

**MINUTES OF THE PLUMBING AND FUEL, GAS BOARD MEETING  
PATUXENT BUILDING MIDDLE CONFERENCE ROOM \* LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND  
Wednesday, August 13, 2008**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Adam Knight at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Charles Downs, Dwight Mason, David Shapiro, Mike Sullivan, and Bernie Taylor. Gerald Davis and Daryl Calvano were absent. LUGM staff present was Jada Stuckert, Recording Secretary.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of July 9, 2008 were approved as presented.

**Old Business**

**Update on the Codes Seminar in October**

Mr. Knight stated we have Flow and Amos from Ferguson Supply with us tonight to discuss other possibilities. Mr. Knight stated Mr. Downs, Mr. Taylor and Ms. Stuckert held a meeting on 8/7/08 to discuss the seminar in October. Mr. Knight stated we discussed items the plumbing and gas industry can provide to promote the seminar. Mr. Knight stated we looked at dual flush toilets, waterless urinal, boilers, heat pump helpers, water heaters, gas fire places, etc. Mr. Amos recommended adding water saving shower heads, aerators, solar bus valves, rainwater roof drains, geothermal energy, etc. to the list of items to be displayed.

Mr. Knight asked that Ferguson focus on four core products to display for the seminar. Mr. Amos stated Ferguson would like to be the main sponsor for the seminar. Ms. Flow stated she runs the floor room and would like to incorporate some other items into the seminar. Mr. Amos offered to host the September meeting in order to further discuss the plans for. A motion was made and seconded to allow Ferguson to host the September 10, 2008 meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Taylor asked if reusable bags could be provided for persons to carry around the information they pick up at the seminar. Ms. Knight stated Ms. Stuckert checking with PIO to see if we have anything like this available. Mr. Amos stated he would check with his retailers to see if they had any give-aways or door prizes. Mr. Knight stated the goal is to make this a yearly event.

Mr. Knight stated we had discussed providing light refreshments for the seminar in October such as cookies, water, etc. Ms. Flow stated she would send down plenty of water for the seminar. Mr. Amos asked how much space would be provided. Mr. Knight stated we have requested the Dohrman room at the Tech Center and he would find out how big the room is.

**Update on Maryland Plumbing Board visit**

Mr. Knight stated he has not heard anything regarding the meeting with the State Plumbing Board but would keep trying.

**Update on the By-Laws**

Mr. Knight stated he is still waiting for a call from the printer to see how much it will cost to have the booklets printed.

**Update on Rules and Regulations**

Mr. Knight stated he is awaiting word from PIO regarding the rules and regulations.

**New Business**

Mr. Shapiro stated he was attended the HVAC and asked if the manual J calculations were required on permits. Mr. Shapiro stated the answer he received is yes it is required because the manual J calculation gives you the exact size. Mr. Shapiro stated this is a big waste of money because installers are installing HVAC systems smaller than what is needed. Mr. Knight stated this is an item on our to-do list for the future.

Mr. Sullivan stated METCOM has been working on the cross connection and back flow prevention program and weve decided this will also include the County Commissioners. Mr. Sullivan stated this will have to be adopted by an agency and METCOM cant be the only agency. Mr. Sullivan stated he believes this will have to go through the Plumbing Board. Mr. Knight recommended he and Mr. Sullivan discuss this at a separate meeting to work out the fine details.

Mr. Sullivan stated we are finding the standards for outdoor plumbing cleanouts are being abused. Mr. Sullivan stated we want to look in to concrete reinforcement for areas with traffic and flush top covers.

Mr. Sullivan stated we have discussed in the past having a lowered set manhole. Mr. Sullivan stated he needed some guidance from the Board regarding this to be able to develop the standards correctly.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held September 10, 2008.

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Jada Stuckert  
Recording Secretary

Approved in open session:        September 10, 2008

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Gerald Davis  
Chairman