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DATE: June 13, 2019

TO: Examining Board Council Members

FROM: Brian W. Cox, P.E., Manager, Plumbing & Water Quality Program

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2019

Attendance and Meeting Location

The meeting began at 1:35 p.m. on June 11, 2019 at the Springfield Plumbers & Steamfitters Training Association, 2880 East Cook Street, Springfield, Illinois. The following were in attendance:

IDPH Staff

Brian W. Cox, P.E., Manager, Plumbing & Water Quality Program
Frank Shimkus, Plumbing Consultant, Plumbing & Water Quality Program
Rhonda Hawkins-Jackson, Plumbing & Water Quality Program
Darrah Dunlap, Plumbing & Water Quality Program
Tina Cordova, Plumbing & Water Quality Program
Jeremiah Deakin, State Plumbing Inspector
Brad Leuck, State Plumbing Inspector
Larry Luka, State Plumbing Inspector

Examining Board Members

Robert Schafer, Chairman
Timothy Atkisson
Robert Dennison
Thad Ellet
Doug Pursell
Phil Roknich

Guests

Andy Fuchs – Springfield Plumbers & Steamfitters

Welcome and Introductions

Robert Schafer introduced himself and welcomed everyone. A roll call was performed, and quorum established.

Motions

- A motion was made by Doug Pursell to approve the June 11, 2019 meeting agenda and seconded by Thad Ellet.

The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

- A motion was made by Timothy Atkisson to approve the March 26, 2019 meeting minutes and seconded by Robert Dennison.

The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Discussion Items

- Robert Schafer opened the floor for public comment; no public comment.
- Two previous examinees (apprentices) and their sponsors are meeting with the Board after the meeting to discuss failure of previous exams.
- Exam results and statistics for retakes of individuals whom have met with the board were discussed. Discussed the possibility of a model program which would provide benchmarks and require proficiency certification throughout the initial four years of apprenticeship.
- It was suggested that Apprentices be required to take continuing education for licensure. IDPH must confirm if statutory authority exists to require apprentices to take continuing education.
- Possibility of denying an individual the right to sponsor another apprentice in the future due to failure to provide adequate supervision, education, and training to apprentices.
- Suggested Continuing Education requirements be established for sponsors of apprentices.
- Illinois SB1166 LICENSE-REMOVE CITIZENSHIP REQ as to date has passed both houses and is awaiting signature of the Governor. With this bill the Plumber's License: Application for Examination and Examination Retake Form will need to be modified to remove the statement regarding citizenship and its requirements.
***SB1166 SUMMARY:** Amends the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Provides that, except as otherwise provided by law, no department shall deny an occupational or professional license based solely on the applicant's citizenship status or immigration status. Amends the Illinois Explosives Act to allow a person admitted for permanent residence to qualify for licensure. Amends the Illinois Plumbing License Law, the Water Well and Pump Installation Contractor's License Act, the Illinois Horse Meat Act, the Liquor Control Act of 1934, and the Safety Deposit License Act to remove references to United States citizenship as a prerequisite for licensure. Amends the Coal Mining Act to remove references to United States citizenship as a prerequisite and references to the ability to speak and understand the American Language. Makes other changes.*
- Multiple examinees did not bring materials as instructed on the material list (**Pre-cut pieces and sharing of materials and/or equipment are not allowed**) specifically the **60 inch length of 2" no-hub cast iron soil pipe**. Instead they are bringing pipe which is already cut. It was decided that for future exams they will also be verbally instructed to have **one continuous** 60 inch piece of cast iron soil pipe.

- It was determined that the practical portion of the exam needed to have a Scratch Sheet added to allow for determining calculated dimensions. Therefore, a single sheet will be added and collected with the rest of the practical exam. It will have the examination date and examinee's identification number, likewise with the remaining portions of the exam.

Meeting Adjourned

Timothy Atkisson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Robert Dennison. Meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 2:21 p.m.