



STATE OF WASHINGTON

ADVISORY BOARD OF PLUMBERS

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Meeting Minutes April 20, 2021

Board Members

Dave Weisbeck, Public Member
Ed Holmes, Journey Level Plumber
Dave Weickum, Specialty Plumber
Scott Fowler, Specialty Plumbing Business
Jed Scheuermann, International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO)

Department of Labor & Industries

Bruce Springer, Plumbing Certification, Technical Specialist
Jesse Jameson, Contractor Registration, Technical Specialist
Steve Rushing, Contractor Registration, Compliance Specialist Supervisor
Debby Abe, Directors Office, Communication Consult 5

Guests

D. Keith Nicholson, Richard Eveland, Marianne Eveland, Bob Larson, Mike Kunkel, Dennis Hamon, Jesse Gray, Tami Riley, Dustin Cornelins, Jeff Lippert, Derek Drake, Ryan Santeford, Todd Allred, Howard Forgunson, Mark Wells, Brad Moore, Robert Miller, Richard Dickson

Approved Minutes

Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2020 meeting minutes approved

New Rules Discussion

Group reviewed copy of rules and discussed topics as they came up.

Question was brought up regarding status for Residential Service exam. PSI is ready to provide testing for the Residential Service exam however LNI's systems and IT were not yet ready for this new specialty.

Question came up for how LNI will communicate the changes in legislation/rules to the public. Debby aby answered that the communications team is working on a communication plan.

Question regarding change to continued education requirements, Bruce confirmed plumbers expiring 7/1/2021 and after will need 24 (12 UPC, 4 IRE and 8 industry related) hours of continued education over 3 year renewal. Medical Gas plumbers will also have a 3 year renewal with an increase from 4 brazing periods to 6. Plumber Trainees remain the same.

Discussion followed

Legislation/Structure of LNI

Topic will need to be postponed for another meeting as Dean Simpson was not available to speak on this subject.

Testing with PSI

Bruce informed on status with PSI testing. Applicants will still have to submit and exam application to LNI. Once approved they will receive an approval letter from LNI and an email from PSI. The applicants will then be able to create an account with PSI and schedule their exam with PSI.

Currently have 267 approved applicants that have already been sent to PSI and 100+ pending applications currently being processed.

PSI has multiple testing locations around the state and some available in other states. If an applicant is looking to test outside of Washington they will have to contact PSI to see if their state has a testing facility available.

Applicants will know immediately after they finish the exam if they have passed or failed.

Discussion followed

Plumber Infractions

Bruce stated for the fourth quarter of 2020 there were 98 infractions written for \$26,700.00. For the first quarter of 2021, there were 101 infractions written for 26,600.00.

Board Meetings Around the State

Chairman proposed moving the Advisory Board Meetings around the state, no one objects.

Old Business

Question was asked for confirmation regarding the supervision ratios for trainees and Residential Service Plumbers.

Bruce referred to the RCW 18.106.707 section 3(a) for answer regarding supervisions.

New Business

Jed informed on IAPMO items. IAPMO will be providing virtual conferences for this year as they did last year and has provided free access to the Code book online on their website. They are also looking as starting the 2024 UPC in January of 2022.

Chairman informed PHCC with Oregon is interested in opening up talks for a reciprocal agreement between Oregon and Washington.

Discussion followed