



Oregon Mechanical Officials Association

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Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2015

Marion County Public Works, Salem

The Oregon Mechanical Officials Association is dedicated to providing a professional environment for mechanical code officials and industry professionals to share knowledge and educate each other to enhance the public welfare.

CALL TO ORDER:

President Mike Remesnik called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m., April 16, 2015.

ATTENDANCE:

Executive Board members present included: President Mike Remesnik, First Vice President John Corliss, Second Vice President/Treasurer Bill Hendrix, and Member-At-Large Samantha Vandagriff. Also present were Rob Peters, Mark Heizer, Chris Trussell, Bob Wentz, Claude Kennedy and OMOA's executive administrative services manager Cory Cross.

MOTION: Bill Hendrix moved and it was seconded that the minutes from the March 19, 2015, meeting be approved with one correction. Motion approved unanimously.

OMOA COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education Committee: The Education Committee met earlier today and discussed possible classes for the 2015 Fall Institute including: Service First by Soaring Eagle Enterprises Inc. (full day); Type 1 Hoods - Installation, Inspection, Design & Plan Review (Half or Full Day - if this is a half day class, could spend some further time talking about Type II hoods & Make Up Air); Cooling Towers, Chillers & Refrigeration, Mini Splits and other heating & air conditioning systems; and, a GeoThermal class. The Education Committee will contact potential instructors to see if they are available. It was suggested that Cooling Towers/Refrigeration and a

Gas/Propane class be added as alternative classes in case one of the original classes is unavailable.

Code Change Committee: OMOA's Code Change has been submitted to ICC. OMOA contacted Jason Phelps, a member of the ICC committee, to let him know about the submittal.

Scholarship Committee: Samantha Vandagriff reported that Chemeketa CC is not going forward with a BIT program but PCC is looking into putting a BIT program in place under the Architecture Department.

CODE DISCUSSION:

- 1) One of Gresham's plumbing inspectors has a home where they are adding a steam generating appliance that is being added to the shower area of the master bedroom. He wanted to know who inspected these appliances and their installations.

The consensus of the Association was that these appliances are not within the scope of the Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code, but are within the Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code and the Oregon Electrical Specialty Code.

- 2) Bob Wentz from Eugene asked a question that was similar in nature to last month's question about condensate disposal under an exterior slab. In his jurisdiction there is a contractor who wants to drain his condensate from his 90% furnace into a two-inch hole cored into the garage slab instead of to the exterior where it would drain across his patio and walkway.

Mike Remesnik, President, mentioned that during periods of heavy use the furnace could create up to several gallons of condensation a day, which would not be able to be handled by the sub-slab bed. Section 307 of the OMSC states that liquid combustion by-products of condensing appliances shall be collected and discharged to an approved plumbing fixture or disposal area in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions (307.1 paraphrased). It was agreed by the Association that this area would not be an acceptable area to drain this condensation. The addition of a floor drain for this disposal would be acceptable if installed per the Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code.

- 3) Claude Kennedy, Salem, has in his jurisdiction a 6000 sq. ft. warehouse building that an owner wants to convert into a CrossFit gym. The HVAC rooftop unit does not have an Economizer on it to allow for the mechanical ventilation provisions of Section 403 of the OMSC to be utilized. His question for the Association was, "Can this new tenant use the provisions of Section 402 for natural ventilation for this space?"

Section 402 of the OMSC is not adopted as part of this code, but is reproduced here (in the OMSC) for the reader's convenience. Natural ventilation is regulated under the Building Code. The OMOA Association may render an opinion of the general membership of the association, but that this question was beyond the scope of the body. Section 1203.4 of the Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC) requires natural

ventilation of an occupancy through windows, doors, louvers or other openings to the outdoors of not less than 4 percent of the floor area being ventilated. The operating mechanisms for such openings shall be provided with ready access so that the openings are readily controllable by the building occupants.

The majority opinion of the members was that it would be acceptable to provide the ventilation requirements of the occupancy through the code pathways of the OSSC, which would provide acceptable ventilation.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully,

Cory Cross
Administrative Services Mgr.

**Next OMOA Membership Meeting
12:30 P.M., Thursday, May 21, 2015
Marion County Public Works
Silverton Road, Salem**