the current Hydronics License would cover ‘Processed Piping’ and should other licensing categories be established. It was a consensus of the members at our meeting that it would be better to reduce the categories rather than expand them. It was moved by Don Hansen and seconded by Rick Coffman that Bernie writes a letter to the State Board stating that the Iowa Chapter of IAPMO supports a reduction of licensing categories to simply Plumbing and Mechanical Licenses. The motion passed unanimously. Don said that PHCC has sent a letter to the State Congressmen that they are in favor of doing away with the State Licensing Program unless a State Inspection Program is established for the areas of the state where no inspections are currently performed.

The code discussion portion of the meeting included:
- How is the required cubic feet of a space required for combustion air calculated when substantial area is taken up by equipment?
- What are the required locations of floor drains?
- The minimum shower dimensions for new installation and retrofit installation.
What are the approved relief valve discharge locations in areas with freezing temperatures? Single wall and double wall heat exchangers required in Geothermal Systems.

Door prizes were given out.

It was moved by Don Hansen and seconded by Scott Harms that the Chapter pays for lunch. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned for lunch.