MINUTES OF THE IOWA CHAPTER OF IAPMO MEETING 21 JANUARY 2016

The Iowa Chapter of IAPMO meeting was called to order by Brian Hamner, at 9:00 am on 21 January, 2016 in Des Moines. Mike Minnick, the President, and Bob Osgood, the Vice President, were both absent.

It was moved by Scott Harms and seconded by Curt Sauve 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 Duane Neff to approve the Treasurers report as provided by Brian Hamner. The Motion passed.

Don Hansen and Brian Rogers gave an update on the progress toward adoption of the 2015 IMC and the 2015 UPC by the State of Iowa. They said that the committee has approved all of the proposed amendments to the State Plumbing Code as proposed by our Chapter. They said that the Notice of Intent to Adopt the IMC was sent in November and the Notice of Intent to adopt the UPC will be sent from the Board on January 27th. They said that the public hearings have been held with minimal public questions or discussion. They said they are on track for adoption on 1 June. The Board wants to start testing for licenses over the new codes sixty days after adoption.

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.

Don Hansen noted that State License renewals will be coming in 2017 and that licensed people will need CEU’s for renewal. We will need to be thinking about setting up some CEU classes. Brian said that he would contact Sol Alba because no classes for CEU’s have been set up at this time. This prompted a lengthy discussion on how our chapter may be able to provide CEU’s in conjunction with our meeting to people licensed for plumbing and mechanical. The thought was that we could provide a two hour class after our business meetings. These classes would need to be approved by the State. Brian said that he probably could teach code classes, but, he didn’t know if IAPMO would let him do so without fees because they would need to be sent to the state for approval. We also talked about safety classes possibly being provided. We thought that if possible we would like to provide these classes at no or minimal cost to members.

Bernie said that he will be sending out membership renewals this month, but he will check with Johnni Brown from IAPMO to see if we have any members who are not members nationally and vice versa.

Brian Rogers swore in Brian Hamner and Bernie Osvald as Chapter officers.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to discussion of code questions including:
What is the approved support of black iron pipe for gas piping?

What are the thoughts about the use of Provent piping systems under the alternate materials and methods sections of the code?

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

It was moved by Curt Sauve and seconded by Scott Harms that the chapter pay for lunch. The motion passed.

It was moved by Duane Neff and seconded by Terry Olson that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed. Door prizes were awarded and then the meeting was adjourned.