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ADVISORY BOARD OF PLUMBERS

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Meeting Minutes April 19, 2022

Board Members

Ed Holmes, Journey Level Plumber
Dave Weisbeck, Public Member
Dave Weickum, Specialty Plumber
Ryan McMahan, Plumbing Business
Todd Allred, Plumbing Business
Jed Scheuermann, Code Body Representative
Allan Cortina, Department of Health Representative

Department of Labor & Industries

Melissa McBride, Chief for Contractor Compliance,
Bruce Springer, Plumbing Certification, Technical Specialist
Jesse Jameson, Contractor Registration, Technical Specialist
Steve Rushing, Contractor Registration, Compliance Specialist Supervisor
Alicia Curry, FPLS Rules & Legislation Coordinator

Guests

Richard Dixon, Matt Lavergne, Dennis Hamon, Tom Bozeman, Corey Wilker, Dan Hartsough,
Lance Stewart, Mike Kunkel, Seth Thompson, Mark Wells, David Ciprut, Brad Moore, Zachary
Smith, Sophia Steele, Rime Oujdi-Silva

Approved Minutes

Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2022 meeting minutes approved

PSI/Testing

Bruce discussed the testing issues with PSI regarding Out of State exams not receiving all portions of the exam and exams that have waives on file with the Department. These issues are being worked on with PSI.

To be considered for a waive for a portion of either the Journey Level or Residential Specialty exams, the candidate must have passed the section three times in a row and then the fourth attempt could be waived.

Bruce stated that the Department does not provide a study guide or practice exam for the Plumber examinations. Information regarding what the exams are based off of are listed on the public website.

A candidate must be approved for the exam by the Department prior to contacting PSI to be scheduled.

Examination scores will come from the Department, not PSI. PSI will only relay if the candidate has passed that one section not if the overall exam was passed.

Discussion followed.

Budget/Rules Update

Contractor Registration adopted a 5.79% fee increase on March 22nd, 2022 that became effective April 22nd, 2022. This increased the renewal fee from \$117.90 to \$124.70.

Contractor Registration is working on a classification update to condense codes and remove plumbing. The 101 has not yet been filed and stakeholders are being contacted regarding significant rule making.

Plumbing side has filed a 101 on January 18th and are currently working on rules.

Melissa McBride presented the projected budget for 2023 and discussed status of hiring for Plumbing Compliance Inspectors.

Discussion followed

Compliance Officers Hiring/Training

Melissa informed the Department is currently in the process of hiring compliance officers, recruitment to start soon. There will also be two Technical Specialist positions with their focus being on Plumbing audits.

Construction Compliance Training will take place in May with Bruce Springer and Jesse Jameson providing training on Plumbing Contractors. Ed Holmes will also be a guest speaker during this time.

Discussion followed

Plumber Infractions

Bruce stated the third quarter of 2021 there were 153 infractions written for \$52,200.00. For the fourth quarter of 2021 there were 160 infractions written for \$54,200.00.

The first quarter of 2022 there were 205 infractions written for \$76,200.00.

Discussion followed

IAPMO Update

Jed Scheuermann stated IAPMO's 2024 Code review in Anaheim, CA will be May 2nd through May 5. This will also be available via ZOOM. The annual conference in Charlotte, NC will be September 11th through September 15th.

Washington State adoption of 2021 Code will be implemented next year.

Registered Design Professional

Lance Stewert addressed the Board regarding the differences in registered design professional language between the 2012 Code and the 2018 Code with a request for a direct answer on what classifies as a Registered Design Professional and if a certified plumber would be conserved such and be able to draw up their own plans for plumbing systems.

Chairperson Ed Holmes stated that an answer right now would not be possible as this would require further research. Ed requested that an email be sent to Bruce Springer with questions to be reviewed and researched by the Plumbing Advisory Board.

New Business

Bruce informed Plumber Certification has been backlogged on items including affidavits and examination applications. Plumbing contractor applications are mostly up to date but there are still a large amount of incomplete applications.

Plumbing Contractor Applications cannot accept the Construction Contractor Bond as this is specifically for the 18.27 Contractor Registration Law. The Plumbing Contractor Application will need to supply a Plumbing Contractor Surety Bond.

The program is looking into hiring another staff to help with the increased work items.

Quarterly Reporting is not yet in place.

Reciprocal with Idaho are for individuals who have attained all training hours in Idaho and tested in Idaho who do not live in Washington and have not attained a Washington plumber Certification. Reciprocal cannot be given to individuals who have not met the reciprocal agreement.

There is no current reciprocal agreement with Oregon as Washington does not meet the schooling requirements that Oregon has in place.

Plumber Trainees that do not have proper supervision will not be credited hour of experience. Audits cannot be performed unless we have proof through affidavits that shows reason for an audit.

Discussion followed

Old Business

No old business was discussed