The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by Chairman Dana Colombo. There were 15 members and guests present.

Roll call of officers was made by Secretary/Treasurer Curtis Mezzic. All officers present.

Chairman Colombo read the minutes from the December 18, 2008 meeting. There was a motion made and seconded to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed by voice vote.

Secretary/Treasurer Mezzic read the finance report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the finance report. Motion passed by voice vote.

Old Business: None

New Business: Don Worth asked the membership if anyone was aware of the requirements for the Louisiana State Plumbing Board continuing education for renewal of the medical gas installer and inspection license for 2009. Rickey Fabra explained to the membership that the Louisiana State Pipe Trades and the Louisiana PHCC organization are recognized by the Plumbing Board to conduct continuing education for all Plumbing Board issued licenses.

Henry Heier spoke to the membership on the current situation with the Louisiana State Legislative Session. Henry informed the members of the on-going battle to protect the skill level of licensed plumbers, medical gas installers and back-flow prevention installers and testers. Linden Raimer reminded everyone that the Department of Health and Hospitals were responsible for the Louisiana Plumbing Code and that they were the key to keeping the Louisiana Plumbing Code strong. Rickey Fabra also informed the membership that there were approximately 3500 Bills filed with this Legislative Session. He also said there are a number of “Bills” that we need to follow closely and if the situation warrants we will need to rally on the steps of the State Capital once again in support of these pro-plumber license bills.

Robert “Bunny” Jaeger spoke to the membership on a new and important issue that will affect the plumbing industry in the near future and that is “GREEN” requirements for plumbing installations. Linden Raimer added that there are sure to be certifications and standards associated with the “GREEN” requirements.

A motion was made and seconded that the meeting adjourns, motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.