MINUTES OF THE
IOWA CHAPTER OF IAPMO MEETING
19 MARCH 2015

The Iowa Chapter of IAPMO meeting was called to order by the President, Rick Coffman, at 9:00 am on 19 March 2015 in Des Moines.

It was moved by Scott Harms and seconded by Duane Neff to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as provided by Bernie Osvald. The Motion passed.

It was moved by Mike Minnick and seconded by Brian Rogers to approve the Treasurers report as reported by Rick Coffman. The motion passed.

Cindy Houlson from the Iowa Department Public Health Plumbing & Mechanical Board informed us that she will be leaving her position with the Iowa Department of Public Health for another job at the State the end of the month. She said that the position will take a couple of months to be filled. Kane Young (the Executive Officer) will be covering her duties until the position is filled. His e-mail address is: kane.young@idph.gov.

Cindy said that two new members have been appointed to the State Board. Toni Knight from Thrasher Plumbing and Heating and Jason Hayes a Journeyman mechanical.

She said that the IMC is currently being reviewed. Mike Minnick provided the State Board with a list of possible amendments to the IMC and possible concerns. They are being reviewed.

Rick reviewed the state amendments to the 2015 UPC as proposed by the Iowa Chapter of IAPMO code committee. Items discussed were:

1. Specifications on material used in backfill around PVC
2. Insulation of hot water piping
3. Requirement of floor drain in water heater room
4. Horizontal wet venting
5. Drainage connection for food disposals
6. Connection of CSST to appliances
After discussion it was moved by Don Hansen and seconded by Curt Suave that we officially submit these proposed code amendments to the State Board for adoption in the state plumbing code. The motion carried unanimously. Rick will submit them to the State Board.

The code discussion portion of our meeting covered the following

Elvin Van Kooten asked about renovation of an existing strip mall where a tenant is moving into a space where there are no restrooms, but, they would have access to a common set of restrooms thru a back hallway. The building however was built before any handicap accessibility standards and they do not meet ADA. The tenant space will not be a change of use and they did not want to pay the expense of new restrooms. It was consensus that he probably could require them to upgrade the restrooms where there was no change of use and minor remodeling.

Rick Coffman and Don Hansen talked about the fact that by state law Fire Prevention backflow devices may not be tested by people who are not NYCET certified.

Rick also asked if any jurisdiction was allowing the installation of HDPE pipe for bursting and boring of sewer mains and laterals. It appears that it has been used in several localities on a limited basis.

Rick called for election of officers. It was moved by Steve Donnolly and seconded by Brian Hamner that we retain the same officers as in 2014. The motion passed. The officers are as follows:

President - Rick Coffman
Vice President - Bob Osgood
Secretary - Bernie Osvald
Treasurer - Rick Coffman

Meeting dates for the remainder of 2015 will be May 18th, July 16th, September 17th, and November 19, 2015. The next meeting will be held at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids on May 18th.

It was moved by John Barber and seconded by John Williams that the chapter pays for lunch. The motion passed.

It was moved by Mike Minnick and seconded by Lon Schwickereth that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed. Door prizes were awarded and then the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernie Osvald,
Iowa Chapter Secretary