



Oregon Mechanical Officials Association

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Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2013

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 Claude Kennedy called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m., February 21, 2013.

ATTENDANCE:

Executive Board members present included: President Claude Kennedy, 1st Vice President Troy Skinner, 2nd Vice President Mike Remesnick, Secretary Tony Niskanen, Past President Bob Wentz and Member at Large Jim Trussell. Also present were Rob Peters, Mark Heizer, John Corliss, Randy Soelberg and OMOA's Bill Cross and Cory Cross.

Jim Trussell passed around proposed Oregon code amendments for the 2012 IMC that had been tabled in committee hearings last week. He asked that any comments on the wording of the tabled amendments be sent to him before the next meeting of the 2014 Oregon Mechanical Specialty Code Committee on Tuesday, Feb 26. Mark Heizer commented that there was only one public amendment that had been proposed.

President Claude Kennedy introduced Kevin Perdue, Chief Inspector for BCD's Boiler Program. Mr. Perdue outlined the different areas that his inspectors regulate and where boiler program inspections might overlap with the inspections that mechanical officials conduct. He said that

Boiler Inspectors regulate pressure-containing devices, but they do not regulate piping components other than power piping. He asked if mechanical officials regulate other ancillary piping. Mechanical officials generally inspect venting, piping and other elements short of the actual boiler. A discussion followed that outlined further machinery and systems that boiler inspectors and mechanical inspectors deal with.

There was a question about residential boilers that have an H on them. Power boilers have an S stamp on them and a U stamp indicates a pressure vessel. H stamps mean that they are low-pressure boilers. HLW is a domestic hot-water heater.

Claude Kennedy asked Kevin Perdue if he would put together a sheet with the various specifications and stamps that he talked about so that OMOA could post that on their website.

Claude asked that if anyone wanted to have a speaker on a topic they think would be of interest

OMOA COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education Committee: Jim Trussell reported that he talked to OBOA about whether they are interested in partnering on the September Fall Institute. OBOA President Melanie Adams said that OBOA is having their Fall Institute in November in Wilsonville so would not be able to partner with OMOA in September.

The OMOA Board reserved Sept 11-12, 2013 at the Chemeketa Business Center in downtown Salem for the Fall Institute. There are no code change classes for this year so the Education Committee wants to get high value classes. The Education Committee will have a meeting at Marion County Public Works at 10:30 on April 18th (right before the OMOA Member Meeting). Bill Cross suggested that OMOA send out Save the Date emails for the Fall Institute.

Scholarship Committee: No report.

Code Change Committee: Troy Skinner didn't attend the 2014 Oregon code change meeting this month. Jim Trussell attended the meeting and reported that they went through Chapters 1- 12. The meeting went pretty smoothly. This Tuesday, February 26, there will be another meeting from 9am – 3pm. Many of the proposed Oregon amendments were dropped from the national code because the State reasoned that they are covered in the model code.

MOTION: Jim Trussell proposed sending Tony Niskanen, Troy Skinner & Claude Kennedy to Dallas code change hearings sometime during the period of April 21-30. Seconded by John Corliss. Motion passed unanimously.

Claude Kennedy asked that OMOA write a letter to their building officials that OMOA will be sending representatives to the code change hearing and emphasizing the importance of that effort.

Goals and Standards Committee: Claude Kennedy asked at last month's meeting that members bring names and contact information of contractors that they work with. He is hoping that those

contractors will become members of OMOA and takes advantage of OMOA meetings and classes. Claude reported that he had contacted Randy Thomas at the City of Hillsboro to revamp the OMOA website.

CODE DISCUSSION:

Claude Kennedy reminded members to send code discussion questions to him ahead of the meeting.

John Corliss passed around a picture of a lint trap for a dryer that a contractor developed and is selling. He asked members what they would say to the contractor about why this was not safe.

Tony said that he received a question today from Samantha Vandagriff that the group could discuss at its next meeting.

Tony Niskanen and John Corliss will submit their code questions to Claude Kennedy so that they can be discussed by the members at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully,

Cory Cross
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**Next OMOA Membership Meeting
12:30 P.M., Thursday, March 21, 2013
Marion County Public Works
Silverton Road, Salem**