

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING OF THE STATE PLUMBING BOARD OF LOUISIANA

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

May 24, 2012

The Quarterly Board Meeting of the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana was called to order by Chairman, James Finley, at 10:13 a.m.

The following persons were in attendance:

BOARD MEMBERS	ADVISORY BOARD	STAFF	GUESTS
Rickey Fabra	Richard Paulk	John Barker	Bob Urann – RUSPC
Parker Perot	Dirk Payne	Katie Ramagos	D.J. Berger – N.I.T.C.
Keith Bienvenu		Steve Porter	David Cloteaux – City of Lafayette
Kelly Craft		John Neal	J.C . Matt
Gerald LaCour		Cliff Slaughter	Ed Guillory – Home Depot
Larry Reiling		Glen Gremillion	Leon Molinari – PHCC
		Carl Barnum	Fred Robillard – Reliable Plumbing
		Blaine Matte	Jeremy Harris – DHH
		Chris Bodet	Henry Heier- MCA
		Pat Olivier	

INVOCATION: *Kelly Craft*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: *Kelly Craft*

ROLL CALL: *Katie Ramagos*

PRESENTATIONS

None

APPLICATION COMMITTEE

None

ENFORCEMENT

a.) Informal Hearings

Edward Sugg- Mr. Sugg was cited for 4 counts of use of unlicensed personnel on January 24, 2012. SPBLA sent Mr. Sugg notice of this violation on January 31, 2012. He responded in writing stating that he had no knowledge of who the individuals on the jobsite were. After speaking with Mr. Sugg we sent him a request for him to come in for an informal hearing on Tuesday, May 22, 2012. Mr. Sugg appeared before Executive Director, John Barker, Enforcement Officer, Carl Barnum, and Administrative Staff Member, Lindsey Mayer. During the informal hearing Mr. Sugg continued to state that he did not know who the individuals were. Mr. Barker reduced his fine from \$2,000.00 to \$1,500.00. Mr. Sugg is on a payment plan, paying \$250.00/month for 6 months.

Amado Enamorado- Mr. Enamorado was cited on December 8, 2011 for doing master work without a license. SPBLA sent him notice of this violation on January 23, 2012. Mr. Enamorado responded in writing stating that he was doing work for a friend who is the home owner and he was operating the excavator. The Plumbing Board sent him notification that his violation still stands and he owes an enforcement fine of \$500.00. Mr. Enamorado then sent a letter in writing requesting an informal hearing. He appeared before Executive Director, John Barker, Enforcement Officer, Carl Barnum, and Administrative Staff Member, Lindsey Mayer. Mr. Enamorado stated again that he was working for a friend who was the home owner. Mr. Barker explained to him that the law stated that the home owner could work on his own property without license but could have no helpers. Mr. Barker reduced his fine from \$500.00 to \$300.0. Mr. Enamorado paid his enforcement fine in full.

GUESTS

a.) Jeremy Harris

Mr. Harris gave an update on the code revision. He said that the code committee was formed in 2009 and has been meeting since. Mr. Harris stated that it should be published within the next 2 months. After it is published there is a sixty day comment period. He said they are expecting both negative and positive feedback, but they will look at those as they come.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

a.) Ray May

Mr. May was not in attendance but Executive Director John Barker stated that Mr. May wants to renew his 2012 license without taking the continuing education. Mr. Barker read a letter that he received from State Representative Montoucet stating that Mr. May had back surgery and while recovering he loss his teenage daughter in a tragic accident. Mr. May did not attend continuing education and is just getting back into working.

MOTION: to allow Mr. May to renew his license due to his health condition and this particular situation.

**MOTION: RICKEY FABRA
SECOND: LARRY REILING
MOTION: CARRIED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a.) Continuing Education Committee

DJ Berger reported on the March 13th committee meeting. (See attached report) Mr. Rickey Fabra has topics that he would like added concerning commercial work but would not have them for a week. Keith Bienvenu stated that those topics would need to go before the committee then can go to the staff to be put on the applications. Keith made a motion to accept the committee's suggestions and offer a paper based make up class for delinquents and the topics reported with later amendments. Larry seconded the motion. Rickey stated that we should get ruling from the Board's attorney on whether the State Plumbing Board can give the delinquent classes. Attorney Bob Urann was not sure but would check on it. Mr. Urann stated that the Cooperative Endeavour is in place but he will look into it. Mr. Bienvenu stated that he will retract his previous motion. Mr. Kelly Craft brought up the paper based delinquent CPE class. Mr. Bienvenu and Mr. Barker discussed the administrative staff issuing this paper based class and decided that legal needs to approve this before we can move on with that. Keith made a motion to table the paper based delinquent class and have legal research that option and have a conference call to approve and to approve the topics that the Continuing Education Committee reported.

MOTION: to table the paper based delinquent class and have legal research that option and have a conference call to approve and to approve the topics that the Continuing Education Committee reported.

MOTION: KEITH BIENVENU
SECOND: PARKER PEROT
MOTION: CARRIED

PREVIOUS MINUTES
(February 16, 2012)

MOTION: to accept the February 16, 2012 minutes as presented
MOTION: KELLY CRAFT
SECOND: RICKEY FABRA
MOTION: CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT

MOTION: to accept the financial report as presented by Rickey Fabra
MOTION: KEITH BIENVENU
SECOND: LARRY REILING
MOTION: CARRIED

ADVISORY REPORT

NONE

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER'S REPORT

NONE

ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' REPORT

The enforcement officers each gave their individual report. (See attached)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Barker reminded everyone about the online Ethics Training that is required and that another email will be sent out for those who have not already completed it. He also reminded about Tier II reporting and to make sure that if you are required to report that you do so timely. Mr. Barker also gave a legislative update saying that there was talk of

legislation to possibly remove the code from Department of Health and Hospitals. Mr. Barker said that the Gas bill has been stalled but will be reintroduced again next year.

EXAM REPORTS

1.) JOURNEYMAN EXAMINATIONS

- a.) February 29, 2012 (Special) – John Barker – *no problems*
- b.) April 14, 2012 – Larry Reiling – *no problems*
- c.) April 21, 2012 – John Barker – *no problems*
- d.) April 28, 2012 – Parker Perot – *no problems*

2.) MASTER EXAMINATIONS

- a.) May 5, 2012 – John Barker – *no problems*

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

a.) *Habitual Violators*- The board would like clarification on what constitutes habitual violation. Is it 3 violations? Do they have to be the same violation type? And can we fine up to \$5000 or is it a set fine per violation?

MOTION: to request that the Board attorney clarifies Habitual Violators and what action can the Board take.

**MOTION: KELLY CRAFT
SECOND: RICKEY FABRA
MOTION: CARRIED**

TENATIVE DATE FOR THE NEXT

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

August 23, 2012 is the tentative date of the next Quarterly Board Meeting of the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana.

ADJOURNMENT

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MOTION: to adjourn the Quarterly Board Meeting of the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana at 11:28 am

MOTION: RICKEY FABRA

SECOND: PARKER PEROT

MOTION: CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Craft, Vice-Chairman

Rickey Fabra, Secretary/ Treasurer