MINUTES OF THE IOWA CHAPTER OF IAPMO MEETING 25 JULY 2013

The Iowa Chapter of IAPMO meeting was called to order by Rick Coffman at 9:00 am on 25 July 2013 in Des Moines. The President Bob Lynch and the Vice-President Curt Suave were unable to attend.

It was moved by Brian Hamner and seconded by Paul Allen to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as provided by Bernie Osvald. The Motion passed.

It was moved by Don Hanson and seconded by Mike Minnick to approve the Treasurers report as reported by Rick Coffman. The Motion passed.

Bernie Osvald read an e-mail update from Cindy Houlson from the Iowa State Health Department on the Plumbing and Mechanical licensing program. She said that there are eight rules pending legislation. Public hearings will be held August 27th. One rule pending legislation is lowering the passing score for the licensing exams to 70% from the current 75%. This lead to a discussion on the merits of keeping the passing score at 75%.

Bill Schweitzer said that Prometric will no longer be the testing agency for the Iowa Plumbing and Mechanical Licenses as they do not feel that the number of people taking the exam in Iowa is adequate for them to obtain a profit from our business. Rick said that there is probably not adequate time to get a test together from our Chapter by January.

Bernie was asked to contact Sol to get the CEU class setup. Linda Rivers has offered to help set up a class in Walcott, Iowa. Bernie will try to get them in communication with each other to try to set up something in September.

Mike Minnick brought in a sample of a Mega-press gas pipefitting. This has approval from ICC but is not currently listed for use by IAPMO. Most people voiced reservations on its use because of the o-rings and in installations on systems subject to vibrations.

Rick asked how many apprentices the different jurisdictions allow per licensed people on work sites. Most jurisdictions represented at the meeting said 2 to 1.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to code discussion including, gas pipe sizing, requirements for isolation valves for shower faucets in multifamily apartment buildings, offset closet flanges, sizing of building drains and sewers, and the applications for use of ASSE 1016, 1069 & 1070 tempering valves.

Mike Minnick moved that the Chapter pay for lunch, it was seconded by Paul Allen. The motion passed.

It was moved by Don Hanson and seconded by Bernie Osvald that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed. Door prizes were awarded and then the meeting was adjourned. The meeting dates for the rest of the year will be: 19 September, and 21 November 2013.