I. Roll Call

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

Members Absent:
Cataldo A. Leo

Others Present: Jim Wonder, Planning Department

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Leddy to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried 6-0

III. Examination Reviews

Robert L Hackett III
9561 Corby St
Omaha NE 68134

REQUEST: Review of journeyman plumber’s examination.

Kyle L Langenfeld
4230 “A” St
Omaha NE 68105

REQUEST: Review of journeyman plumber’s examination.

Tracy L McHenry
6540 Franklin St
Omaha NE 68104

REQUEST: Review of journeyman plumber’s examination.

Jarrod Lombardo
614 Poppleton Av
Omaha NE 68108

REQUEST: Review of journeyman plumber’s examination.

Jason Pedersen
2709 Edwards St
Bellevue NE 68005-4033

REQUEST: Review of journeyman plumber’s examination.
IV. *Cases*

10-2-20  *From 3/10/2010*

Steve Stone  
7707 N 33 St  
Omaha NE 68112  

REQUEST: Waiver to allow the installation of a private well.

**3/10/2010:**
Steve Stone appeared before the Board with a request to allow the installation of a well for domestic use.

Mr. Miller read statements from Metropolitan Utilities District and the Douglas County Health Department. Both entities opposed this application, citing the potential for development in the area. Metropolitan Utilities District stated that Mr. Stone did make an application for a private water line. This application was denied due to the potential for development in the area. Metropolitan Utilities District requested that the property owner be required to extend a main line to the property at a cost of $56,000.00 to Mr. Stone.

Jim Wonder, Chief Plumbing Inspector for the City of Omaha was consulted via telephone during this case. Mr. Wonder stated that he was familiar with the area and stated that the Plumbing Division was not opposed to this application for a well. Mr. Wonder recommended that the Board hold this case over to the next meeting in order to allow the Plumbing Division more time to research this property.

Motion to lay this case over to the March 24th meeting of the Plumbing Board by Mr. Reed. Seconded by Mr. Killian.

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

Motion passed 7-0

**3/24/2010:**
Steve Stone reappeared before the Board. Mr. Wonder stated that he had researched the 15 acre property to the north of Mr. Stone’s property. According to Mr. Wonder, development of this 15 acre parcel could occur within the next two years. Mr. Wonder stated that he could not specify further as to the nature of the development to take place at this time. Based on this information, and the recommendation of the Health Department and the Metropolitan Utilities District, the Plumbing Division recommended denial of Mr. Stone’s request.

Mr. Killian and Mr. Reed raised objections to the denial of this waiver. They stated that no definite plans for development of the 15 acre plot to the north are in place at this time, and Mr. Stone has no guarantee of recovering any of the $56,000.00 cost of the main line extension should this neighboring property be developed as suggested.
Mr. Estabrook stated that he appreciated the homeowner’s situation, but based on the information presented he made a motion to deny Mr. Stone’s request. Seconded by Mr. Leddy.

AYES: Estabrook, Leddy, Miller

NAYS: Killian, Reed, Wellendorf

Motion tied 3-3, waiver denied.

The Board discussed alternate methods to get water to Mr. Stone’s property. Mr. Wonder stated that he would keep in touch with Mr. Stone, and the Board suggested that Mr. Stone make another application to the Board in a couple of months.

10-3-26
Renuka Boggaram
India Mart Omaha
4516 S 132 St
Omaha NE 68137

REQUEST: Waiver to allow unisex restroom; variance of Section 49-635.

The Board Secretary stated that she had been contacted by Mrs. Boggaram. Mrs. Boggaram requested that this case be held over to the next meeting of the Board.

Motion to hold this case over to the April 14th meeting of the Board by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Wellendorf.

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

Motion carried 6-0

10-3-27
Andrew Stiles
The Foundation
1407 Harney St
Omaha NE 68102

REQUEST: Variance of Section 49-1004, Note 3, Hand Sinks

Andrew Stiles, Chad Rozniecki and Brandon Rubeck with The Foundation Bar appeared before the Board. The Foundation Bar is a new business; upon inspection, the previously existing hand sinks were found to be indirectly connected, which is against Plumbing Code. Mr. Stiles stated that they would like to leave the hand sinks indirectly connected, as he had been informed by his contractor that an extensive amount of demolition would need to be done in order to correct the connection.

The Board discussed possible alternatives to leaving the hand sinks indirectly connected, and suggested that Mr. Stiles’ discuss these alternatives with his contractor.

Motion to hold this case over to the April 14th meeting of the Board by Mr. Reed. Second by Mr. Leddy.

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

Motion carried 6-0
Gregory Tschida appeared before the Board. Mr. Tschida is the owner of Kate’s Custard at 168th and Blondo, and would like to offer take-out pizza in addition to his customer. Mr. Tschida requested a waiver of the grease interceptor required in commercial kitchens.

Mr. Tschida explained that his restaurant has a small seating area which is primarily used by those who have purchased custard. All ingredients for the pizzas are pre-cooked. Employees will place ingredients on pans and warm up pizzas in a single Blodgett deck oven on the counter.

Mr. Tschida stated that the pans used to cook the pizzas are wiped clean with a dry cloth in between uses in order to preserve the seasoning on the pan. All utensils in the small seating area will be disposable.

Motion to waive required grease interceptor and to waive modification of piping for future grease interceptor for this business only by Mr. Reed. Second by Mr. Killian.

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

Motion carried 5-1

Rich Williamson with Affordable Plumbing, Al Hess with Godfather’s Pizza and Pat Buchan, general contractor for Mr. Hess, appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the required grease interceptor in a commercial kitchen. The business in question is a Godfather’s Pizza restaurant.

This business sits in a former Caribou Coffee location. There is currently no grease interceptor in this location. The Godfather’s Pizza location has seating for 20 people and will primarily be a takeout and delivery location. All ingredients are pre-cooked, and pans are wiped dry between uses in order to preserve seasoning on the pans. There will be no buffet available at this location. All utensils in the seating area will be disposable.

Motion to waive required grease interceptor and to waive modification of piping for future grease interceptor for this business only by Mr. Reed. Second by Mr. Killian.

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

Motion carried 6-0
Gary King with Progressive Reps Inc appeared before the Board with a request for approval of continuing education class. This class will be for Eyman Plumbing employees only, and will take place on April 15th from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.

**Motion** to approve Progressive Reps, Inc as a Provider by Mr. Reed. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried 6-0

The Board reviewed the credentials of Mr. King’s proposed instructors. After some discussion, the Board decided not to approve Jeremy Walter of Progressive Reps as an Instructor at this time, as the Board felt that Mr. Walter needed further experience in teaching. The Plumbing Division will audit this class, observe Mr. Walter as he assists with the instruction of the class, and report back to the Board. Mr. Walter may make an application for approval as an Instructor after this audit has taken place.

**Motion** to approve Jamie Modlinski of Water Group Corporation as an instructor for water softeners and water conditioning equipment by Mr. Reed. Second by Mr. Leddy.

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

Motion carried 6-0

The Board reviewed Mr. King’s proposed class itinerary and materials.

**Motion** to approve a two hour continuing education class as submitted for Eyman Plumbing employees only by Mr. Reed. Second by Mr. Leddy.

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

Motion carried 6-0

**Motion** to approve Gary King as an Instructor for State water heaters.

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

Motion carried 6-0
REQUEST: Variance of section 49-636

Mike Moylan with Shamrock Development appeared before the Board. Mr. Moylan has purchased a building on 10th and Dodge, and is intending to lease the space temporarily to a traveling museum exhibit. This exhibit will lease the space for six months to one year. Mr. Moylan will convert the space for restaurant or retail use after this exhibit has moved out.

The proposed fixtures within this facility meet the requirements for restaurants or retail usage. However, the traveling museum exhibit falls under an assembly classification, which requires more fixtures. Mr. Moylan requested that the board waive the extra fixtures required under the assembly classification, and to waive the requirement for a drinking fountain.

The Board reviewed Mr. Moylan’s plans. Currently, the proposed space meets the fixture requirements for retail and restaurant; there is also room to expand the restroom area if needed in the future.

Motion to approve installation of plumbing fixtures in this space to accommodate retail usage, to allow a traveling museum exhibition to utilize those restrooms for a period of one year, and to waive the required drinking fountain by Mr. Reed. Second by Mr. Estabrook.

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

Motion carried 6-0

REQUEST: Approval of Provider. Approval of Instructor. Approval of Continuing Education Class(es)

Jim Wonder appeared before the Board with a request for approval of continuing education.

Motion to approve Jim Wonder as a Provider by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Wellendorf.

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

Motion carried 6-0

The Board reviewed Mr. Wonder’s credentials and an Instructor evaluation which Mr. Wonder received from a recent speaking engagement.

Motion to approve Jim Wonder as an Instructor in plumbing code, plumbing theory, sewer layer education, backflow, ADA rules and regulations pertaining to plumbing by Mr. Reed. Second by Mr. Killian.

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

Motion carried 6-0
The Board reviewed Mr. Wonder’s class materials and power point presentations.

Mr. Reed made a motion that, based on Mr. Wonder’s experience and past history of teaching classes, to allow Jim Wonder to teach classes in the subject matters that the Board has approved him for; these classes will grant eight hours of continuing education credit to attendees so long as the class time is eight hours or longer. Second by Mr. Killian.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Wonder stated that he has been contacted by three apprentice plumbers who are short twenty hours of required education through Metro Community College. Mr. Wonder asked the Board to allow him to teach a forty hour code class on April 19, 2010, and to allow this class to be considered as make-up hours for the apprentices’ missing required education hours. After some discussion, the Board asked Mr. Wonder to present this request as a case at their next meeting on April 14th.

V. Approval of Apprenticeship Renewals

Francis G. Golwitzer Vincentini Plumbing ABC

Motion by Mr. Leddy to approve renewal for the above listed apprentice. Second by Mr. Wellendorf.

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

Motion carried 6-0

VI. Discussion

- The Board Secretary would like to remind all City of Omaha plumbing license holders that the deadline to renew licenses is WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31ST, 2010 @ 4:00 PM. All 2009 licenses will become void on April 1st, 2010. If you have not received your license for 2010, you may contact Andrea at 444-5203 or by email awisniewski@ci.omaha.ne.us

- The Board discussed 2009 continuing education hours. Mr. Wonder stated that he would like to give a make-up class in order to allow those with missing continuing education hours in 2009 to make up their time. The Board discussed this class and asked Mr. Wonder to present this request as a case at their next meeting on April 14th.

- The Board discussed the increase of apprentice plumber required education hours. The 2007 Plumbing Code required apprentices to have 576 hours of classroom education; the 2010 Plumbing Code now requires apprentices to complete 696 hours of classroom education. The Board discussed how best to determine which apprentices must complete the additional 120 hours of classroom instruction as part of their apprenticeship requirements. Mr. Wonder will consult with the Law department regarding this matter.

- The Board discussed pump-and-dump well systems versus closed loop systems for geothermal heat pumps. Mr. Wonder stated that he was in contact with the Public Works Department and would report back to the Board at a later time.

- The Board discussed recent continuing education classes that have been audited by the Plumbing Division and how best to rate Instructors so that they might make improvements to their presentations. Mr. Wonder audited classes given by his Inspectors and discussed with the Board how he critiqued their presentations. The Board discussed the possibility of allowing attendees at continuing education classes to critique their instructors. These evaluations could then be used to determine whether an Instructor should be approved to teach the following year.
VII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Killian. Second by Mr. Wellendorf.

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

Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

* = APPLICANT MUST BE PRESENT AT MEETING

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The Omaha Plumbing Board reserves the right to modify the agenda at the public meeting.

If alternative (tape) to the agenda is needed, please advise Jim Wonder. A 72-hour notice is required.

Applications for the meeting to be held at 1:30pm on Wednesday, April 14th, 2010 are due no later than 9:00am on Thursday, March 25th, 2010.

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