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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF PLUMBING & HVACR EXAMINERS

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, January 10, 2012 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon

MINUTES APPROVED:

# **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jerome Todd, Professional Member, President Dean Sherman, Professional Member, Vice President Carol Guilbert, Public Member, Secretary Charles Robbins, Professional Member Frank Beebe, Professional Member James Anderson, Public Member John Brady, Public Member

## **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Gerard Pepeta, Professional Member

## **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Jennifer Witte, Administrative Specialist II Danny Stevenson, Deputy Attorney General Shelly Ide, Administrative Specialist II

# OTHERS PRESENT

Chuck Davidson Ed Hallock Dan Ferry Ming Lou David Baird Board of Plumbing & HVACR Examiners January 10, 2012 Meeting Minutes Page 2 Barry Walter Rick Duncan

# **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Todd called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

# **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Ms. Guilbert, to approve the November 8, 2011 meeting minutes as amended. The motion was unanimously carried.

# **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### Final Denials of Applications

There were no final denials.

## Re-Review of Examination Applications

After review, a motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Beebe, to approve the Master Plumber examination application of Daniel Ferry. The motion was unanimously carried.

After review, a motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Beebe, to deny the Master Plumber application for not meeting the requirements for reciprocity and he is approved to take the by pass exam. The motion was unanimously carried.

#### Signing Decision and Order

The Board signed the Decision and Order from the November 8, 2011 Proposal to Deny hearing of Harry Somers.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## Discussion with Rural Water – David Baird

David Baird, National Director and Vice-President, of Delaware Rural Water Association (DRWA) came before the Board at today's meeting to give information on the services that they provide.

Mr. Baird stated that DRWA provides on-site technical assistance and specialized training for rural water and wastewater systems. In 2010 they opened a facility in Milford, DE in which the ASSE recognizes as a training school. They offer testing three times a year and the exam include both a written and hands-on portion. In 2011 there were approximately 247 people trained at this facility including four Delaware inspectors.

DRWA's ASSE training program has been approved by Virginia, submitted to Pennsylvania, and waiting for approval by both Delaware and Maryland.

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Mr. Baird asked that the Board consider, when deliberating on the 2012 IPC, the current IPC regulation of backflow testing and to recognize DRWA as an ASSE-approved test/recertification facility with a site in Milford.

DRWA extended an invitation to the Board to attend their 2011 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition as well as tour the facility in Milford.

# Review of Examination Results

The Board reviewed the examination results that showed out of fourteen candidates only seven had passing scores: Peter Magoon, Samuel Downs, Herbert Romisch, Jr., Gregg Uhde, and James Massetti for Master Plumber and Joe Gagnon and Shawn Sullivan for Master HVACR Restricted. The motion was unanimously carried.

**Review of Examination Applications** 

The agenda was amended to add Thomas Gunning as 4.3.6.

A motion was made by Ms. Guilbert, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the Master Plumber examination applications of David Brinton, Jonathan DuBois, Gilbert Kimble, Jr. and Thomas Gunning, and the Master HVACR examination applications of Linda Jerome and James Lynam. The motion was unanimously carried.

# Review of Reciprocity Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to propose to deny the Master HVACR application of Andre Marr for not meeting the reciprocity requirements for licensure. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Beebe, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to propose to deny the Master Plumber application of Jose Ponce Trejo for not meeting the reciprocity requirements for licensure. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Robbins, to approve the Master Plmber application of Mark Van Art. The motion was unanimously carried.

#### **Review of Consent Agreement**

After review, a motion was made by Ms. Guilbert, seconded by Mr. Robbins, to accept the Consent Agreement of Jeffrey Morris.

#### Complaint Status

34-03-10-Dismissed

34-04-10-Assigned to Hearing Officer

34-07-10-Assigned

34-08-10-Assigned

34-09-10-Assigned

34-01-11-Assigned

34-02-11-Assigned

34-03-11-Assigned to Hearing Officer

34-04-11-Assigned

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## Ratification of Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Beebe, to approve the Master HVACR Restricted applications of Bain Laird, Kevin Bichy, Glenn Spangler, Damon Luyster, William Brown, Jr. and Rodney Bates, the Master HVACR applications of Edward Sullivan, William Jacobs, Sr. and Gary Cullum, and the Master Plumber applications of Frank Boling, Thomas Kessler and Joseph Gast. The motion was unanimously carried.

# Ratification of NCC Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Beebe, to approve the ratification of the Master HVACR Restricted application of James Scalia III. The motion was unanimously carried.

# **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board received a letter from Chris Fairchild with National Filter Service regarding the changing of air filters his company performs and whether there is a need for a Delaware license.

A motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Ms. Guilbert, to add a discussion with National Filter Service to the February agenda and asked that Ms. Witte contact Mr. Fairchild to invite to him to the February Board meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

# OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

Ms. Witte introduced Ms. Ide to the Board and advised them that she will be training Shelly to take over as the Board's Liasion effective March 2012.

In May, the Board should begin looking at adopting the 2012 IMC, IFC and IPC codes.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

#### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, **February 14**, **2012** at 8:30 a.m. in Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Beebe, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Witte Administrative Specialist II