The February 27th 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 8:15. The flag salute was led by Chris Smith of Lubrizol and there were fourteen attendees at the meeting. The cities of Los Angeles, Santa Monica, San Clemente, and the State of California were represented.

We congratulated Chris Smith of Lubrizol for recently being named to the IAPMO Mechanical Technical Committee where he will be discussing and voting on code changes for the Annual IAPMO Conference.

D.J. Nunez, the Vice President of IAPMO, was on hand to swear in the new Chapter Chairs. He performed the solemn ceremony for the Chairman, Nick Lopez from NIR Plumbing, the Vice Chairman, Robert Hernandez from the City of San Clemente, the Treasurer, Chris Smith from Lubrizol, and the Secretary, Doug Fredericksen from Ecovox Records.
Each of the Chapter Chairs was also given a long sleeve “Live By The Code” shirt from Alan Wald, the Vice President of Membership of IAPMO.

The treasury had a balance of $617.

Mr. Nunez was the chief speaker for the meeting and he told us about several upcoming programs and events for IAPMO. He emphasized the strength of the organization and the many advantages of becoming an IAPMO member, such as discounted code books, discounted fees for seminars, and the opportunity of IAPMO members to vote at the conferences on the many controversial issues we address.

Kyle Thompson, a Standards Development Engineer for IAPMO, was also in attendance and gave us a short talk about evaluations for listings and certification of products and devices.

Nick Lopez, the Chapter Chairman, gave a short talk on the hazards and pitfalls of plumbing insurance repair work, emphasizing the need to be working with a licensed insurance restoration company. He said that many of the insurance companies vary widely in their coverage on such items as water damage and how important it was for the contractor to work with set fees for the repairs.

For discussion we passed around a flexible drainage coupling that has a “classified” listing from IAPMO and spoke about how even though an item
might not fully meet code requirements it could still obtain a non-compliant listing of sorts.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Fredericksen
Chapter Secretary