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**ANNUAL BOARD MEETING**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE PLUMBING BOARD OF LOUISIANA**  
  
**BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**  
  
**August 21, 2014**

The Quarterly Board Meeting of the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman, James Finley, at 10:01 a.m.

The following persons were in attendance:

<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>	<b>ADVISORY BOARD</b>	<b>STAFF</b>	<b>GUESTS</b>
Jim Finley	Richard Paulk	John Barker	Ed Guillory - Home Depot
Rickey Fabra	Terry Smith	Ashley Jones	JC Matt - Examiner
Keith Bienvenu	Dirk Payne	Dustine Tullier	Mitch Lebas - BPS
Kelly Craft		Nancy Picard -ATTY.	DJ Berger - NITC
Gerald LaCour		John Neal	Walter Derouen - WETT Plumbing
Larry Reiling		Glen Gremillion	Mary Gloston - Consultant
Randall McGee		Blaine Matte	Gene Martin - All Plumbing, Heating & Cooling
Carl Bourgeois		Chris Bodet	Melvin Hinson - Hinson Plumbing
		Pat Olivier	Kaye Fournet - Office of Workers' Comp
		Bob Hogan	Al Smith - Sears
		Tommy Wimbley	Marrissa Ruffino - LAPHCC
		Cliff Slaughter	Fred Robillard - Reliable Plumbing
		Carl Barnum	Mike Elers
			Barry Bernhard - Bernhard Bros.

- INVOCATION:** *Keith Bienvenu*
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** *Jim Finley*
- ROLL CALL:** *Ashley Jones*

**PRESENTATIONS**

*a.) Mary Gloston*- SPBLA in compliance with classified staff. Reported to Civil Service. All files in compliance. Will continue to work on policies and procedures.

**APPLICATION COMMITTEE**

*None*

**ENFORCEMENT**

*a.) Informal Hearings*

*1.)Melvin Hinson* - Mr. Hinson appeared before the board and gave statement. He stated that it is expensive to employ licensed plumbers but that he tries to comply within the limits of the law. Mr. Finley stated that due to the multiple violations and informal hearings to proceed with Formal Hearing.

**MOTION: To Schedule Formal Hearing**  
**MOTION: RICKEY FABRA**  
**SECOND: KELLY CRAFT**  
**MOTION: CARRIED**

**b.) Curtis Viator - Not Present.**

**MOTION: Pursue Injunction**  
**MOTION: KEITH BIENVENU**  
**SECOND: RICKEY FABRA**  
**MOTION: CARRIED**

**c.) Danny Rowe - Not Present. Kay Fournet** - Fraud Selection Manager for the Office of Workers' Comp spoke regarding the prior and current violation history in their office for Mr. Rowe. Mr. Finley asked to pursue injunction.

**MOTION: Pursue Injunction**  
**MOTION: KELLY CRAFT**  
**SECOND: RICKEY FABRA**  
**MOTION: CARRIED**

## **GUESTS**

a.) **Barry Bernhard** - Mr. Bernhard appeared before the Board to announce that throughout the State of Louisiana, there was a group formed for the advocacy of maintaining the public's health in Louisiana. Membership will include healthcare proponents from hospitals to homes throughout Louisiana.

## **SPECIAL REQUESTS**

*None*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a.) **CPE Committee Meeting - DJ Berger** - will meet in two weeks in New Orleans to discuss 1 hr administrative law change administratively. Jim Finley and Keith Bienvenu also want the committee to discuss at that time new material that can be added to the Continuing Professional Education Program.

## **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

(April 3, 2014)

**MOTION: To accept the April 3, 2014 minutes as presented**  
**MOTION: RICKEY FABRA**  
**SECOND: KELLY CRAFT**  
**MOTION: CARRIED**

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

**MOTION: To accept the financial report as presented by Rickey Fabra**  
**MOTION: KELLY CRAFT**  
**SECOND: LARRY REILING**

**MOTION: CARRIED**

## **ADVISORY REPORT**

*NONE*

## **ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' REPORT**

The enforcement officers each gave their individual report.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Board would like to appoint John Barker as the representative for the LSUCCC Transition Committee.

**MOTION: To give State mandated 4% advancement**  
**MOTION: RICKEY FABRA**  
**SECOND: KELLY CRAFT**  
**MOTION: CARRIED**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **a.) EXAM REPORTS**

#### **1.) JOURNEYMAN EXAMINATIONS**

- a.) July 12, 2014 – Kelly Craft/No Issues**
- b.) July 19, 2014 - Randy McGee/No Issues - Order gloves and glasses**
- c.) July 26, 2014 - Gerald LaCour/No Issues**

#### **2.) MASTER EXAMINATIONS**

- a.) August 2, 2014 - Jim Finley/Collected paperwork from Richard Rogers, request Informal Hearing. Order signs that band food and drink from testing area and contact NITC.**

- b.) Workforce Development - Heather Stephan** - Registered apprenticeship gives the opportunity to have the registered be held accountable and provide better opportunities by allowing persons to determine through their website who is registered.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a.) Request to increase NSF charge from \$20 to bank charge of \$35 and seek legislation.**

**MOTION: Pursue NSF legislation**

**MOTION: CARL BOURGEOIS**

**SECOND: KEITH BIENVENU**

**MOTION: CARRIED**

- b.) Proposal to have staff attend a Master and Journeyman exam for educational purposes.**

**MOTION: Allow staff to attend exams**

**MOTION: CARL BOURGEOIS**

**SECOND: KELLY CRAFT**

**MOTION: CARRIED**

- c.) Cooperative Endeavor agreement between SPBLA and LSLBC in regard to permitting offices, inspectors and officials - Jim Finley** - Will discuss further with SPBLA Counsel.

### **TENTATIVE DATE FOR THE NEXT QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING**

**December, 11 2014** is the tentative date of the Annual Board Meeting of the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: To adjourn the Quarterly Board Meeting of the State  
Plumbing Board of Louisiana at 1:02 p.m.**

**MOTION: KELLY CRAFT**

**SECOND: CARL BOURGEOIS**

**MOTION: CARRIED**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**James C. Finley, Chairman**

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**Rickey Fabra, Secretary/ Treasurer**