The meeting was called to order at 6:40PM on July 18, 2013 by Chairman Reg Parnell. Self-introductions were made by the 26 members, and guests who were present. Minutes from the May 16, 2013 meeting were approved.

Chairman Parnell revealed to the membership that the Building Codes Division is not considering adopting the 2012 Uniform Plumbing Code. Melissa Gitt has drafted a letter that is signed by the officers of the Cascade Chapter, to send to David Kloss, the new State of Oregon Chief Plumbing Inspector, urging BCD to adopt the 2012 UPC. With new plumbing products, plumbing systems, and the new code amendments that have come about in the last few years, the present Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code has been left behind. We are exhorting the Cascade Chapter members and those employed in the Plumbing Industry to each write a letter to David Kloss. With numbers BCD will sit up and take notice.

Chairman Reg Parnell encouraged those present to sign up for the free-to-members 8 hour journeyman plumber continuing education class to be held at the George Morlan Company in October if we have at least 25 people signed up to attend the class. The cost for non-members will be $40.00. Send out the word to all journeymen plumbers who need continuing education credits. By becoming members, plumbers will receive up to 12 hours of continuing education credit just for attending the meetings throughout the year.

Garrett Yates with Backflow Management, Inc. was introduced as this meeting’s presenter. Garrett has worked in the backflow prevention industry for 20 years. Currently, he conducts backflow prevention device tester certification classes and cross connection control specialist certification classes up and down the West Coast. For the meeting, Garrett gave a very interesting talk about cross-connection control programs and backflow prevention requirements in the Plumbing Code.

Cascade Chapter Treasurer Melissa Gitt and IAPMO Field Manager Jed Scheuermann will be attending the national IAPMO conference in Kansas City in September.

The Chapter needs more corporate sponsors to participate with promotions.

Promotions: The Chapter donated 2 brand new Dewalt Drills for the meeting raffle. Jed Scheuermann on behalf of IAPMO donated a brand new 2012 UPC for the raffle.

Chairman Parnell adjourned the meeting at the usual time. The next meeting will be September 19, 2013.

We encourage the Cascade Chapter members to also join the national IAPMO organization.

Respectfully submitted by;
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Secretary