

State of Oregon

Agenda
Item
I.D.

Board of Boiler Rules

Regular meeting minutes
October 4, 2011

Members present: Anthony Barsotti, Chairman
Mike Bradley, Vice-chairman
Blake Alexander
Eric Anderson
Kenneth Hill
Greg Itoh
Jon Hooker
Vincent Leedy
Edward Pitzrick
Mark Stenberg

Members absent: Gregory Moyer

Staff present: Richard Rogers, interim manager, policy and technical services
Celina Patterson, manager, statewide services
Shane Sumption, assistant manager, policy and technical services
and green building services
Liz Browder, manager, enforcement services
Brent Griffiths, lead enforcement officer
Jim Hanson, policy analyst
Michael Schopf, policy analyst
Debi Barnes-Woods, boards coordinator

Guests present: Ron Copenhagen, Local 290
Larry Hixson, STERiS
Tim Barker, FM
Kathryn VanNatta, NWPPA
Jeff Barnes, HSB
David Bacon, FM
Tim Sherniskey, ONECIS
Roy Thompson, WSFA

I. Board business

A. Call to order

Chairman Anthony Barsotti called the Board of Boiler Rules board meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. The meeting was held at the Building Codes Division, Conference Room A, 1535 Edgewater Street NW, Salem, Oregon.

B. Roll call

Gregory Moyer was absent excused.

C. Approval of the agenda and order of business

Chair Barsotti **RULED** the agenda approved.

D. Approval of the meeting minutes

Chair Barsotti **RULED** the meeting minutes of October 4, 2011 approved.

E. Date of the next regularly scheduled meeting December 6, 2011

II. Public comment - None

III. Reports

A. Building Codes Division report

Interim Manager of Policy and Technical Services Richard Rogers drew attention to the [summary of rulemaking](#) document.

Mr. Rogers asked for a moment of silence in honor of, Robert Hostetler, a state boiler inspector who recently passed away.

B. Enforcement report

Mr. Griffith discussed the recent [enforcement stats](#).

C. Summary of enforcement actions previously taken by the division for the one case outlined on the enforcement report. (No board action required)

For board update.

D. Program update

In Chief Graham's absence, Celina Patterson, manager, statewide service, reported on the follow-up for the three accidents discussed at the October meeting. She noted that all the boilers at the Monrovia Nursery are now in compliance and have all the required operating permits. The case is now with the enforcement section. The boilers will not be replaced at Jefferson Middle School, instead they will be converting to a gas heating system. The final accident report was at the Stimpson Mill. That accident involved a hydraulic cylinder that is not regulated by Building Codes.

Chief Graham will present the document filed with the National Board on these accidents at the December meeting.

IV. Communications - None

V. Appeals – None

VI. Unfinished business - None

VII. New business

A. Review and provide a recommendation regarding adoption of the 2011 Oregon Boiler and Pressure Vessel Specialty Code

Policy Analyst Michael Schopf reviewed the committee's recommendations and noted that the committee recommended not to adopt Sections 6 and 7 of the ASME Code, 2010 Edition. Sections 6 and 7 provide guidelines for the care of boilers but are not mandatory

Board members discussed changing the minimum requirement for banking boilers together during maintenance for safety purposes.

Table 2-B Oregon Amendments to the 2011 Edition of the National Board Inspection Code ANNSI/NB 23 Part 1 Section 3.3.4(a) for the exception, delete "may be installed within" and insert "shall have a minimum distance of at least". It would read; "except that boilers operated in battery shall have a minimum distance of at least 48 inches from each other, and boilers that operate at up to 2,000,000 but may be installed according to manufacturer's instructions."

Chair Barsotti asked that the substantive revisions to the National Board and the pressure piping codes that are being adopted, be identified in a document or discussed at the next meeting.

Motion by Vincent Leedly to approve the proposed rule amendments as recommended by the code committee to include the amendment made by board members to Table 2-B Oregon Amendments to the 2011 Edition of the National Board Inspection Code ANNSI/NB 23 Part 1 Section 3.3.4(a) which would read; "except that boilers operated in battery shall have a minimum distance of at least 48 inches from each other, and boilers that operate at up to 2,000,000 Btu may be installed according to manufacturer's instructions" for public hearing and subsequent adoption if no substantial changes result from the public hearing, with the finding that the added costs, if any, are necessary to the health and safety of the public or necessary to conserve scarce resources.

Motion carried unanimously

B. Review and provide a recommendation for the proposed rules revising program definitions and installation permit requirements and establishing minor repair

Manager Patterson explained that the memo in the board packet addresses definitions of installer/installation; definition of repair; installation permit requirements and minor repair permits. She noted that the division, the board and the Scoping Sub-committee all worked closely together for solutions to these issues. The division further developed the proposed rule language in conjunction with a Rules Advisory Committee consisting of interested stakeholders and members of the board.

Larry Hixon, STERIS Corporation, provided “[clarifying information](#)”.

Motion by Vincent Leedy to approve the proposed rule amendments for public hearing and subsequent adoption if no substantial changes result from the public hearing.

*Chair Barsotti, Vice-chair Bradley, Blake Alexander, Eric Anderson, Kenneth Hill, Jon Hooker, Greg Itoh, Vincent Leedy and Mark Stenberg voted yea
Edward Pitzrick voted nay*

Motion carried

C. Review and provide a recommendation for the proposed rule that establishes a Class 3A Limited Building Service Mechanic

Manager Patterson explained that the requirement for 2,000 hours of lawful boiler experience and passing an exam for the Class 3 license creates a challenge for businesses that perform a limited amount of boiler work.

Ms. Patterson further explained that a contractor would first apply for the Class 3A license and must specify the scope of work its employees would be performing. Also, the company would demonstrate that each licensee will complete a training program that covers the scope of work allowed under the license. The board would review the scope of work and the training program and decide whether or not to approve the contractor’s program allowing the employees to test for the Class 3A licenses.

Eric Anderson briefly reviewed the board discussion of the criteria, scope and qualifications that should be required for the new license. Board members stated concern with approving the license without having further discussions at the committee level.

Motion by Jon Hooker to disapprove the proposed rules to allow the companies to come forward so the board could first see the company’s program.

Chair Barsotti suggested that instead of disapproving the proposed rule but to table the item to the next board meeting to give the committee additional time to review issues of concern.

Motion retracted by Jon Hooker

D. Review and provide a recommendation for the proposed rules amending certain provisions of the continuing education requirements for licenses

Policy analyst Jim Hanson noted that these rules were before the board at its June meeting just for discussion.

Motion by Mark Steinberg to approve the rules and forward to public hearing and subsequent adoption if no substantial changes occur as a result of the hearing.

Motion carried unanimous

Mark Steinberg brought to the board's attention that he has had conversations with Chief Graham about allowing the Steamfitter Study Guide to be approved material for testing. Mr. Steinberg will give the board an update at the December meeting.

VIII. Announcements – None

IX. Adjournment

Chair Barsotti adjourned the meeting at.12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Debi Barnes-Woods
Boards Administrator/Coordinator