



STATE OF WASHINGTON

ADVISORY BOARD OF PLUMBERS

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Meeting Minutes January 19, 2021

Board Members

Ed Holmes, Journey Level Plumber
Ryan McMahan, Plumbing Business
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
Daina Shea, Contractor Registration, Program Specialist 3

Guests

Howard Forgunson, Todd Alredd, Stephen Deem, Jesse James, Mark Summers, Joe Bowers, Mark Wells, Russ Thompson, Scott Middleton

Approved Minutes

Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2020 meeting minutes approved

New Members

Have yet to assign Board seat to a Department of Health (DOH) representative.

Discussion followed regarding the purpose of the new Board seats.

Onsite Non-potable Water System

Stephen Deem presented proposed legislation regarding Onsite Non-potable Water Systems and its intent. No questions followed.

Plumber Infractions

Bruce stated there were 98 infractions written for \$26,700.00 for the fourth quarter of 2020. Due to COVID19 there have been less inspectors out in the field writing tickets.

New Business

Chairman touched on the Plumber Exams being held at the Local 32 building while the LNI offices remain closed and LIN's progress with moving exams to a third party testing proctor, PSI.

Question and Answer session from those gathered answered by Bruce Springer and Ed Holmes

Q1: Water Heater and appliance installation required to be a certified plumber in King County?

EH A1: King County has been moving to the point of requiring any hot water tank being removed/installed to be done by a certified plumber and the plumber will be required to pull the permit. This was not the case previously.

BS A1: State law says the plumber or electrician can do a like in kind replacements. Gas Hot Water Tanks would be full plumbing, electricians would not be able to do these. Will not have to pull electrical permit for residential jobsites however it would have to be pulled for commercial and a certified plumber would not be able to pull an electrical permit. Like in kind replacement agreement started on 2003. Heat Pump Hot Water Tanks are done by plumbers not HVACs.

Q2: Service Plumbers (PL04) able to perform like in kind replacements?

A2: No, only Journey Level (PL01) and Residential Specialty (PL02)

Discussion followed

Q3: New Plumber Contractor law take place January 1st 2021 or July 1st 2021?

A3: Governor signed law on June 11th 2021 which lead to expedited rules to cover part of the law. The other portions are not yet ready to be implemented by LNI as the process and IT work still needs to be done first. Looking to have it ready by July 1st of 2021.

Discussion followed

Q4: What will the Plumbing Contractor application look like?

A4: It will follow the Construction Contractor with some changes such as a Dedicated Plumber similar to Electrical Contractor's Administrator. The Dedicated Plumber will dictate the Plumbing Contractor's specialty and what work they can do.

Discussion followed

Q5: The way the law is written, a trainee can be supervised remotely for service work today correct?

A5: Yes, the trainee will have to be supervised by a PL01 or PL02 currently as we do not have a way to provide the PL04 exam as of right now.

Q6: what does remote supervision look like for trainees in PL04 work?

A6: Supervision ratio is 1:1, within 40 miles of trainee, only for residential service work and the trainee must have a minimum of 2000 commercial or residential service hours prior being supervised remotely on PL04 jobsites.

Discussion followed

Q7: What kind of work would the trainee be able to do under remote supervision? Services work or Residential Specialty work?

A7: A trainee will not be able to perform Residential Specialty work while under remote supervision, only service work.

Can only repair or replace previously existing fixtures, piping, and fittings that are outside the interior wall or above the floor, in single-family dwellings and duplexes. (Performing electrical work of any kind is not allowed.)

Discussion Followed

Q8: Can the trainee use PL04 hours toward PL02 or PL01 certification?

A8: No, PL04 hours can only be applied toward the PL04 certification, it will not be counted toward the PL01/PL02 certifications.

Discussion followed

Q9: Can a PL01 or PL02 supervisor on a residential specialty jobsite perform remote PL04 supervision?

A9: Yes, so long as the ratio and supervision requirements are met (see requirements in answer number 6) a PL01/PL02 can supervise 2 trainees on residential service jobsite and remote supervise 3rd trainee for PL04 jobsite.

Discussion followed

Q10: Once a trainee becomes a certified PL04, they will not need to be supervised in PL04 work?

A10: Yes, once the trainee takes the test for PL04 and is certified as a PL04, they will not need to be supervised for service work. They will need to keep their trainee card active if they wish to gain hours towards a PL01/PL02.

Discussion followed

Q11: Can a PL04 supervise a new trainee for that trainee's first 2000 hours?

A11: No, a trainee's first 2000 hours must be supervised by a PL01/PL02 supervising plumber in the work category of commercial/residential. Then the trainee can be supervised by a PL04 in service work.

Q12: What does 75% supervision consist of?

A12: 75% supervision is in person supervision from start of each day of each jobsite.

Discussion followed

Q13: Does drain cleaning inside a building have to be performed by a certified plumber?

A13: Yes, you would need to be a certified plumber if the drain cleaning is inside the building.