



Oregon Mechanical Officials Association

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Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2014

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 Troy Skinner called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m., December 18, 2014.

ATTENDANCE:

Executive Board members present included: President Troy Skinner, First Vice President Mike Remesnik, Second Vice President/Treasurer John Corliss and Secretary Bill Hendrix. Also present were Karl Harn, Mark Heizer, Randy Soelberg and OMOA's executive director Bill Cross.

MOTION: Bill Hendrix moved and it was seconded that the minutes from the November 20, 2014, meeting be approved. Motion approved unanimously.

OMOA COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education Committee: Bill Cross reported that the ICC Preferred Provider status has been submitted to ICC and should be processed within 10 days.

Code Change Committee: John Corliss discussed the new language for 507.2 prepared by Mark Heizer to provide clarity for the installation of solid fuel ovens that are listed to be natural draft vented.

MOTION by Mike Remesnik and seconded that OMOA submit this language as a code change and if any members have any comments or suggestions to send those to Mark Heizer for finalization by January 7 as which time John Corliss will submit to ICC prior to the January. Motion approved unanimously.

Scholarship Committee: There was no report.

CODE DISCUSSION:

1. John Corliss, Corvallis, brought to the Membership's attention that in his jurisdiction there were contractors who were installing the built-in de-humidistat bathroom exhaust fans, but who were also installing wall switches to allow homeowners to 'turn-off' the power to the fans when they left their bathrooms. Corliss wanted to know if this was a correct installation for these fans or whether the ability to disconnect the power to these appliances would damage the fans or create a conflict with the OMSC.

Both the Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code (OMSC) and the Oregon Residential Specialty Code (ORSC) have general regulations regarding the installation of all appliances. Sections 304.1 (OMSC) and M1307.1 (ORSC) state in similar wording that, "Installation of *appliances* shall conform to the conditions of their *listing* and *label* and the manufacturer's installation instructions. The manufacturer's installation instructions shall be available on the job site at the time of inspection, and shall remain attached to the *appliance*" (condensed from both code requirements). The manufacturer's installation for their appliance would take precedence over any general guidelines found elsewhere in the codes. It was inferred by the Board that allowing the unit to be switched off at the wall instead of allowing the automatic ventilation to occur at the appliance's programming would negate the ventilation requirements of the ORSC M1507.4 **Rooms with bathing and spa facilities.** "All rooms containing bathing and spa facilities shall be provided with a mechanical ventilation system *controlled by a de-humidistat, timer or similar means of automatic control.*" (italics mine). Allowing the unit to be switched off could cause premature failure of the electronic circuitry within the fan assembly and shorten the expected life of the appliance. It was agreed by the Membership that creating the power supply connections in a double junction box, with both light control and the wire connections for the fan, would be acceptable as long as the fan connections side was covered with a switch plate cover that allowed access to the connections but 'blanked' this side of the junction box. It was counter-productive to include this switch as it negated the automatic control requirement of the ORSC.

This concludes the substantive discussion for December.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business discussed.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

The Nominating Committee's recommendations for the 2015 Board of Directors was presented as follows:

President – Mike Remesnik
1st Vice President – John Corliss
2nd Vice President/Treasurer – Bill Hendrix
Secretary –
At-Large – Samantha Vandagriff
At-Large – Karl Harn
Past President – Troy Skinner

MOTION: made by John Corliss and seconded that the slate of recommendations presented by the Nominating Committee be unanimously approved with the exception of the position for Secretary which will be selected in January, 2015. Motion approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

The membership discussed how to make the website more meaningful. Members need to send links to other organizations and content that they would like to see on the website. Maybe we can get OMOA information out to the Building Officials and Mechanical Contractors including a link to our website.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully,

Bill Cross
Executive Director

**Next OMOA Membership Meeting
12:30 P.M., Thursday, January 15, 2015
Marion County Public Works
Silverton Road, Salem**