



STATE OF WASHINGTON

ADVISORY BOARD OF PLUMBERS

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Meeting Minutes July 20, 2021

Board Members

Dave Weisbeck, Public Member
Ed Holmes, Journey Level Plumber
Ryan McMahan, Plumbing Business
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

Guests

Tami Riley, Matt LaVergne, Jeff Lippert, Ryan Santeford, Dan Hartsough, Mark Baker, Harley Davidson, Anton Vetter, Keith Kenagy, Shane Rasmusson, Robert Johnson, Todd Allred

Approved Minutes

Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2021 meeting minutes approved

Rules Update/Discussion - Bruce

Bruce gave update on Rules and stated 1st and 2nd phases were finished and the 3rd phase was to start soon.

Plumbing Contractor Laws

Chairman opened discussion up with question and answer session for Bruce to answer.

Q: Can a contractor keep their existing license and license number? Do you need a separate bond?

A: If you have an existing General Contractor license you can keep the General but you will need to have a separate Plumbing Contractor. You will have a new license number for the Plumbing Contractor, you will also need a separate \$6000 Bond for the Plumbing Contractor.

Q: Do you need to close or use two LNI accounts?

A: You can use your existing UBI and industrial insurance.

Q: Can you use the same Bond?

A: No, you will need a separate \$6000 Continuous Plumbing Contractor Surety Bond for your Plumbing Contractor.

Q: Can you use the same Certificate of Insurance?

A: No, you will need a separate Certificate of Insurance.

Q: What do contractors need to have on their truckers for advertising?

A: You do not have to have your business information listed on your work vehicles in current Plumbing Law.

Discussion followed

Q: Can you use your UBI number from your General Contractor for your Plumbing Contractor?

A: Yes, you can use the same UBI number.

Q: What all is needed for this change?

A: You will need to complete the Plumbing Contractor Application, the Designated Plumber Application, attain and send copies of you Continuous Plumbing Contractor Surety Bond, and provide copies of your Certificate of Liability Insurance (\$250,000 combined per occurrence. amount) on which L&I must be the certificate holder with the PO Box listed as 44470.

Q: The grace period is until 9/1/2021 before tickets will be written?

A: You will need to maintain an active Construction Contractor (General or Plumbing Specialty) and have submitted your application for the Plumbing Contractor by 9/1/2021 to be in good standing.

Discussion Followed.

PSI Testing

Bruce informed on status with PSI testing. Plumber Examinations were moved to a 3rd party testing facility in April. There are updates continuing that will help to sort out the kinks. Currently working to go to an automated system with PSI.

PSI normally tests 6 days a week however COVID19 has impacted their number allowance in their buildings and some locations are in higher demand than others.

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 first quarter of 2021, there were 101 infractions written for \$26,600.00. For the second quarter of 2021, there were 113 infractions written for \$34,003.00.

Infraction amounts start at \$100 for individuals and can go up to \$5000. Individuals can also receive warnings from an inspector.

Infraction amounts for contractors start at \$500 and can go up to \$5000. Contractors do not get warnings.

Discussion followed

Board Member Seats

Chairman proposed motion to remove Jake Tapani from Board position and recommended Matt LaVergne. Board approved motion, finalizing of motion must be approved by LNI Director prior to completion.

Todd Allred has been appointed a Board seat effective July 20, 2021.

Discussion followed

New Business

Department of Correction representatives posed question of approval of affidavits of experience for inmates.

Discussion followed

Chairman proposed a meeting with Callam Bay to discuss work and supervision of plumbing for incarcerated plumber trainees. Proposed a possible solution similar to Perry Technical Institutes' program.

Discussion followed

Old Business

Chairman discussed June 18th meeting regarding reciprocal agreement between Oregon and Washington.

Discussion followed

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 at starting the 2024 UPC in January of 2022.