

**State of Oregon
Final**

OREGON STATE PLUMBING BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lewis Seagraves, Chairman
Robert Kimes, Vice-Chairman
Ken Carlson
Brett Cook
Mary Leverette
Jacob Polvi
Perry Shinn

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Long, Administrator of Building Codes Division
Terry Swisher, Chief Plumbing Inspector, and Board Secretary
Laurie Skillman, Manager of Enforcement and Licensing
Roseanne Nelson, Assistant Manager of Enforcement
and Licensing
Rick Blackwell, Policy Analyst
Casey Hoyer, Policy Analyst
Debi Barnes-Woods, Division Boards Coordinator/Recorder

GUESTS PRESENT: Kendrick Reeves, Cash Acme
Tony Spencer, BOLI-ATP
Dwight Perkins, IAPMO
Rick Giles, Western States Sales
Ray McGinty, City of Albany
Mike Ditty, City of Hillsboro

I. BOARD BUSINESS

I.A. Call to Order

Chairman Lewis Seagraves called the State Plumbing Board to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held at the Building Codes Division, Conference Room "A," 1535 Edgewater NW, Salem, Oregon.

I.B. Roll Call

All members were present.

I.C. Approval of Agenda and Order of Business

Chairman Seagraves **RULED** the agenda approved as mailed.

I.D. Approval of the December 17, 2004 Minutes

Chairman Seagraves **RULED** the minutes for December 17, 2004 approved as submitted.

I.E. Date of the Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting

April 15, 2005, at **9:30** a.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

III. REPORTS

(Item B. heard before Item A.)

B. "Licensing 2000" demonstration.

Reese Lord, the Division's Communications and Public Affairs Manager, demonstrated the licensing 2000 system. He referred to the insert, *Exhibit "A,"* included in the journeymen plumbing renewal notice encouraging plumbers to renew on-line.

The licensing system features include an interface Internet system called "my license." An individual would log on the Internet and fax an application to qualify to become licensed with Oregon. The system has the capability of storing all the data. In addition, the system has the capability to consolidate licenses to the single user. The system will allow an individual to apply for a license, renew with continuing education, and pay the renewal fee, all on-line. The licensee will have the capability to change their address.

In order for the system to work properly, the division's licensing processes require standardization. House Bill 2181 would provide consistent terms and definitions that would facilitate the electronic ability with the system. The web address for the licensing 2000 is <http://licenses.bcd.oregon.gov>.

Mary Leverette discussed the possibility of the Health Division changing to an on-line licensing system for cross-connection inspector or backflow licenses to support the Governor's streamline initiatives.

**A. Building Codes Division Administrator's Legislative report.
Legislative update. Exhibit "B."**

SB 328. This bill would exempt prefabricated structures intended for delivery in another state from certain construction requirements.

HB 2333. This bill would create a special overhead allocation for manufactured housing that would be different from all other crafts, which causes concern. Accounting methods should remain consistent with the other program areas.

HB 2179. The intent of this bill is to provide fast approval for emerging technologies.

HB 2181. The intent of this bill is to take all the administrative processes for licenses issued at the division out of statute and place them in rule in order to implement consistent processes across all programs.

SB 381. Last legislative session a bill was presented to move the backflow program from the Health and Human Services to Building Codes Division. The bill did not pass. This legislative session, the intent of the bill is to take the inspection components for backflow out of Health and Human Services and place them with BCD.

C. Program update.

BCD Budget. Exhibit "C." The 2005 budget was discussed briefly.

Certified inspectors. The division is implementing national testing for the mechanical and structural programs. The requirements of Building Officials will be increased to a national certification program called Certified Building Officials, (CBO).

Mechanical Board. The first regularly scheduled meeting is March 2, 2005.

Meeting with the Board Chairs and Vice-Chairs. A draft copy of the "life cycle of a code" was distributed. *Exhibit "D."* Customer service, consistency, and compliance is what the members are focusing on at the scheduled meetings.

Examination test questions. All test questions are being updated to the new code. Code books are now available with Oregon amendments for board members, complements of IAPMO.

D. Enforcement Cases.

Pilot compliance program. The division, plumbing contractors, and journeymen plumbers have been working on a compliance pilot program in the metro area for enforcement. The pilot would mirror what is in place for the electrical program.

Roseanne Nelson has accepted the new Assistant Manager position for Enforcement and Licensing. Ms. Nelson has been with the division for 18 years.

- 1. Repeat Violator, McGee Plumbing Company.** Ms. Nelson said that this company has allowed unlicensed individuals to perform work in the past. Because this is the third violation, Ms. Nelson asked the board if they wanted to pursue revocation.

MOTION by Vice-Chairman Robert Kimes to adopt division recommendation for approval of a default order and to start revocation for the plumbing business license for McGee Plumbing Company.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. **Repeat Violator, Advantage Heating Cooling Plumbing, Inc.**
MOTION by Vice-Chair Kimes to adopt division recommendation for approval of a default order for Advantage Heating Cooling Plumbing, Inc.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- E. **Summary of enforcement cases actions previously taken by the division for III.C.1. through 5. No board action required.**
JRT Mechanical, Inc., was discussed in detail concerning past violations with the Oregon State Plumbing Board and the Board of Boiler Rules. The previous violations were violations for employing an unlicensed individual to perform plumbing work, and with not having boiler permits or a boiler business license on three different occasions. The division is recommending serving a notice of intent to revoke the plumbing business license based on the authority of the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services. Then the division's action will be forwarded to CCB so they may also take action. The Oregon State Plumbing Board members agreed with the recommendation.

Update. Nelson Plumbing has a scheduled hearing in April.

(Item F. Plumbing code change report, was discussed under Item C., Program update)

IV. COMMUNICATIONS - None

V. APPEALS - None

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board approval of Iterim Guide Criteria (IGC) for Cash Acme SharkBite™ fitting system.

Rick Giles, Western States Sales, Inc., Specification, Builder Specialist, distributed *Exhibit "E,"* containing information requested from the previous meeting.

The NSF 61 document was discussed. The product has passed the NSF 61 test. The fittings have been designed, certified to IGC 188, and NSF 61, and the fittings are listed by IAPMO and certified for potable water distribution.

MOTION by Ken Carlson to approve the IGC 188-2004 as recommended.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. NEW BUSINESS - None

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Lewis Seagraves adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Debi Barnes-Woods
Division Boards Coordinator

Exhibits:

- A. Notification insert for licensing 2000 in plumbing renewals, ***Agenda Item III.B.***
- B. Legislative report, ***Agenda Item III.A.***
- C. BCD's Budget, ***Agenda Item III.C.***
- D. "Life cycle of a code," ***Agenda Item III.C.***
- E. Documentation for Iterim Guide Criteria for Cash Acme Sharkbite™, ***Agenda Item VI.***

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