

CROSS CONNECTION ADVISORY BOARD

Third Public Meeting

Thursday December 1, 2005
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Portland State Office Building
800 NE Oregon Street, Suite 918
Portland OR 97232
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Agenda & Approved Minutes

- I. **Call to Order** – at 9:13 AM
- II. **Introductions - Board and attendees**
Steve West, Vice-Chair, Ron Robertson, Jerry Thomas, and Joe McNelly, Board members present. Monica Anderson and Pat Dorning present by teleconference. Mary Howell and James Clark Board members, excused absence.
DHS: Kate Mattimore, Ron Hall
Public in attendance: Floyd Hensley, Christine Hollenbeck, Ray Johnson (teleconference)
- III. **Approval of Minutes – September 7, 2005 meeting**
Approved as submitted
- IV. **DHS Reports**
Welcome to new board member, Joe McNelly, Plumbing Inspector, City of Hillsboro
Request ok to post contact info for Board members on DHS Web site. All agreed.
Unnamed Board Positions – Public member –no nominations. DHS Web site updated to publicize this request for a public member.
Rules revision, status, timeline –Final Board review of revision, housekeeping changes, public hearing notice and schedule. No changes suggested. Public comment period open through the end of the last hearing date in Bend OR 1/12/2006.

Water System fees from HB 3108 –DHS will mail Annual Summary Reports in December with the program funding fee invoice to follow. Not all water systems are aware of this legislation.

House Bill 3093 – Plumbers & apprentices not required to be certified with DHS but the agreement is to maintain DHS-equivalent training. The Department of Consumer and Business Services is still working on their rules revisions to clarify this legislation. The industry has concerns about easily verifying qualified individuals that are performing the backflow tests since the exempt individuals will not be listed on the DHS public list of certified Testers. Ron questioned plumbing reciprocity agreements with WA & ID.

V. Old Business

Review Prioritized Issues –Remove: rules revision, old item 1 (complete), program funding, old item 3 (complete), and investigation of changing annual testing requirements, item 6 (Plumbing Code allows testing as required by local administrative authority having jurisdiction, Administrative Rules require annual testing to protect health hazards for public water systems & this is the prevailing industry standard).

Prioritize: Repair (item 1) discussed as new business next agenda item (Pat Dorning as lead), Annual Summary Report (item 2) review to collect meaningful data (Mary Howell will provide lead on this topic), create a guidance document/statewide guidelines (items 3 & 4) by working with Oregon Cross Connection Specialist Regional Subcommittee (Jim Clark and Steve West will provide lead), establish calibrator requirements and standards (item 7) traceable to NIST (Jerry Thomas will provide lead on this topic).

Remain on list – 3rd party testing providers for Tester and Specialist certification.

VI. New Business

Tester repair – Landscape legislation (HB 2069) now allows Testers to do repair on irrigation & water features with proper LCB licensing. Repair also allowed on stand alone fire systems since not considered plumbing and oversight is by the State Fire Marshall's office. Ron Robertson will pick up WA State requirements at L & I Building to use as an example for limited licensing for Testers repairing assemblies, Steve West & Ray Johnson will create a sample

curriculum outline for adequate repair training (including input from Clackamas Community College and Local 290). If this will result in a legislative concept, work must be started now to gain sponsors and support. This issue would need to be a legislative statute change as a rule change cannot be in conflict with other existing rules & statutes.

VII. Advisory Board Member Reports

Steve West advised training at EWEB is increasing due to the landscaper repair bill. EWEB added an evening class over 12 weeks.

VIII. Correspondence

Attached – Hung Nguyen, City of Tigard emailed a request for a definition in rules revision for treatment of mobile apparatus that use public water. Board agreed rules presently cover this but this will be added to the list of issues under state guidelines

IX. Public Comment

Floyd Hensley, TVWD suggested DHS consider using ABPA as the 3rd party testing provider, discussed the concerns and involvement that IAPMO has with backflow and the assembly testing changed to 3 years in Florida State without industry input, reported that WA State had annual assembly testing requirements in their Plumbing Codes since the 1980's, agreed with the annual report revision to collect data on failures & repairs and announced the ABPA conference in Wilsonville Jan. 26, 2006.

Christine Hollenbeck, Oak Lodge Water, discussed concerns about proper gauge calibrations and the relationship to accurate test results protecting public health. She will work with Jerry Thomas to research this issue.

Ray Johnson, City of Redmond, asked the board to remember that the repair issue is jeopardizing public health.

X. Adjournment at 10:57 AM