

**MINUTES OF THE PLUMBING AND FUEL, GAS BOARD MEETING
PATUXENT BUILDING MIDDLE CONFERENCE ROOM * LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND
Wednesday, March 11, 2009**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gerald Davis at 1:10 p.m. Members present were Daryl Calvano, Charles Downs, Dwight Mason, David Shapiro, Mike Sullivan and Bernie Taylor. Adam Knight was also present.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of February were approved as presented.

Old Business

- **Update on By-Laws**

Mr. Knight stated legal has reviewed the by-laws. Mr. Knight stated he is waiting for the Director to sign off on the by-laws so that a green sheet can be sent to the Commissioners requesting approval.

- **Update on Maryland Plumbing Board Field Trip**

Mr. Knight stated the State Plumbing Board meets the third Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Davis stated the purpose of the trip is to gather information to take to the Commissioners regarding homeowners doing their own plumbing work. ***Mr. Taylor made a motion to attend the April 16, 2009 State Plumbing Board meeting in Baltimore and Mr. Downs seconded. The motion passed by a 7-0.***

- **Update on the Web Page**

Mr. Knight stated he is working with the Public Information Office to get the information updated. Mr. Knight stated once the by-laws are approved they can be posted to the site. Mr. Davis asked that the mission statement be re-posted as the current copy is a pdf and did not come out well. Calvano recommended just posting the mission statement without the signatures.

- **Review letter from METCOM & Vote**

Mr. Davis stated he received a letter from METCOM asking us to review the "Draft Cross Connection Control Regulations". Mr. Sullivan submitted an updated copy of the regulations. Mr. Davis asked if this document is currently in place. Mr. Sullivan stated, no, this is a new document that needs to be put in place. The Board discussed the draft document in detail. ***Mr. Shapiro made a motion to support the Draft Cross Connection Control Regulations and Mr. Downs seconded. The motion passed by a 6-0-1 vote with Mr. Sullivan abstaining.***

Mr. Taylor made a motion to allow the Chairman to draft the letter of support and forward it to METCOM and Mr. Downs seconded. The motion passed by a 6-0-1 vote with Mr. Sullivan abstaining.

- **Review the Application for Registration**

Mr. Davis stated this has already been accepted and passed.

- **Secretary Support**

Mr. Calvano stated he spoke with Mr. Shire regarding secretary support position being taken away. Mr. Calvano stated Mr. Shire did not give reason for the position being removed however did say he would reconsider reinstating the position in light of the meetings taking place during the day.

Mr. Davis stated we need the support and reminded the Board that it does not have to be Ms. Stuckert. Mr. Davis stated Ms. Stuckert is very efficient and he would love to have

her working for the Board again but in the end we need support. Mr. Calvano recommended Mr. Davis contact Mr. Shire and reiterate our need for help. Mr. Davis stated he would meet with Mr. Shire regarding the secretary support so that the Board does not fall behind again.

- **Annual Report**

Mr. Knight stated the 2008 Annual Report has been forwarded to the County Commissioners.

New Business

- **Education**

Mr. Shapiro gave an overview of proper dryer connections and ventilation.

- **Announcements**

Mr. Knight stated tomorrow is Maryland's annual PHCC trade show.

Mr. Davis stated the Massachusetts Plumbing Board and Electrical Board came to an agreement regarding CSST. Mr. Davis stated before you get your plumbing final for your gas you have to have an electrical inspection that has to be closed out on the bonding part. Mr. Davis stated once they see the bonding permit closed you can get your gas final.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Jada Stuckert
Recording Secretary

Approved in open session: May 20, 2009

Gerald Davis
Chairman