I. Roll Call

Members Present:
Jeff O. Estabrook
George E. Killian
Patrick B. Leddy, Vice-Chairman
Cataldo A. Leo
David W. Miller, Chairman
Christopher P. Reed
Daniel J. Wellendorf

Members Absent:

Others Present: Jim Wonder, Planning Department
Doug Clark, Douglas County Health Department

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Leddy to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0

III. *Cases

9-1-3 From 1/14/09 and 5/27/09
Robert J. Huxhold
2137 S 61 Ave
Omaha NE 68106
REQUEST: Waiver to allow additional time to complete continuing education requirement.

49-215

1/14/2009:
Robert J. Huxhold appeared before the Board requesting more time to complete his 2008 continuing education requirement.

Mr. Miller read from Mr. Huxhold’s file that Mr. Huxhold attended three hours of continuing education on December 23, 2008. He is currently missing 5 hours of continuing education.

Mr. Estabrook inquired as to whether Mr. Huxhold is missing hours for any other years. Mr. Miller stated that according to Mr. Huxhold’s file, he is current in continuing education hours with the exception of 2008.
Motion to grant six months’ extension to June 1, 2009 in order to make up 5 hours of continuing education credit by Mr. Killian. Mr. Huxhold must submit proof to the Board Secretary that his missing five hours have been made up before the June 1, 2009 deadline. If the hours have not been completed by the deadline, Mr. Huxhold must reappear before the Board. Seconded by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Clifton, Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed

Motion carried 7-0

5/27/2009:

Mr. Huxhold was not present.

Motion to place this item on file by Mr. Killian. Seconded by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 6-0

*Mr. Huxhold came into the meeting room later in the meeting; the Board agreed to hear his case once the remaining cases had been reviewed.*

Motion by Mr. Killian to reopen case 9-1-3 by Mr. Killian. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 6-0

Robert Huxhold appeared before the Board to request an extension of the June 1, 2009 deadline granted by the Board on January 14, 2009 to complete five hours of continuing education for 2008.

Mr. Huxhold stated that he had registered for a class to take place this evening (class number 9-1-29). This class would allow him to make up four of his missing five hours. Mr. Huxhold requested additional time to complete one hour of continuing education for 2008.

Mr. Killian inquired as to why Mr. Huxhold waited until today to attend continuing education classes. Mr. Huxhold cited difficulty in finding classes to take. Mr. Huxhold further stated that his computer has been broken, which has prevented him from looking at the Plumbing Board website for available classes. He has been in contact with the Board Secretary via telephone – this was how he found out about the four hour class he is scheduled to take this evening.

Mr. Wonder stated that the Board had the option to deny Mr. Huxhold’s request for additional time to complete his continuing education requirements; however Mr. Wonder would need to confer with Alan Thelen in the Law Department to determine the proper way to do this, as it would be similar to a license revocation.

Mr. Leo suggested that the Board could give Mr. Huxhold the additional time he is requesting, with the stipulation that should Mr. Huxhold fail to make up his missing hours, he should then be subject to a hearing for the revocation of his license.

Mr. Killian stated his opinion that Mr. Huxhold could have gone to the public library and used their computers to look up classes; it was his opinion that Mr. Huxhold neglected to find classes in a timely manner.
The Board inquired of the Board secretary whether there were any classes taking place in June that Mr. Huxhold could attend. The secretary replied that there were no classes scheduled for June at this time – however, there are classes scheduled to take place later this year, in the fall.

Motion by Mr. Wellendorf to grant an extension to October 1, 2009 in order to allow Mr. Huxhold time to make up five hours of continuing education; Mr. Huxhold must reappear before the Board when these hours have been completed. Seconded by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 6-0

10/21/2009:

Robert Huxhold appeared before the Board. The Board Secretary informed Mr. Miller that Mr. Huxhold has completed his continuing education hours, and has re-appeared before the Board as directed at their May 27, 2009 meeting. Mr. Miller reviewed Mr. Huxhold’s file and confirmed that Mr. Huxhold’s continuing education hours were current and correct. The Board thanked Mr. Huxhold for appearing today. No further action or vote was needed.

9-10-96 From 10/7/09
Brent A Shirk
1002 S 51 Avenue
Omaha NE  68106
REQUEST: Request to reactivate retired Journeyman plumbing license.

49-237

10/7/2009

Mr. Shirk contacted the Board before the meeting to request that this case be held over to the next meeting. He will be out of town and is unable to attend today’s meeting.

Motion to hold this case over to the October 21st meeting of the Board by Mr. Leo. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0

10/21/2009

Brent Shirk appeared before the Board to request reinstatement of his Journeyman Plumber’s license. Mr. Miller reviewed Mr. Shirk’s file and stated that Mr. Shirk had completed eight hours of continuing education for 2009. Mr. Shirk requested that four hours from 2009 be moved to 2008. Mr. Shirk will need to complete 4 hours of continuing education before December 31, 2009 in order to complete his 2009 continuing education requirement.

Motion by Mr. Wellendorf to reinstate Mr. Shirk’s Journeyman Plumber license; and to move four hours continuing education credit from Mr. Shirk’s 2009 totals to 2008. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0
REQUEST: Approval of 2010 Omaha Plumbing Code.

Mr. Wonder distributed two handouts to the Board Members, which contained excerpts from the current Omaha Plumbing Code and outlined how these excerpted sections will be changed in the 2010 draft. After some discussion, the Board decided to review these changes and vote on each change individually.

Mr. Wonder began by asking the Board to view page 25, line 30 (Table 507h) of the final draft, Hangers and Rods. Mr. Leddy suggested that the final table be modified to allow 3/8” rod for ½-4” pipe, ½” rod for 5-6” pipe, 5/8” rod for 8-12” pipe. Rods for 14” pipe or larger must be selected by a licensed structural engineer.

**Motion** by Mr. Reed to replace the wording in the draft from page 25 line 30 to page 26 line 22, and replace with the proposed changes recently discussed. The final table will be modified to allow 3/8” rod for ½-4” pipe, ½” rod for 5-6” pipe, and 5/8” rod for 8-12” pipe. Rods for 14” pipe or larger must be selected by a licensed structural engineer. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0

Mr. Wonder asked the Board to view page 48, line 8, Table 8, Note 6. The word “football field” will be replaced to read “athletic field”.

**Motion** by Mr. Reed to replace the word “football field” on page 48, line 8, Table 8, Note 6 with “athletic field”. Seconded by Mr. Killian.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0

Mr. Wonder asked the Board to view page 69, line 38, regarding vacuum drainage systems. Mr. Wonder stated that this item had been of great concern to some of the Board members, and asked them to review the proposed language to be included in the 2010 Omaha Plumbing Code.

Mr. Reed stated that this system was suggested for retrofit use only, but is now being limited for use with commercial condensate waste. Mr. Reed cautioned the other Board members against making this product available for retrofit only, and advised that the Board members vote simply whether to include this system in the Code or strike it altogether.

Mr. Miller stated that he would be comfortable with vacuum drainage systems being included in the 2010 Omaha Plumbing Code for condensate waste use only. Mr. Miller stated that he did not want to exclude this product from the Code.

Mr. Wonder stated that anyone wanting to use a vacuum drainage system on a non-condensate waste system could appear before the Board to request a waiver. The Plumbing Division had a good set of drawings and system specifications ready for reference should they be needed in the future.

After some more discussion, the Board decided to accept the draft language as proposed. No vote was needed on this item.

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Mr. Wonder asked the Board to view Section 49-1524, Water pipe sizing for commercial buildings. Mr. Reed reviewed this section at Mr. Wonder’s request prior to the meeting. Mr. Reed requested that Mr. Wonder leave in the language regarding the use of a system designed by a registered mechanical engineer. This paragraph was expanded to include a requirement that systems must meet the requirements of Section 49-1521, Minimum Design Standard.

**Motion** by Mr. Reed to revise page 73, line 23 and following, allowing an exception for design by registered mechanical engineer, referring to Section 49-1521, minimum Design Standards; and, also editing page 69, line 38, to eliminate the reference to systems designed by registered mechanical engineer at that location in the draft. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0

Mr. Wonder asked the Board to note the changes listed in section 49-2043, Materials, located on page 79, line 22 to 39. The draft contains language regarding flexible polyvinyl chloride piping; Mr. Wonder requested to omit this language from the final draft due to lack of a standard for this material.

**Motion** by Mr. Reed to strike proposed changes to Section 49-2043 that were made during the review process. This section will remain as listed in the current 2007 Omaha Plumbing Code. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0

**Motion** by Mr. Reed that the Omaha Plumbing Board recommend all changes contained in the draft document identified as Exhibit A, except as modified by specific motions of this Board today, and attached in included within the exhibit, to the City Council for their approval and incorporation into the Omaha City Code. Seconded by Mr. Killian.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0

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**REQUEST:** Waiver of Section 49-1006, Bar and Soda Waste (for use in the downtown baseball stadium).

Pat Shearman appeared before the Board requesting a waiver of Section 49-1006, Bar and Soda Waste. Mr. Sherman is requesting permission to use an alternate piping material, and wishes to install a test system in the new downtown baseball stadium. The CPVC piping that Mr. Shearman wishes to use is currently approved for use for laboratory waste, but not for use with bar and soda waste.

Mr. Wonder stated that the Plumbing Division did not recommend approval of this waiver, and stated that to allow this material would result in a code change by waiver. Mr. Wonder stated that the Code Committee had just completed their final draft of the 2010 code; Mr. Shearman’s request was not included in this final draft. The Code Committee would be willing to consider this material for use with bar and soda waste in the next draft of the Omaha Plumbing Code.
Mr. Wonder confirmed that the requested product has been approved for use with chemical waste, but is not currently allowed for use with bar and soda waste. He stated that Mr. Shearman’s project was bid using standard materials, and there is no hardship in installing a traditional system as per Code.

Motion to deny by Mr. Killian. Seconded by Mr. Leddy

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy

NAYS: Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion failed 3-4.

Motion to approve waiver by Mr. Leo. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Leo, Reed, Wellendorf

NAYS: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Miller

Motion failed 3-4. Request denied.

Jeff Estabrook recused himself and appeared before the Board to request approval of an upcoming continuing education class for Heimes Company sewer layers. Mr. Estabrook submitted to the Board a copy of his curriculum. Mr. Miller and the Board reviewed Mr. Estabrook’s file and the submitted curriculum and found both to be complete.

Motion to approve Heimes Corporation as an Approved Provider of continuing education by Mr. Leo. Seconded by Mr. Leddy.

AYES: Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

ABSTAIN: Estabrook

Motion carried 6-0-1

Motion to approve Jeff Estabrook as an Approved Instructor for sewer layer training by Mr. Leddy. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

AYES: Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

ABSTAIN: Estabrook

Motion carried 6-0-1
Motion to approve two 2 hour continuing education classes for Heimes Corporation sewer layers by Mr. Reed. Seconded by Mr. Leddy.

AYES: Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

ABSTAIN: Estabrook

Motion carried 6-0-1

9-10-101
Kylan Block
RDG Planning & Design
900 Farnam St Ste 900
Omaha NE 68102

REQUEST: Waiver of Section 49-636 Table 3 Note 9: Restaurants shall be required to have restrooms in the space occupied.

49-636

Mr. Reed recused himself and appeared for Kylan Block. Mr. Reed stated that this request for a waiver is for the main floor level of the Paxton Hotel building. The Paxton Hotel building is a mixed-use development, with retail space on the main floor. Mr. Reed submitted for the Board’s review plans for the proposed Crane Coffee Diner, and explained that he is requesting a waiver of fixture count requirements. Mr. Reed cited a waiver previously granted by the Board for the Paxton Chop House on the same level of the building, which allowed the use of restrooms located in the main lobby of the hotel in lieu of having the required number of restrooms within the restaurant. Mr. Reed would like the Board to grant a similar waiver for the Crane Coffee Café.

Mr. Wonder stated that the Plumbing Division has received numerous complaints from Paxton Chop House customers who attempted to access the main lobby restrooms only to find that the building owner had locked them. Mr. Wonder stated that due to these past problems with access, the Plumbing Division recommended denial of this waiver. Mr. Wonder requested that the Board require the owner to leave the main lobby restrooms unlocked as part of any waiver granted.

Mr. Reed stated that he had had a conversation with the owner of the Paxton Hotel building. The owner indicated to Mr. Reed that he would be willing to leave the main lobby restrooms unlocked. Mr. Killian inquired as to why the owner was locking the lobby restrooms at all; and stated that he would suggest that the owner be required to remove the locks on the door to the restrooms if a waiver were granted.

Mr. Reed stated that he could obtain a letter from the Paxton Hotel building owner which would state his intent to leave the main lobby restrooms unlocked.

Motion by Mr. Leddy to hold this case over to the next meeting of the Board, pending receipt of a letter from the Paxton Hotel building owner regarding access to the main lobby restrooms. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Wellendorf

ABSTAIN: Reed

Motion carried 6-0-1
REQUEST: Waiver of Article IX, Section 49-901, Aboveground piping Within Buildings.

Mr. Reed recused himself from voting on this case. Don Moore with N. Pitlor & Son Inc appeared before the Board. Mr. Wonder explained to the Board that the plumbing project in question involves two floor-mounted water closets located one floor above an MRI machine. Due to the magnet within the MRI machine, no ferrous materials can be used. Mr. Moore’s cited the cost of recalibrating the MRI magnet, and damage to the MRI machine, as hardship in installing this piping as per Code, which would range between fifty thousand and two million dollars.

This project calls for two floor-mounted water closets, meaning that Mr. Moore must install closet flanges. He has been unable to find a CPVC closet flange, and is before the Board today to request a waiver to be allowed to use Schedule 40 PVC DWV piping. There will be a stainless steel drain pan beneath each run to prevent leaking into the ceiling above the MRI machine. Mr. Moore was told that stainless steel will not interfere with the MRI magnet.

Mr. Wonder stated that he had no problem with CPVC piping being installed above this machine, but did not recommend approval of schedule 40 PVC dwv piping due to its fire rating. The Board discussed various alternate materials, and suggested that Mr. Moore contact Pat Shearman regarding Spears CPVC materials, as Mr. Shearman had indicated to the Board that the company offers CPVC closet flanges. If Mr. Moore is unable to locate such a flange, he should reappear before the board for a request to approve Schedule 40 pvc dwv piping.

Motion to approve the use of CPVC piping for under floor waste and vent piping located above the MRI machine by Mr. Killian. Mr. Moore must transition to cast iron six inches above the floor as per Plumbing Code, and this cast iron must be supported to prevent stress to the CPVC piping below floor. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Wellendorf

ABSTAIN: Reed

Motion carried 6-0-1

REQUEST: Approval of Provider.

Doug Clark with the Douglas County Health Department appeared in representation of Jan Hyngstrom and Wayne Woldt with the UNL Extension Office. Mr. Clark stated that he had personal experience with both instructors, and had found their classes to be excellent. This class is open to all plumbers and sewer layers.

Motion to approve the University of Nebraska Lincoln Extension Office as an Approved Provider by Mr. Killian. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0
Mr. Miller reviewed Mr. Woldt’s credentials and stated that he would entertain a motion to approve Mr. Woldt as an Approved Instructor.

Motion to approve Wayne Woldt as an Approved Instructor for onsite wastewater treatment by Mr. Estabrook. Seconded by Mr. Leddy.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0

Mr. Miller reviewed Ms. Hyngstrom’s credentials and stated that he would entertain a motion to approve Ms. Hyngstrom as an Approved Instructor.

Motion to approve Jan Hyngstrom as an Approved Instructor for onsite wastewater treatment by Mr. Wellendorf. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0

Motion to approve 2 six hour continuing education classes as outlined in the application file by Mr. Killian. Seconded by Mr. Reed

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0

IV. *Apprenticeship Agreements*

Brian W Smith                        Raven Plumbing
1103 Overland Trl                    9112 Raven Oaks Dr
Papillion NE 68046                   Omaha NE 68152

Brian Smith appeared before the Board requesting to register as an apprentice plumber. Mr. Smith requested a start date of June 9, 2009. Payroll reports from Raven Plumbing were submitted with Mr. Smith’s application as proof of start date. Mr. Miller reviewed Mr. Smith’s file and stated that all appeared to be in order with Mr. Smith’s application.

Motion to approve with a start date of June 9, 2009 by Mr. Reed. Seconded by Mr. Estabrook

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf
Motion carried 7-0

V. *Journeyman Plumber Examination Applications*

Alex G Alonzo  
2900 Twin City Dr  
Council Bluffs IA  51501  
Eyman Plumbing  
8506 S 117 St  
LaVista NE  68128

Alex Alonzo appeared before the Board. Mr. Miller reviewed Mr. Alonzo’s file and stated that education and on-the-job hours appeared to be in order. Mr. Alonzo is not a registered Omaha apprentice, but has held a UPC Journeyman license since 2006.

Motion to approve by Mr. Reed. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0

Jeff A. Clayton  
4510 “O” St  
Omaha NE 68117  
Aksarben Heating, A/C & Plumbing  
7070 S 108 St  
Omaha NE 68128

The Board Secretary informed the Board that Mr. Clayton had appeared before the Board on July 29th, 2009 with a request to take the August 2009 Journeyman exam. Mr. Clayton’s schooling and training hours were sufficient; however, his request to test was held over to today’s meeting due to his start date. Mr. Clayton now has a full four years’ apprenticeship and would like to take the examination in November.

Motion to approve by Mr. Leo. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0

Terry L Johnson Jr  
21434 Parkview Drive  
Gretna NE 68028  
Wonder Plumbing Inc.  
7811 S 134 St, #100  
Omaha NE 68138

The Board Secretary informed the Board that Mr. Johnson had appeared before the Board on July 29th, 2009 with a request to take the August 2009 Journeyman exam. Mr. Johnson’s schooling and training hours were sufficient; however, his request to test was held over to today’s meeting due to his start date. Mr. Johnson now has a full four years’ apprenticeship and would like to take the examination in November.

Motion to approve by Mr. Leddy. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0
Mr. Maier contacted the Board Secretary before the meeting and requested that his application be held over to the second meeting in January.

Motion to hold this case over to the second meeting in January by Mr. Wellendorf. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0

Frank Marco appeared before the Board with a request to take the November 2009 Journeyman examination.

Mr. Miller reviewed the application file and stated that all appeared to be in order.

Motion to approve by Mr. Leddy. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0

Ryan Powles was not present at today’s meeting.

Motion to hold this application over to the second meeting in January by Mr. Estabrook. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0
Andrew Queen appeared before the Board with a request to take the November 2009 Journeyman examination.

Mr. Miller reviewed the application file and stated that all appeared to be in order.

Motion to approve by Mr. Leddy. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0

Douglas Schmidt appeared before the Board with a request to take the November 2009 Journeyman examination. Mr. Schmidt explained that he transferred from ABC to Metro, which resulted in a shortfall of hours. Mr. Schmidt attended a fifteen hour make-up class given by Metro, which resulted in him being short ½ hour. Mr. Wonder stated that this was a unique situation resulting from the time when Metro cut their available class hours, and not from Mr. Schmidt’s inattention to school attendance. Mr. Wonder recommended that the Board allow Mr. Schmidt to take the Journeyman exam in November.

The Board reviewed the remainder of Mr. Schmidt’s file and determined that Mr. Schmidt had sufficient on-the-job training hours.

Motion to approve by Mr. Reed. Seconded by Mr. Killian.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0

Eric Sorensen was not present at today’s meeting.

Motion to hold this application over to the second meeting in January by Mr. Estabrook. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0
The Board Secretary informed the Board that Mr. Taylor had appeared before the Board on July 29th, 2009 with a request to take the August 2009 Journeyman exam. Mr. Taylor’s schooling and training hours were sufficient; however, his request to test was held over to today’s meeting due to his start date. Mr. Taylor now has a full four years’ apprenticeship and would like to take the examination in November.

Mr. Miller reviewed the file and stated that all appeared to be in order.

Motion to approve by Mr. Leddy. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0

Terry Wieneke appeared before the Board with a request to take the November 2009 Journeyman examination. Mr. Wonder explained that Mr. Wieneke was previously licensed as a Journeyman in Elkhorn. This license did not reciprocate when Omaha annexed Elkhorn. Mr. Wieneke has had no formal schooling, but took a placement test administered by the Plumbing Division. He tested and was placed as a fourth year apprentice.

Since the last time Mr. Wieneke appeared before the Board, he has completed his fourth year of schooling at Metro as directed by the Board. Mr. Wonder recommended that Mr. Wieneke be allowed to take the November Journeyman exam.

Mr. Miller reviewed the application file and stated that all appeared to be in order.

Motion to approve by Mr. Reed. Seconded by Mr. Estabrook.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0

**VI.  Master Plumber Examination Applications**

Robert F Buller  Ray Martin Company
13004 S 24 Circle  6201 Center St
Bellevue NE 68123  Omaha NE 68106

Robert Buller was not present at today’s meeting.

Motion to hold this application over to the second meeting in January by Mr. Estabrook. Seconded by Mr. Leo.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf
Motion carried 7-0

Bradley J Schulz  
607 6th Street  
Beemer NE 68716

Stan Ortmeier & Company
300 3rd Street  
Beemer NE 68716

Bradley Schulz appeared before the Board with a request to take the November 2009 Master plumber exam. Mr. Wonder explained that Mr. Schulz came from a jurisdiction that does not require licensing. Mr. Schulz has never held an Omaha license, but has been in the plumbing field for 22 years. He worked in a family shop during this time.

The Board asked Mr. Schulz if he intended to move to Omaha. Mr. Schulz replied that he has no immediate plans to work in Omaha. He has a son who lives here; Mr. Schulz would like to be able to do any repair work needed on the home. Mr. Miller inquired whether Mr. Schulz would be willing to take the Journeyman examination instead. Mr. Schulz replied that he would like to be able to pull permits, which requires a Master plumber license.

Motion to approve by Mr. Reed. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Killian, Reed, Wellendorf

NAYS: Estabrook, Leddy, Leo, Miller

Motion failed; request denied.

Allen G Tolliver  
12138 Roberts Road  
LaVista NE 68128

Tolliver Plumbing
12138 Roberts Road  
LaVista NE 68128

The Board Secretary informed the Board that Mr. Tolliver recently appeared before the Board and was granted a temporary Master Plumber license, pending examination. Mr. Miller reviewed Mr. Tolliver’s file and stated that all appeared to be in order.

Motion to approve by Mr. Reed. Seconded by Mr Wellendorf.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0
VII. *Lawn Sprinkler Contractor Examination Applications*

Anthony P McCormack
5610 S 49 St
Omaha NE 68117

Above & Beyond
Complete Grounds Maintenance
5610 S 49 St
Omaha NE 68117

Anthony P. McCormack appeared before the Board. Mr. Miller reviewed Mr. McCormack’s file. Mr. McCormack owns his own lawn care company – his file also contained a letter from Lanoha Nursery attesting to his employment and experience with that company. Mr. Miller inquired whether the Plumbing Division had any questions or concerns regarding Mr. McCormack’s application; Mr. Wonder replied that there was no objection from the Plumbing Division.

Motion to approve by Mr. Leo. Seconded by Mr. Leddy.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0

VIII. Sewer Layer Examination Applications

Juan Canales
2727 S 24 St
Omaha NE 68108

Double D Excavating
7071 N 87 St
Omaha NE 68122

Jason Hintz
8664 S 143 Ave
Omaha NE 68138

Double D Excavating
7071 North 87 St
Omaha NE 68122

Dean Protaskey
2688 HWS Cleveland Blvd
Omaha NE 68116

Double D Excavating
7071 North 87 St
Omaha NE 68122

Sewer Layer applicants are not required to appear before the Board for approval. Mr. Miller reviewed each application and stated that all appeared to be in order.

Motion to approve Juan Canales, Jason Hintz, and Dean Protaskey to take the November Sewer Layer examination by Mr. Leo. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0
IX. Discussion

While developing requirements for continuing education approval earlier this year, the Plumbing Board expressed a desire for Mr. Wonder to research and create a list of subjects for Instructors to choose from when they apply for continuing education approval. Mr. Wonder looked at rejections for the year and the causes of these rejections, and spoke to his Inspectors to get their input on areas that required a lot of attention and discussion with contractors. The following list is a rough draft of Mr. Wonder’s research – he asked the Board’s input on this list, and whether the Board would like him to further develop this list of “approved subjects” for continuing education.

1) 2010 Plumbing Code Changes
2) Article XIII Venting, including battery venting  3 hour minimum
3) Water pipe sizing with explanation  2 hour minimum
4) Water Main installation  4 hour minimum
   a. Ductile iron  
   b. Copper  
   c. Flushing  
   d. Testing (fire service and potable service)  
   e. Type of fitting  
   f. Blocking  
   g. Rodding  
   h. Drain requirement near meters  
   i. Meter size and bypasses.
5) Swimming Pool piping  2 hour minimum
   a. Drains  
   b. Heater  
   c. Circulating
6) ADA  2 hour minimum
   a. Must have hand outs and Power Point  
   b. Must show examples of restroom layout  
   c. Instructors to be Jay Davis, Greg Hauptman or Jim Wonder
7) Requirements for installing kitchen/bar equipment
8) Fixture requirements
9) Training Computer and Forms used by the Permits & Inspection Division (Masters only)
10) Interceptor sizing and installation

Mr. Miller asked if this list would be reviewed yearly and compared against the rejections for the year to allow for modification of curriculum if the Board chose to adopt it. Mr. Wonder replied in the affirmative.
Mr. Miller asked for clarification regarding item 9, “Training Computer and Forms used by the Permits & Inspection Division (Masters only)”. Mr. Wonder stated that the Permits & Inspections Division loses time correcting mistakes in permit applications and other forms. Requiring new Master plumbers to attend this class will help them understand how to properly apply for permits, and how to track the status of their permits online. The Board Secretary asked Mr. Wonder if this training class could include information on bond and insurance forms and requirements, – Mr. Wonder replied that this information could be included in the training class.

The Board discussed how to best proceed and asked Mr. Wonder to further develop this subject list.

X. Executive Session

Mr. Wonder asked that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss the upcoming plumbers examination.

Motion to go into executive session by Mr. Leo. Seconded by Mr. Wellendorf.

AYES: Estabrook, Killian, Leddy, Leo, Miller, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion carried 7-0. Board entered Executive Session at 11:00 AM

XI. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by mutual consent at 11:25 AM.

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Applications for the meeting to be held at 9:00am on Wednesday, November 4th are due no later than 9:00am on Thursday, October 22nd.

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