

**Plumbing Board**  
**National Code Review Committee – Meeting Minutes**  
**March 20, 2012 – 9:30 a.m.**  
**Department of Labor and Industry**  
**443 Lafayette Road No., Saint Paul, MN 55155-4344**

**Committee Members Present:**

Jim Lungstrom  
John Parizek  
Gale Mount  
Rebecca Ames  
Larry Justin  
Chad Filek

**Staff Present:**

Jim Peterson  
Chuck Olson  
John Schultz  
Cathy Tran

**Committee Members Absent:**

Jim Kittleson  
Mike McGowan

**Visitors:**

Luke Westman  
Mark Johnson  
Matt Marciniak  
Timothy Malooly  
Laura Millberg  
David Skallet  
John Tilton  
Brian Soderholm  
Gary Thaden  
Bob Wolf  
Brian Noma  
Dave Fischer  
Tim Power

**I. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lungstrom at 9:30 a.m. Announcements and introductions were made.

**II. Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Justin made a motion, seconded by Mount, to approve the Agenda. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**III. Regular Business**

- A) A motion was made by Justin, seconded by Parizek, to approve the March 31, 2011 meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- B) Members were asked to turn in their expense reports and per diems to the Board Chair for approval.

#### **IV. Special Business**

- A) Chair Lungstrom explained that the review of the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) materials would consist of a CD supplied by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) that consists of a blending of the existing language of both codes, the MN Plumbing Code and UPC code (blended codes). An explanation was offered by the Chair regarding the format of the code and the meanings of underlined text, strikeouts, and plain text. Also noted was the cross reference of citations developed by IAPMO as an aid to locating corresponding sections of the two codes.
- B) A review of the charge of the committee was offered by the Chair: The committee works at the direction of the Plumbing Board. The original motion which directed the Board to adopt the UPC was read by the Chair, along with its direction to the National Code Committee to study the blended codes and make recommendations for amendments.
- C) The Chair proposed that assignments be made to the 8 committee members to review the blended codes. Then, after determining amendments, it will be the job of the committee to make a recommendation to the Plumbing Board to adopt the UPC with amendments agreed to by the committee. The goal would be to have a recommendation to take to the Plumbing Board by the fall quarter 2012 meeting of the Board.

#### **V. Committee Discussion**

Code Administration, Chapter 1. The Chair explained that the Administrative chapter would be reviewed further by the Department of Labor and Industry (DLI), since administration of the code is done by DLI. Because of that, the committee did not discuss Chapter 1.

Chapter 2. Definitions. Some potential changes to definitions were discussed. In addition, Matt Marciniak from IAPMO discussed various options regarding how amendments (in general) could be presented; either within the code itself or as a separate document.

#### **VI. Open Forum**

Three requests to speak to the board were received. Those requesting to speak were: Laura Millberg: Laura represents the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) as a green building specialist. MPCA believes they have a stake in the Plumbing Code and how it is adopted. Storm water harvesting and reuse is one of their focus points and they do not want the Plumbing Code to prevent implementation of those types of projects. Wastewater reuse issues are also a concern. David Fischer: David is the building official for the city of Maplewood and also represents the Association of Minnesota Building Officials (AMBO). David offered that he and AMBO are open to assisting and answering any questions the committee may have, and to help out in any way. Mark Johnson: Mark is with TM Johnson Brothers, a contractor from Cambridge, MN. Mark's concern is the health and safety of MN residents and believes decisions

should be made with that in mind. Mark believes that inspectors who inspect plumbing should be licensed plumbers. Mark is also concerned about Reduced Pressure Zone devices (RPZ's) and how the installation and rebuilding schedules are tracked and hopes this is addressed.

Brian Soderholm requested to speak. He discussed water reuse issues and that the committee should look at the Green Supplement contained in the appendix of the UPC. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Justin to include any amendments to the UPC within the body of the Code itself, and not within a separate publication; seconded by Mount. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Justin to adopt the 2012 version of the UPC and for IAPMO to send us any changes made to the 2009 UPC; seconded by Parizek. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Next Plumbing Board meeting will be April 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **VII. Announcements**

There were no announcements.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mount, seconded by Filek, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jim Lungstrom*

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Committee Chair