MINUTES OF THE IOWA CHAPTER OF IAPMO MEETING 24 JANUARY 2013

The Iowa Chapter of IAPMO meeting was called to order by the president Bob Lynch at 9:00 am on 24 January 2013.

Greg Verthein a representative from Wieser Precast was introduced. He made a presentation on precast grease interceptors. He explained that his product meets all UPC specifications for listed grease interceptors. His product is available in 1000 through 5000 gallon capacity models and is manufactured with reinforced concrete with lid, risers and tops designed for vehicle traffic. Wieser sets the grease interceptor and gasketing in place and air tests for leaks. Greg explained that the installation calls for more than one tank needs to be installed in series the tanks are more efficient if there are no compartments inside the units.

Ken Sharp from the Iowa State Health Department was introduced to update us concerning Iowa State Licensing. Ken informed us that 568 Plumbing/Mechanical Contractor License applications have been received. 418 of these have been returned because the application was incomplete, usually because insurance and bonding information was not submitted with the application. The insurance requirement is $500,000 and the bonding requirement is $5000. The state will track Insurance and Bonding requirements and that this information will be available on the state website. The State will begin enforcement of Contractor License requirement January 1, 2014. Ken said that four items are going to be proposed as changes to the State Licensing this next session in the legislature, these changes are industry initiated.

1. The Master Licensing will be either Plumbing or Mechanical only and that Journeyman or lower level licensing will still have the sub-categories (for example maintenance, sheet metal etc).
2. Renewal of licenses may be a single date or pick a date (for your company)
3. The Contractors license may be combined with the Workforce Development Contractor listing.
4. The recommendation that the IMC be adopted as the state mechanical code.

A long discussion ensued concerning the different license categories and the problem with people working outside the scope of their particular license category or without a license. Ken said the State is currently pursuing and prosecuting cases related to these issues. Don Hansen said that fines levied have ranged from $250 to $5000. Ken said that State inspection for Plumbing and Mechanical is still off the table. We thanked Ken for stopping by to give us an update.
Bill Schweitzer said that Radiant Professionals Alliance and ASSE are now part of the IAPMO Group. He said that this year the IAPMO National Conference will be held in Kansas City on September 30th thru October 3rd. He said we could contact Tina Rice for hotel and registration information. Don said that it is important that we have as many members from Iowa attend as possible because of the proximity location and that the Chapter may be able to supply partial fee payments for conference thru door prizes.

Curt Sauve asked that we set dates for the remainder of 2013. The tentative meeting dates will be: 21 March, 16 May, 18 July, 19 September, and 21 November 2013.

Bob Osgood moved that the Chapter pay for lunch, it was seconded by John Henderson. The motion passed.

It was moved by Scott Harms and seconded by Brian Hamer that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed. Door prizes were awarded and then the meeting was adjourned.