The March 26th meeting of the Inland Empire Chapter of IAPMO was held at the Hometown Buffet in Corona. Chairman Nick Lopez called the meeting to order at 8:20. The flag salute was led by Chris Smith of Lubrizol and there were sixteen attendees at the meeting. The cities of Los Angeles, Santa Monica, San Clemente, and Costa Mesa were represented.

For upcoming business we talked about the IAPMO Technical Committee Meetings in Denver during the first week of May 2016. The Technical Committee Meetings are open to everyone, and those attending that are not on the actual committee are able to speak, but not vote on issues before the committees.

The treasury balance was $653.

For code questions we discussed the different materials and methods allowed for the sleeving of gas piping underground beneath residential structures.

Our presentation was put on by Scott Johnson, Southern California Training Director for the National Comfort Institute, Inc. Mr. Johnson has been active in the mechanical systems evaluation business for many years and several of the attendees had attended his seminars before.

With NCI Johnson and his colleagues have been measuring mechanical conformance in both residential and commercial installations. Working with the CBIA (Calif. Bldg. Ind. Assoc.) and the CEC (Calif. Energy Codes) they have discovered that previously installed “component-based” systems that were installed and approved often only perform at 50% of their listed efficiency.

Mr. Johnson spoke about the work his organization was doing in training and research. NCI reaches out to contractors, owners, and designers to help troubleshoot and design both old and new systems to help the industry obtain desired performance.
NCI is now working with SCE to provide training and certifications for contractors and designers. The training is comprehensive and is being heavily subsidized by SCE. An all day class is only $15 and includes lunch.

Several nice door prizes donated by Lubizol were raffled off at the end of the meeting. The Chapter adjourned at 10am.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Frederickson
Chapter Secretary