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Minutes: February 5, 2015

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Call to Order- President Paul Birschbach called the meeting to order at 9:30am with 32 members in attendance.

Member Introductions- Members introduced themselves; no new members were present.

Vice President:

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Introduction of the Guest Speakers: Dave Larsen with Viega Plumbing and Heating Systems and Howie Heier with Hydro-Flo were introduced as our guest speakers. Presentations were given on cross-linked polyethylene piping and Viega ProPress systems. The speakers discussed installation requirements, temperature ratings, and allowable pressures for the products. They stated that if we see kinks in radiant floor tubing the contractor needs to replace it. This is due to the material being weakened and also due to the oxygen barrier being potentially damaged. They also recommended we use “go no go” gauges when looking at pex crimps. This is one way to tell if a crimped pipe is acceptable. If you’re interested in learning more about these products please visit their websites at: www.viega.us & www.hydro-flo.com.

Secretary:

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Approval of Minutes- A motion was made to approve the 1/8/2015 minutes. The motion carried.

Treasurer:

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Committee Reports:

Information & Schooling- It was noted that there will be no March meeting. The April meeting will meet back at Grandma Sofies.

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Registration- Dennis Jensen gave an update on the registrations for the Spring Updates. Currently there are 62 people signed up for the commercial day and 99 for the UDC day. He stated last year we had 82 people for commercial and 145 for UDC. It was noted that there appears to be a reduction in the numbers. It was noted from an inspector who attended the UDC training day in another location that it was not that beneficial this year. Gary Klinka stated that there were 50 people signed up for the UDC plumbing class. They also offered it to the State employees for half price.

Website: Brian Walter noted that we should be checking the website for job postings. Several new postings have been placed on the website recently.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Paul Birschbach stated that he's planning on having the onsite meeting at the Stone Toad or another location in Menasha or Harrison. He stated that it was too much work last time having to provide the food and clean up the meeting room after the meeting. He plans on having pizza or a limited menu available for lunch. More details will follow.
- Lorelei Fuehrer talked about a commercial code training class being held at MATC in Milwaukee that is geared to helping inspectors pass the commercial building exam. She was wondering if there would be interest in having a mobile commercial class. The speaker for the class is Richard Paur who works for the City of Milwaukee. Some inspectors voiced concerns about the speaker and questioned if the class would be educational. Jane Drager stated that there are four inspectors that are keeping up Henry Kosarzycki's old power point presentation that they obtained. She stated that Leroy and herself could put on a class. She also stated that they'd be willing to give our association members copies of the power point presentation to help members study for the test. Paul Birschbach stated that there seemed to be interest in a commercial code training class but Richard Paur would need to develop the class and offer it to our membership. Lorelei stated that she'd really like to see our association focus on training.
- Chris Jensen stated that he would recommend inspectors take the IBC test in place of the State of WI Commercial Building exam. There is a test site in Green Bay. He stated that he thought it's better so that you could inspect in other states. Currently other states don't acknowledge our WI license. It was noted that each test for the IBC, ICC, IEBC, etc are separate and you'd have to pay for each test and maintain each credential.
- A discussion took place that DSPS is going to be merged with the Department of Financial Institutions and that the code cycle would be changing to six years.
- Nicole Krahn brought up concerns about the meeting location. She stated it was really hard to hear the speakers and our president due to the waitress area being connected to the meeting room. It was also noted that there were numerous side conversations going on during the presentation and phones going off which make it hard to hear to take minutes and hear the speakers. Paul noted that at the last meeting this was discussed and it was decided to hold the meetings at this location. It was also mentioned that we should hold off the meal until the speaker is done presenting so that it's not so disruptive to the speaker. Paul will ask the restaurant to move the tables and put the presenter by the waitress area so it's less distracting for our next meeting. This will also be better in that people can leave the room to use the restroom or answer their phones.

Roundtable:

- It was asked if any municipalities have fees for real estate inquiries and/or title reports. It was noted that several municipalities charge fees ranging from \$30-\$60.
- A discussion took place regarding attic insulation inspections. It was noted that we should be looking for attic rulers and the certificate posted on the service panel which is required per SPS 22.20 (6).
- It was noted that we no longer have a representative from our inspectors association on the dwelling code council. There are currently two inspectors on the board, Brian Wert from the NW and Scott Satula from the SE. It was noted that we appreciated Phil Borchardt's representation while he was on the board. The next council meeting is scheduled for 2/13/2015 at 10am in Madison. Leroy stated that he's been attending the meetings but he's not a member of the council.
- A question came up if you have to bond water piping if the water service is plastic. The answer was no. If copper comes into the house and it turns to plastic, the answer is yes. The water would then need to be bonded and supplemented with a ground rod.

- A discussion took place regarding change of use/business licenses. It was noted that some municipalities are charging when there is a change of use and or just a change in tenant. It was noted that the average fees ranged from \$25-\$100.

Treasurer's Report- Rob Cormier presented the treasurer's report. A motion was made to approve the report. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Krahn

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