The meeting was called to order at 6:40PM on May 16, 2013 by Chairman Reg Parnell. Self-introductions were made by the 24 members, and guests who were present. Minutes from the March 21, 2013 meeting were approved.

Garth Bentley started the committee reports by telling the membership about a temporary rule that allowed a couple of out of state plumbers to take the Oregon journeyman plumber test without prior apprenticeship training. They had enlisted the aid of a state representative to present their case to the State Plumbing Board. Garth also told us that BCD now requires journeyman plumbers to take 4 hours of law classes within the 24 hours required for continuing education.

Chairman Reg Parnell encouraged the membership to sign up for the free 8 hour journeyman plumber continuing education class to be held at the George Morlan Company when enough people signed up to hold the class. Chairman Parnell also encouraged those present to join the national IAPMO organization along with their membership in the Cascade Chapter.

Chairman Parnell introduced Lori Graham, the new supervisor for BCD’s Policy and Technical Services section. Lori Graham announced that Dave Kloss has been chosen to fill the position of Chief Plumbing Inspector for the state of Oregon. He starts his new job May 29th. Lori then talked about the changes to the Plumbing Code concerning grease interceptors that went into effect January 1, 2013. She talked about the conflict that some jurisdictions were experiencing with various local agencies claiming themselves as the “Authority Having Jurisdiction.” The Plumbing Code now clarifies the local Building Official as having the jurisdiction over grease waste installations. Also, grease interceptors are required for any Food Service Establishment.

Chairman Parnell has received a letter from the City of Portland stating that they are doing away with their minor label program and raising permit fees.

Mike Fletcher and Tim Brown of Minol USA gave a presentation of Minol product and services. Minol is a, company that manufactures various utility meters and devices for measuring utility consumption, such as; gas, water and electric meters. They provide meter installations working with local contractors and developers. The meters are used to monitor utility consumption at various locations within manufacturing facilities, provide individual commercial tenant space, apartment and condominium unit water, and electric and gas readings for utility billing. They also have remote utility monitoring and provide utility billing services for property managers.

Promotions: The Chapter donated a brand new Dewalt Cordless Drill set for the meeting raffle. Chairman Parnell adjourned the meeting at the usual time. The next meeting will be July 18, 2013.

Respectfully submitted by;
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Secretary