Meeting Notes

October 8th, 2009

TIME: Meeting began approx 6:40 PM  LOCATION: Brank’s BBQ, Sumner, WA

I. CALL TO ORDER:
   • Pledge of allegiance
   • Self-Introductions, 14 members and guests in attendance

II. READING OF MINUTES:
   Minutes from ______ accepted as corrected.

III. PROGRAM: Fred Volker’s gave review of recent IAPMO conference in San Diego.

IAPMO reports a very strong and viable financial base with growth in all areas, will be around for a long time.
Expansion of offices to other countries; India, China (product approval, R&T)
UPC used for base plumbing codes in multiple countries; India, Vietnam, Abu Dabba

IAPMO President (Robert R. Siemsen) and Vice-President (Dan Daniels) were re-elected to respective positions. Secretary (Ken Carlson) was re-elected. New Treasurer (Mike Durfee) was elected.
Two Board members were re-elected (Tom Gugino and William Erickson) and two new board members were elected (Steve Nastruz and Ed Avila) to replace two retiring members (Fred Volkers and Doug Fredrickson.)

This year, not having code development processes, the conference was designed to education. Everyday was dedicated to classes that were specific to one code area or another. The last afternoon, IAPMO introduced a unique method of instruction; they provided 30-minute round table discussion forums. Each forum was dedicated to a specific code section, i.e.: clean-outs, indirect waste piping, etc... The idea was enjoyed by all.

Fred reminded everyone that the code revision process for the 2012 UPC will begin soon; with a deadline of approximately March 1 for submittals. Any member of IAPMO in good standing has the right to propose code changes. We can develop these ideas as a chapter.

Included in the code change process will be the UMC (mechanical), the USPSHT (pool and hot tub), and the USEC (solar.) These proposals will go through the same ANSI process as the UPC, each having a technical committee body reviewing the submittals.
2009 UPC books are available, along with many of the supporting documents; 2009 ITM, the 2009 Cumulative Analysis.

The state of Washington has held the public comments for amendments to the 2009 UPC code. TAG committee worked diligently to reduce amount of amendments, but the SBCC did not agree to impose changes in Building code, so changes remain in plumbing code, i.e.; shower compartment size (900 sq in.), water closet space in front (21”).

Extensive work is being done for Chapter 16 through work at the Dept. of Health on the use of Gray water and Dept of Ecology for any harvesting of rainwater.

Other actions were:
Comments were needed for proposed amendment on horizontal wet venting language, which deletes requirement for water closets to be at end of wet vent system. This would be consistent with combination waste and vent system concepts. Need to maintain original language. In addition, the requirement to require water piping roughed-in the wall when water-less urinals are installed was proposed for deletion. Based on prior experience, this piping should be done to save future costs. Opposition should be heard on this amendment.

Representative for Charlotte pipe was in attendance, Rob Trebon. Rob introduced purple colored CPVC piping for use in non-potable systems that distribute rainwater in a building. Piping has manufactured labeling stating “non-potable”, “do not drink”. Rob asked how piping was being done (materials) for rainwater harvesting. He was informed with directions to find King Co. rainwater harvesting policy.

Fred reported about our annual picnic. Despite having great weather and plenty of food, we experience a very low turnout. Steve Nastruz encouraged someone to step-up to chair the picnic committee and develop some strategy to increase the attendance for next year.

For chapter membership and particularly attendance at meetings, we need to invite and encourage existing members to attend. Each person attending should try to bring a friend from the industry.

V. GOODWILL:
• Drawing

VI. NEXT MEETING: Romio’s in Greenwood, Seattle