MINUTES
OMAHA PLUMBING BOARD
Regular Meeting – Wednesday, January 8, 2014
1:30 pm – City/County Building – 1819 Farnam Street
Jesse Lowe Conference Room – Third Floor

I. Roll Call
Members Present:
Brian A. Barrett
Jeff O. Estabrook, Vice-Chairman
Brian Feyerherm
David W. Miller, Chairman
Terry Salem
Amy L. Schaap

Members Absent:
Christopher P. Reed

Others Present: James Wonder, City of Omaha Planning Department

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes from December 11, 2013

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

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0

III. Officer Elections

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to nominate Mr. David W. Miller as chairman of the City of Omaha Plumbing Board. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Salem, Schaap

ABSTAIN: Miller

Motion carried 5-0-1
Mr. Miller made a motion to nominate Mr. Jeff Estabrook as vice-chairman of the City of Omaha Plumbing Board. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap

Motion carried 6-0

IV. *Apprenticeship Agreements

Josh Dahir
12165 Allan Dr
Omaha NE 68137

Able Plumbing
2336 Bob Boozer Dr
Omaha NE 68130

Josh Dahir presented before the Board. He was an apprentice back in 2010 with one year of on-the-job training for Able Plumbing. He has completed one semester of school. He is just now getting started back into the second semester of the first year.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Mr. Josh Dahir with a start date of 9-02-13 with the Omaha Apprenticeship Program. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 6-0.

Steven Radcliff
3940 Arbor St
Omaha NE 68105

Gregurich Plumbing LLC
230 N West St
Valley NE 68064

Mr. Radcliff presented before the Board. He has been working for Gregurich Plumbing for five months. He is in his second semester of school. Mr. Radcliff is requesting a start date of August 1, 2013.

Mr. Miller looked over the documentation. Ratios are in order, and all paperwork is in order.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Steven Radcliff with a August 1, 2013 start date with the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with the stipulation that he provide proof of said start date. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 6-0.
Mr. Eric Allgood appeared before the Board. He was a journeyman plumber in Denver before moving to Omaha. It was discussed that he could be given one year prior experience as a journeyman plumber. He is requesting a start date of December 1, 2013 and is working for Aspen Plumbing. Mr. Miller reviewed the paperwork. All documentation and ratios are in order.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Eric Allgood with a start date of December 1, 2013 with the Omaha Apprenticeship Program with the stipulation that he come back and apply for the journeyman test at the proper time. Second by Mr. Salem

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Tyler Brockman appeared before the Board requesting three months credit as an apprentice with Aspen Plumbing with a start date of October 1, 2013.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve Tyler Brockman with a start date of October 1, 2013 with the Omaha Apprenticeship Program. Second by Mr. Salem

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 6-0.
V. *Cases*

14-1-1  
Bob Jedlicka  
15705 Larimore PA #9  
Omaha NE 68116  
REQUEST  
Renewal of approval of Instructor  
Renewal of approval of CEU classes  
49-215

Mr. Jedlicka would like to be approved as an instructor backflow only for 2014.

Motion to approve renewal of Bob Jedlicka as a backflow prevention instructor for 2014 by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion involved how many hours would be allowed for backflow for 2014. There will be lots of code changes this upcoming year, ADA issues, lead-free issues, etc.

Motion to approve Mr. Jedlicka for a 1 hour class on backflow prevention for 2014 by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 6-0.

14-1-2  
Industrial Sales  
Ron Morford  
14503 Prairie Corners Rd  
Omaha NE 68138-3847  
REQUEST  
Renewal of approval of Provider  
Renewal of approval of Instructors (Greg Tech, Bob Jedlicka, Doug Stewart, Bruce Morgan, Matt Shearman, Sean Hansen, Jim Wonder)  
Renewal of approval of CEU classes  
49-215

Mr. Morford appeared before the Board requesting approval of renewal of Industrial Sales as a provider for lawn sprinkler contractors for 2014 continuing education classes. They have been a provider for the past 19 years.
Motion to approve renewal of Industrial Sales as a provider for lawn sprinkler contractors for 2014 continuing education classes. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 6-0.

Renewal of approval of instructors: Greg Tech, Doug Stewart, Bruce Morgan, Matt Shearman, Sean Hansen.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve renewal of continuing education instructors for their appropriate classes for 2014. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 6-0.

Renewal of approval of continued education classes. Discussion included instructors and the itinerary of the classes.

Motion to approve renewal of the itinerary for continuing education classes for 4 hours by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 6-0.

14-1-3
Plumbers Local Union 16
4801 F St
Omaha NE 68117

REQUEST
Renewal of Approval of Provider
Renewal of Approval of Instructors
(Noel Holmstedt, Robert McCart, Jeffrey Vogel, Steve Vogel, Jr., Robert Woodard, Sean Kalasky)
Renewal of Approval of CEU classes
49-215

Mr. Leddy appeared before the Board requesting approval of renewal of provider for continuing education for journeyman and master plumbers for 2014.
Motion to approve Local 16 as a provider for continuing education for City of Omaha journeyman and master plumbers for 2014. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried: 6-0.

Mr. Leddy appeared before the Board requesting approval of renewal of instructors for continuing education for journeyman and master plumbers for 2014.

Motion to approve the renewal of Noel Holmstedt, Robert McCart, Jeffrey Vogel, Steve Vogel, Jr., Robert Woodard, and Sean Kalasky for continuing education for their appropriate classes for City of Omaha journeyman and master plumbers for 2014. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried: 6-0.

Mr. Leddy appeared before the Board requesting approval of renewal of continuing education classes for 2014. Mr. Holmstedt will be doing classes on Trimble. Mr. Robert McCart will be doing classes on backflow testing and repair and vacuum breakers. Jeff Vogel will be teaching backflow. Steve Vogel will be doing backflow. Robert Woodard is teaching plumbing code for four hours. Sean Kalasky will be teaching service.

Extensive discussion included how many hours will be allowed for backflow education this year.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve renewal of the four-hour classes stated above with the waiver of greater than 49; **with the stipulation of the backflow classes which the City is only going to allow two hours continuing education credit for 2014.** Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried: 6-0.
Mr. Jason Gunderson appeared before the Board after failing to renew his sewer layer license for 2013. It was discovered in early December that he had done so. Since the Plumbing Board did not have a meeting the fourth week due to Christmas, there was no opportunity for him to ask for reinstatement before 12/31/13. The Planning Dept felt that he should have an opportunity to come before the Board and plead his case at this first meeting. He is up-to-date on his continuing education. He is still responsible to pay the quad fee for late renewal.

Motion to approve reinstatement of sewer layer license for Jason Gunderson with the stipulation that he has to pay the quad fee penalty.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried: 6-0.

John Muller
2042 N 70 Ave
Omaha NE 68104

Hold over to 1/22/2014

Motion to hold case 14-1-5 over until January 22, 2014 meeting by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried: 6-0.
14-1-6
Rick Volk
Morrissey Engineering
4940 N 113 St
Omaha NE 68164
REQUEST Variance of Section 49:2046 - Indirect waste to an approved plumbing fixture.

Mr. Rick Volk and Mr. Steve Kuzelka appeared before the Board. The request is for discharge of indoor salt water aquarium drainage to a private pond with no fish held on the property. Discharge occurs once a month in the quantity of 125-250 gallons. The pond has approximately 500,000 gallons total volume. This will address concerns of waste pipe corrosion while being beneficial to the pond and reduce algae growth. There is an overflow pipe if the pond reaches maximum fill. The aquarium is holds 2000 gallons.

Motion to approve the waiver for indirect waste of the aquarium. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried: 6-0.

14-1-7 Hold over to 1/22/2014
Carlson West Povondra Architects
5060 Dodge St
Omaha NE 68132
REQUEST Waiver as regards water coolers & fixture clearance dimensions

Location: 13025 W Dodge Rd
49-636 & 637

Motion to hold case 14-1-7 over until January 22, 2014 meeting by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Feyerherm.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried: 6-0.
Jensen Well Company Inc
767 Iowa St
Blair NE 68008

REQUEST Waiver as regards well for potable water and geothermal
Location: 14305 White Deer Lane
49-1510

Mr. Bill Condon and Mr. Chris Hawk appeared before the Board requesting a waiver for installation of a new well for geothermal and potable water. The City has an ordinance that says you cannot use water and then reuse it. As long as the heat exchanger has a double wall, there will be no issue with this.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve the waiver for a well for potable and geothermal system with the stipulation that there is a double wall heat exchanger and an RPZ backflow preventer. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried: 6-0.

Rosaker & Associates, LLC
20202 Nina St
Omaha NE 68130

REQUEST Waiver as regards drinking fountain
Location: 1802 N 169 PA
49-636

Mr. Dave Rosaker appeared before the Board requesting a waiver in regards to drinking fountain. This will be a construction management business. There will only be four people in the office which includes a kitchen with a faucet as well as a refrigerator which will have bottled water for staff and guests.

Motion to approve the waiver for drinking fountain at 1802 N 169 PA. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried: 6-0.
REQUEST  Waiver as regards grease interceptor
Location: 329 & 333 S 16th St
49-1104

Mr. Sanford appeared before the Board requesting a waiver for grease interceptor at 329 & 333 S 16th St. due to the lack of space. This will be a pizza and deli establishment.

Motion to grant the waiver of grease interceptor with the stipulation that it is contingent upon approval of Public Works Sewer Maintenance. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried: 6-0.

REQUEST  Waiver of required grease interceptor in a commercial kitchen & Waiver to allow unisex restroom
Location: 1004 S 10 St
49-1104 & 636

Mr. Sanford appeared before the Board requesting a waiver for grease interceptor at 1004 S 10th St. due to the lack of space and tenant requests unisex restroom on the lower level in lieu of two restrooms. This is a two-level pub. The space on lower level is prep area primarily. The rest of lower level is storage and possibly meeting space. There is a limited access elevator.

Motion to grant the waiver of grease interceptor with the stipulation that it is contingent upon approval of Public Works Sewer Maintenance by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried: 6-0.
With the public being downstairs, the Board does not see a hardship here. There is room for the two restrooms and storage area could be moved.

Motion for denial of the waiver for the unisex restroom on the lower level at 1004 S 10 Street by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried to deny: 6-0.

14-1-12
Jim Wonder
1819 Farnam St
Omaha NE 68183

REQUEST Renewal of Approval of Provider, Instructor, and CEU classes
49-215

Mr. Wonder appeared before the Board to request renewal of approval of all of his continuing education classes with the stipulation of the backflow classes that unless they are for certification will not be granted continuing education credit.

Mr. Estabrook made a motion to approve renewal of Mr. Wonder as a provider for continuous education classes for City of Omaha. Second by Amy Schaap.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried to deny: 6-0.

Motion to approve renewal of Mr. Wonder as an instructor of the same continuing education classes he taught in 2013. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried: 6-0.

Mr. Estabrook made the motion to approve renewal of the continuous education classes that were done in 2013 by Mr. Wonder Second by Amy Schaap.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.
Motion carried: 6-0.
## VI. Approval of Apprenticeship Renewals for 2014 (43)

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Motion to approve the total 43 apprenticeship renewals for 2014 by Mr. Estabrook. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap. Motion carried: 6-0.
Motion to approve continuous education for the City of Omaha inspectors, board members, instructors of the certified programs, and Mr. Tom Holm for 2014. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried: 6-0.

**DISCUSSION:**

Sewer layers taking Mr. Wonder’s class can apply to take the examination in February. No prerequisites are required.

Rough draft for the Board review possibly next meeting.

There was a request by an applicant that could not make the examination date in February to take it privately at another time.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Estabrook at 3:11 pm. Second by Mr. Salem.

AYES: Barrett, Estabrook, Feyerherm, Miller, Salem, Schaap.

Motion carried 6-0.

* = **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.

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