CROSS CONNECTION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Eighteenth Public Meeting

Wednesday November 17, 2010
10:00 am
Portland State Office Building
800 NE Oregon St
Portland OR 97232
971-673-1220 Michael Perry

Board Members in Attendance
1. Michael Briesemeister - Eugene Water & Electric Board - (Certified Instructors)
2. Mary Howell - Backflow Management Inc. - (Cross Connection Specialists)
3. Chair Ray Johnson - City of The Dalles - (Water Suppliers)
4. Jerry Thomas - United Pipe & Supply - (Assembly Manufacturers & Authorized Representatives)
5. Ed Yancoskie - City of Hillsboro - (Oregon Plumbing Inspectors)

Board Members Not in Attendance
1. Monica Anderson, PE, LEED - Balzhiser & Hubbard Engineers - (Engineers)
2. Elmer Ostling - (Backflow Assembly Testers)
3. Vacant - (Oregon Licensed Plumbers)
4. Vacant - (General Public)

Other Attendees & Staff
1. Loren Anderson
2. Arlo Langford - City of the Dalles
3. Marty Snow - City of Corvallis
4. Becky Ternan - Wilkins
5. J. Michael Perry - CC/BP Coordinator

1. Call to Order / Welcome
Chair Ray Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. He welcomed all attendees.

2. Introductions - Board members and Attendees
The Board and other attendees introduced themselves. The Chair noted that there were five Board members present and that constitutes a quorum

3. Additions to the Agenda
Michael Perry added DWAC to his report. Board Member added two items to new business.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes
The minutes of the May 26, 2010 meeting were approved.

5. DHS Reports

[1.] Board Members and Alternates
The positions of “Plumber Representative” and “General Public” are still not filled. There was a discussion about the three positions that will be open on January 1, 2011. The board members whose terms will be completed are Jerry Thomas
(Assembly Manufacturing and Authorized Representatives), Michael Briesemeister (Certified Instructors) and the General Public. Jerry Thomas declined to continue and nominated Becky Ternan to fill his position. Becky agreed and will fill the position for Assembly Manufactures and Authorized Representatives. Michael Briesemeister will continue to represent Certified Instructors and will be the Chair for 2011. There were no suggestions for the General Public position.

[2.] Annual Summary Reports
(a.) The Program has received 222 ASRs for 2009 from Large Systems (> 300 connections). This is out of 240 systems which is 93%. the Program has received 432 ASRs from Small Systems. That is 69% (432/625).
(b.) As time allows, the CC/BP intends to contact the following groups:
   (1.) Large systems with no ASR.
   (2.) Large systems without a currently Certified Specialist.
   (3.) Large systems with incorrect or missing data.
   (4.) The bigger of the Small Systems that have obvious errors or are outlawing all types of backflow detectors.
(c.) The 2010 Annual Summary Report will be mailed Monday January 3, 2011.

[3.] Annual Fee invoices
As of November 15th, 97% of our systems have paid their annual fee invoices. If these 3% had paid on time, they would have been 1.1% of the total collected. There is now $570.00 more due in penalties.

[4.] Testers & Specialists
A reminder was mailed to all Certified Testers and Specialists to encourage them to complete their required courses necessary for renewals as soon as possible. From the returned reminders Michael has been able to find 71 Testers with incorrect addresses and phones. There are over 20 people Michael can not find. They are not with the same employer, have moved home address and the program has incorrect phone numbers. Michael continually urges Certified people to keep notifying the Program of any changes.

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[5.] Plumbers Board
(a.) The last meeting was October 21, 2010. They had an unusual method of approval of the new code, at least compared to what Michael heard was done in the past. They had it divided into about 8 sections. Terry Swisher was asked to summarize the changes in a section. He did this with no specifics (maybe 5 sentences) and then the section was voted on. It took about 5 -10 minutes to do this method compared with hours or days in the past. After this vote, they also snuck in the rain water and treated sewer water being able to be put into schools and other buildings with children and commercial buildings like apartments. Previously buildings with children (schools and day care) were eliminated because they would represent a very small business opportunity and it would look bad in the press even if a problem was not the fault of these recycled waters. Also, the commercial buildings (apartments) were excluded because individual renters would have no choice.
(b.) Next Plumbing Board Meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2010.
[6.] Enabling Ordinance or Authority
Michael reported that he is receiving more of these from systems that have never written or turned them in. This is due in part because the field staff is requiring them during water system surveys (formerly sanitary surveys). Not having one is a “significant deficiency” and these must be addressed within about 60 days. Because of his extended time off, Michael did not write and send out a “Model Ordinance” for small water system last summer, but he will mail one to all small systems with their Annual Summary Report for 2010.

[7.] February or May Meeting out of Portland.
The Board should try to have one of these CCAB meetings outside Portland. Because of weather, it was suggested to make it the May meeting. Members will be notified at the February meeting.

[8.] OHA - Oregon Health Authority
After much effort and many meetings, Michael told us that almost the only thing for sure is the “kick-off” is still July 1, 2011. The Drinking Water Program will still be part of Environmental Public Health and EPH will be part off the Oregon Health Authority. There was a meeting of the entire Public Health Division in November with Dr. Melvin Kohn (Public Health Director and State Health Officer) and Gail Shibley (Administrator of Oregon Environmental Public Health). The biggest task so far has been dividing the two groups logically and still trying to make it so the clients have less paperwork and still maintaining communication between the two divisions. They are also working on budgets for 2011 thru 2013. There are still many new possibilities with a new governor, new legislature and new responsibilities handed down from the federal government.

[9.] Legislation and 2011 Legislature
Information concerning the Tester repair issue was discussed. Representative Arnie Roblan continues to support this issue. With the main issue for the next session being finances and budgeting, hopefully this issue can advance and be settled in a favorable manner.

[10.] Furlough
The next two unpaid furlough day are November 26, 2010 and March 18, 2011.

Michael is being helped on this by the OCCSRS and intends to get it out as soon as possible.

[12.] DWAC
The Drinking Water Advisory Committee has refined their procedure for replacing board members. They would like a letter from us stating we request Ray Johnson fill the Board position allotted for the Cross Connection/Backflow Prevention Program

6. Old Business

[1.] Oregon Legislature 2011
See [9.] above.

There was a lengthy discussion on many points.
   (a.) Schools adopting new testing methods.
   Backflow Management Inc., Clackamas Community College and Eugene Water and Electric Board are all ready to adopt the tenth edition changes to test
procedures. Most are already mentioning them in classes. This is both for new Testers and Renewals.

(b.) **Time line for adopting new test procedures.**
When should the schools stop teaching based on the 9th edition and start teaching testing based on the 10th edition. Again this is for new Testers and Renewals. Michael will see what USC’s position is on this. Michael will see if the Drinking Water Program can change the OARs as a minor paperwork change similar to corrections and small clarification or whether this has to be part of a major “Rule Changing Process” that will include public hearings and secondary public hearing if there are any changes to the initial proposals. This second hearing must accept testimony on 10th edition changes even if the changes to the entire OAR did not initially affect Cross Connection.

(c.) **Consensus on Adoption.**
Even if the how is not yet decided, the three schools mentioned above are ready to go forward. They can teach 10th edition testing methods that changed and testing methods on two new types of assemblies as soon as they are given the “go-ahead”. They will continue to mention the 10th edition from now on. They would like to have DWP decide time lines on these issues as soon as possible. Other areas in the 10th edition can be adopted by DWP at any time and do not need to be influenced by test procedure changes. These changes will also have to go thru public hearings. Will the initial certification and renewal certification starting July 1, 2011 be based on the 10th edition only?

7. **New Business**
   Ed Yancoskie brought in from the Plumbing Chiefs monthly meeting two issues addressed at their meeting. One covered an alternative to an expansion tank for handling thermal expansion in a water heater when there is a backflow device on the property. The other was concerning permits. Thanks Ed.

8. **Correspondence**
   There was no correspondence.

9. **Public Comment**
   The only comments from attendees not on the board were done during the above topic discussions.

10. **Adjournment**
    Ray Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:50.

**Future Meeting Dates:**
- **February 16, 2011** (Wednesday) Portland State Office Building Rm 612 10:00 am
- **May 18, 2011** (Wednesday) Portland State Office Building Rm 612 10:00 am
- **August 17, 2011** (Wednesday) Portland State Office Building Rm 615 10:00 am
These are always at: