The Iowa Chapter of IAPMO meeting was called to order by Bob Osgood, at 9:00 am on 17 March, 2016 in Des Moines. The President, Mike Minnick, was absent.

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

It was moved by Don Hansen and seconded by John Williams to approve the Treasurers report as provided by Brian Hamner. The Motion passed.

Jennifer Hart, the Executive Officer of the State of Iowa Plumbing and Mechanical Board, gave an update on the progress toward adoption of the 2015 IMC and the 2015 UPC by the State of Iowa. She said that the amendments to the State Plumbing Code and Mechanical Codes will be published within the next ten days. She said they are on track for adoption on 1 June, 2016. The Board wants to start testing for licenses over the new codes sixty days after adoption, which will be September 1st. She also said that the State Plumbing and Mechanical Code amendment booklets will be available in May. Brian said that the Central Iowa Code Consortium has agreed to adopt like codes for enforcement. They have agreed on the IMC and the UPC.

Jennifer said that there is an opening on the State Board and they are looking for a female member. She also said that the Board is moving forward toward license reciprocity with the state of South Dakota for plumbing licenses. The reciprocity would be for only people who have tested for their licenses and not for licenses obtained thru ‘grandfathering’. Continuing education classes are similar in both states so that this could be covered in your state of residence. She said that they are also exploring reciprocity with the state of Minnesota.

Don Hansen said the State website includes a list of people who have been disciplined. He said that the state investigator has done a good job investigating complaints of work being done by unlicensed people and bringing them to the Board and issuing fines. There was some discussion of licensing of people convicted of felonies. Jennifer said that revocation of licenses by the Board may be done if the felony is related to work in the trade.

Jennifer said that there have been minimal complaints about testing since the testing is now done thru the Kirkwood Community College test sites. She said that she will bring the test result percentages to our next meeting that will be held at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids. Brian Rogers said that he will forward any proposed questions for plumbing licensing exams to IAPMO for consideration. John Williams asked Jennifer if there was a possibility that Backflow Tester Certification could be under
the jurisdiction of the State Board because Backflow is part of the State Plumbing Code. This proposal would probably need to be written into state licensing.

**Don Hansen** noted that State License renewals will be coming in 2017 and that licensed people will need CEU’s for renewal and that we need to help provide options to obtain these CEU’s. **Brian** said that he has submitted a two hour CEU class to the State Board for approval. **Lee Gard**, the UA Local 33 instructor, said that he already has classes that have been approved by the State Board. These courses include safety in addition to the plumbing code. He said that he would be willing to offer the UA training facility as a site for our business meeting and then for the CEU class after the business meeting.

Discussion followed deciding that the July 21st Chapter business meeting would be held from 3 pm to 4 pm with the CEU class from 4 pm until 6 pm at the UA33 training facility in Des Moines. The address is 2501 Bell Ave., Des Moines, la., 50321. **Brian** and **Lee** will work out what class will be provided by the time we have our May meeting in Cedar Rapids so that notices can be given. It was agreed to keep the cost minimal for Chapter members, probably about $5 just to cover costs, with a higher charge for non-members. **Jennifer** said that other classes around the state have been running about $80 for a 2 hour CEU class. **Don** and **Brian** said that we should look into partnering with other entities such as PHCC and ABC to provide CEU classes, although there may be some reluctance from them as they use the CEU classes as a money making enterprise. It was agreed that we will proceed with this class to gauge the response from plumbers. It is hoped that with these classes all or most of the required CEU’s are provided for license renewal.

Meeting dates for 2016 will be May 19th which will be at Kirkwood CC in Cedar Rapids, July 21st which will be held at the UA33 training facility, September 15th, and November 17th, 2016.

It was moved by **Lon Schwickereth** and seconded by **Don Hansen** that the chapter pay for lunch. The motion passed.

It was moved by **Brian Rogers** and seconded by **Brian Hamner** that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed.