

MINUTES

UTAH PLUMBERS LICENSING BOARD MEETING

February 6, 2008

Room 464 - 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, Utah

CONVENED: 09:20 AM

ADJOURNED: 11:42 AM

DOPL STAFF

Ross Ford, *Associate Director*
Dennis Meservy, *Bureau Manager*
Wayne Holman, *Investigations Supervisor*
Yvonne King, *Board Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Told, *Chairman*
Gloria Miley
Ed Gongaware
Travis Dalley

MEMBERS ABSCENT

David Halverson

VISITORS

Bob Bergman, *Utah Mechanical Contractors Assoc*
Ernie Carey, *Utah Valley State College*
Clay Christensen, *Mountainland Applied Tech College*
Trina Hansen, *Ogden Weber Applied Tech College*
Doug Leon, *Davis Applied Technical College*
Renee McDonough, *IEC of Utah*
Dale Olson, *Utah Valley State College*
Jeff Pedersen, *Ut Plumbing & Heating Contractors Assoc*
Will Pierce, *Salt Lake Community College*
Brad Stevens, *Chairman Const Comm & Electrical Board*

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Ed Gongaware made a motion to approve the January 2008 board minutes as written. Travis Dalley seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

PRACTICAL TEST RECIPROCITY

Gongaware was researching states with testing standards similar to Utah that had a hands-on practical examination for journeyman plumbers. The last three states to be reviewed included Michigan, New Mexico and Texas. According to Gongaware, the only possibility out of these states for reciprocity with the practical test appeared to be New Mexico. However, from the New Mexico testing candidate information bulletin it was unclear if the practical was a written or a hands-on examination. Another effort would be made to obtain this information.

LIQUID PROPANE GAS

The Fire Marshal's office for Utah regulates the installation of liquid propane gas. There had been a change in their administrative rules that involve the installation of LP gas by journeyman plumbers and those holding a Rocky Mountain Gas Association natural gas certification. After a review of the administrative rules, it was determined that clarification of the change in regulation was still needed. An effort will be made to finally resolve this issue at the next board meeting.

MASTER PLUMBER LEGISLATION

House Bill 401 was reviewed by the board. In reference to the make up of the plumbing board members the bill indicated "one member shall be from the public at large with no history of involvement in the construction trades or union affiliation." It was discussed this language could exclude someone who had a union affiliation that had nothing to do with construction. Ross Ford suggested changing the language in the bill to eliminate the words "or union affiliation." The board supported this suggested change and also suggested changes that would have added the terminology journeyman plumber and residential journeyman plumber to the bill.

TESTING PROVIDER

According to Dennis Meservy, PSI as the new test provider had been providing plumbing tests since the eighth of January.

UTAH VALLEY/MOUNTAINLAND COLLEGES

David Told stated he would like to see all applied technical students, without being penalized, the opportunity to receive an associates degree. Ernie Carie stated Utah Valley State College offers students from Mountainland Applied Technical College sixteen hours of credit towards an associate degree.

Carey said he looked into the program offered by Ogden Weber Applied Technical College and Weber State University. Weber State under this program offers students an opportunity to obtain 40 hours of college credit towards an associate degree. Students, who presently attend Utah Valley and Mountainland, are in the same classroom with the same instructor. The Mountainland students pay less tuition, but their program is not college credited. According to Ford, offering the lower tuition is unfair to the students down the road who are presently just trying to get by and where industry is pushing for the degree.

Told suggested having Mountainland recruit and teach the first year apprentices and then have the students complete their education at Utah Valley. Mountainland students would receive credit for their year and finish the last three years of their training at Utah Valley. This would also assist in weeding out students that lose interest. According to Told, Mountainland was good at recruiting and bringing people into the trades. This would allow both schools to do what they do best. Carie appeared to be in favor of looking into this option.

Utah Valley State College was doing an audit of the apprenticeship education to determine the value of the education for higher education credit hours. Told made a suggestion that the board be involved in the audit. Brad Stevens volunteered to be a liaison, between the electrical and plumbing boards and the college, for the audit.

Note: This report is not intended to be a verbatim transcript, but is intended to record the significant features of what was discussed in the meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily arranged in chronological order.

(ss) David Told
David Told, Plumber's Chairman

Date: March 5, 2008

(ss) Dennis Meservy
Dennis Meservy, Bureau Manager

Date: March 5, 2008