

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING OF THE STATE PLUMBING BOARD OF LOUISIANA

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

May 19, 2011

The Quarterly Board Meeting of the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman, James Finley, at 10:02 a.m.

The following persons were in attendance:

BOARD MEMBERS	ADVISORY BOARD	STAFF	GUESTS
James Finley	Dirk Payne	John Barker	Bob Urann – RUSPC
Jerry Payne	Don Turner	Christina Hymel	DJ Berger – Local 60
Kelly Craft	Richard Paulk	Ashleigh Cambre	Jeremy Harris – LA DHH-OPH
Gerald LaCour	Terry Smith	Corky Dwight	George Robichaux - DHH
Larry Reiling		Pat Olivier	Marian L. Hines –LAPHCC (Tatman)
Rickey Fabra		Glen Gremillion	Raymond Ecker- Ecker Plumbing
Wendell Guillot		Chris Bodet	Andre Flot- Journeyman Applicant
		Steve Porter	James Haynsworth- Haynsworth Plumbing
		Blaine Matte	Ray Tolar- Care Services
		Cliff Slaughter	Mitch LeBas- Backflow Prevention Services
		Carl Barnum	Norris Decoteau- Backflow Prevention Services
			Craig Blanchard- DPW Inspector
			Mark Gouner, Sr.- AA Gouner Plumbing

INVOCATION: *Jerry Payne*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: *Christina Hymel*

PRESENTATIONS

a.) *New Office Employee*

John Barker introduced Ashleigh Cambre as taking the Human Resources and Accounting position.

APPLICATION COMMITTEE

a.) Andre Flot

Lindsey Mayer, Journeyman Plumber Division, explained that Mr. Flot sent in his Journeyman application with only one voucher instead of the required three and he sent a letter listing his experience. The only problem with his application was that the plumber he was working under did not sign the affidavit. Mr. Flot stated his experience in detail. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Flot to take the journeyman exam given the fact that he has obtained a signed affidavit like he was requested to do.

MOTION: to allow Mr. Andre Flot to take the journeyman plumber exam

MOTION: RICKEY FABRA

SECOND: LARRY REILING

MOTION: CARRIED

GUESTS

NONE

ENFORCEMENT

NONE

SPECIAL REQUESTS

a.) James Haynsworth

Mr. Haynsworth kept putting off the Continuing Education classes and missed all of the classes offered last year as well as of the late classes offered this year. The Board stated that Continuing Education classes are a very important part of maintaining his license. The Board recommended that since Continuing Education is so important they cannot grant his request to waive Continuing Education for him. The Board also made sure the Mr. Haynsworth was aware that he couldn't receive his 2011 license until the Continuing Education requirement is obtained.

MOTION: to not waive Continuing Education requirements for Mr. Haynsworth

MOTION: JERRY PAYNE

SECOND: RICKEY FABRA

MOTION: CARRIED

b.) Raymond Ecker

Mr. Ecker is asking for a temporary permit allowing him to work as a Journeyman because he was medically unable to attend the Continuing Education class to obtain his 2011 license. Mr. Finley explained that once you have obtained a license there is no longer the option to have a temporary license. The Board explained that he would still

have to attend a Continuing Education and that the providers would make arrangements to provide a special class for both Mr. Ecker and Mr. Haynsworth. Once those requirements are met the office staff will expedite his license and that his late fees will be waived for renewal due to his medical reasons.

MOTION: to waive late fees for his license renewal once Continuing Education requirements are met
MOTION: RICKEY FABRA
SECOND: WENDELL GUILLOT
MOTION: CARRIED

TRAINING PROGRAM APPROVAL

NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NONE

PREVIOUS MINUTES

(February 10, 2011)

MOTION: to accept the February 10, 2011 minutes as presented
MOTION: RICKEY FABRA
SECOND: LARRY REILING
MOTION: CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT

MOTION: to accept the financial report as presented by Rickey Fabra
MOTION: WENDELL GUILLOT
SECOND: KELLY CRAFT
MOTION: CARRIED

ADVISORY REPORT

Advisory board members met on re-routing issue. The Board agreed to bring this up under Old Business.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER'S REPORT

NONE

ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' REPORT

The enforcement officers each gave their individual report. (See attached)
Executive Director, John Barker, announced that Terry Moore resigned as Enforcement Officer for Region F.

MOTION: To accept the Enforcement Officers' Reports as presented
MOTION: WENDELL GUILLOT
SECOND: KELLY CRAFT
MOTION: CARRIED

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Barker stated that he recently attended conference sponsored by FEMA and Governor's Office on Homeland Security on Threat Risk and Vulnerability Assessment. The conference tied into the Plumbing Board dealing with safe drinking water and sanitary conditions.

Mr. Barker also attended a roundtable discussion with the Regional Planning Commission in New Orleans sponsored by the Oceanographic and Atmospheric Association. Mr. Barker told the Board that the Association is interested in a Coastal Plumbing Code for the coastal states in light of the recent Hurricanes and natural disasters.

Mr. Barker then stated that the rest of his time recently has been spent on HB 418. HE updated everyone that Representative Thierry sponsored the bill and that Mr. Finley testified and the bill went through committee without opposition. There were questions on the bill once the bill reached the floor so attorney Bob Urann redrafted the bill and the plan is to bring the bill back in the House once the environment is right in the Capital. Mr. Urann explained the bill to the audience and that the reason the bill had to be redrafted was because of questions on the civil fine in Subsection A. That portion was taken out of Subsection A and moved to Subsection B and should satisfy those who had questions. The other portion that brought up concerns was where the money would go. Mr. Urann explained that the money would go back into the operations. Mr. Urann said that the bill is ready to be presented again. This concluded the Executive Director's report.

MOTION: To accept the Executive Director's Report as presented
MOTION: RICKEY FABRA
SECOND: WENDELL GUILLOT
MOTION: CARRIED

EXAM REPORTS

1.) JOURNEYMAN EXAMINATIONS

- a.) March 2, 2011 (Special) – John Barker – *no problems*
- b.) March 17, 2011 (Special) – John Barker – *no problems*
- c.) April 2, 2011 – John Barker – *no problems*
- d.) April 9, 2011 – Jerry Payne – *no problems*

Jerry wanted to correct last meetings minutes and say that he was not at February 5th Master exam. He did not receive phone call. Mr. Barker said that a reminder call is part of the process and he will address that.

e.) April 16, 2011- Larry Reiling- no problems

2.) MASTER EXAMINATIONS

a.) May 7, 2011- John Barker – no problems

OLD BUSINESS

The Advisory Board brought up earlier in the meeting about the re-routing/open sewer under a house issue and what the Plumbing Board needed to do. Mr. Finley stated that it really was not a Plumbing Board issue; it was more a DHH issue. Jeremy Harris with DHH said that the re-routing would leave an open system under the slab and would weaken the soil and would be in violation of Subsection 305 under Discharges of the Louisiana Sanitary Code. DHH does not have someone to monitor this and they think that the word needs to get out about this violation. Mr. Finley stated that since it was not a licensing issue that DHH could work to draft a letter or notice to make the Master plumbers aware of this situation.

NEW BUSINESS

a.) Late Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Classes-

Mr. Jerry Payne brought up that PHCC would like to have approved a packet that has materials and exam in it, much like Texas has. And those looking to take a late CPE class could come to the Plumbing Board administrative office and take this exam packet and have the staff grade it. Mr. Finley brought up that CPE is supposed to be put on by providers and not staff. Computer based make up classes was discussed but the issue is not knowing who is on the computer taking the course. Mr. Urann stated that legally the Plumbing Board couldn't take on a cooperative agreement with providers to assist in the make-up classes. The Board will monitor this and discuss it further at another time.

b.) Apprenticeship Program-

Mr. Jerry Payne asked that the staff draft a letter to have a mailout about new apprenticeship requirements for 2012. It was discussed that it is already in the works to add this to renewal forms and place on the website as well. Mr. Payne also asks that the Plumbing Board draft a letter to notify PHCC.

MOTION: to draft a letter from the Board to notify PHCC of 2012 requirements

MOTION: JERRY PAYNE

SECOND: WENDELL GUILLOT

MOTION: CARRIED

c.) CPE for Master Plumbers with an Engineering License-

The Board discussed that the Plumbing Continuing Education is completely separate from the Engineering Continuing Education. Engineering Continuing Education cannot be accepted in lieu of Plumbing Continuing Education.

MOTION: Engineering Continuing Education will not be accepted in lieu of Plumbing Continuing Education

MOTION: KELLY CRAFT

SECOND: JERRY PAYNE

MOTION: CARRIED

d.) Appoint Nomination Committee-

Mr. Finley nominated Rickey Fabra to serve as chair of the Nominating Committee. Larry Reiling and Jerry Payne will serve as members of the committee.

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

August 25, 2011 is the tentative date of the next Quarterly 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 10:58am

MOTION: RICKEY FABRA

SECOND: LARRY REILING

MOTION: CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

James C. Finley, Chairman

Rickey Fabra, Secretary/ Treasurer