CROSS CONNECTION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Twentieth Public Meeting
Wednesday August 17, 2011
10:00 am
The Discovery Center
5000 Discovery Drive
The Dalles Oregon

Board Members in Attendance
1. Michael Briesemeister - Eugene Water & Electric Board - (Certified Instructors)*
2. Mary Howell - Backflow Management Inc. - (Cross Connection Specialists)
3. Ray Johnson - City of The Dalles - (Water Suppliers)
4. Rebecca Ternan - Wilkins - (Assembly Manufacturers & Authorized Representatives)
5. Ed Yancoskie - City of Hillsboro - (Oregon Plumbing Inspectors)
6. Ron Murray - (Oregon Licensed Plumbers)
*Chair for 2011

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

Other Attendees & Staff
1. J. Michael Perry - CC/BP Coordinator

1. Call to Order / Welcome
Chair Michael Briesemeister 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 six Board members present and that constitutes a quorum

3. Additions to the Agenda
There were no additions.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes
The minutes of the meeting from February 16, 2011 were approved.
5. DHS Reports
   (1.) Mr. Ron Murray was introduced as the new CCAB member representing Plumbers.
   (2.) Board Member’s Alternates were discussed. The existing Alternates are:
        [1.] Kate Mattimore for Mary Howell
        [2.] Loren Anderson for Elmer Ostling
        [3.] Jill Hoyenga for Michael Briesemeister
   (3.) Annual Summary Reports for 2010
        a. We have 219 from large systems (≥ 300) - out of 239 – 92% -- up 2%
        b. We have 430 from small systems - out of 615 - 70% -- up 6%
        c. We have entered 348 of 649 received – 54%
        d. We will get the balance entered before 2011’s arrive, but will not work with small systems to correct mistakes and omissions
   (4.) Drinking Water Program
        State funding crisis has caused the DWP to shrink in size by over 16%. DWP has reorganized their priorities and some things are not able to be done.
   (5.) Oregon Health Authority
        Michael Perry gave a report on the new agency – the Oregon Health Authority that the Drinking Water Program is now a part of. He also reported on the new contract DWP and OHA employees are working under.
   (6.) Annual Fee Invoice
        The CC/BP has collected over 98% of the fees for 2011.
   (7.) Testers & Specialists
        |---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
        Tester  | 838     | 1,125   | 1,102   | 1,075   | 1,073   |
        Specialist | 316  | 353     | 350     | 339     | 335     |
        Combination | 135  | 161     | 158     | 155     | 152     |
        Totals  | 1,289   | 1,638   | 1,610   | 1,569   | 1,560   |
        a. 67 files waiting for backup. 1,289 + 67 = 1,356 people
        b. Michael wrote 307 letters and called for 50 people where there were more than two people working for the same company. (307 / 1289 = 24%) This needs to be drastically reduced. “Auditors” want this below 5% and want first time Testers to have to take renewal classes. This is part of “Lean management”.
   (8.) Plumbing Board Meeting
        The next Plumbing Board meeting is tomorrow August 18, 2011.
   (9.) Enabling Authority for Small Systems
        Michael Perry sent a sample model ordinance to small systems (here under 300 connections) and has 38 returned.
   (10.) Legislation
        The Board is aware of the state legislation concerning backflow device and assembly testing. Michael mentioned some people are not viewing the obvious; water regulations, passed on from the federal government, are certainly not going to decrease or go away. Areas that cause problems or create roadblocks to safer water, will most likely end up with more severe regulations than if they had cooperated.
(11.) **Cost Savings**
   Everything is being reviewed, including Backflow Assembly List. We are currently not printing one.

(12.) **Computers**
   Michael discussed current problems and cost savings.

6. **Old Business**
   There was a discussion about the USC’s 10th edition. The Drinking Water Program is not going to open the rules in the near future. Since the 10th edition includes two new types of devices, there must be an approved method of testing them. The DWP will allow the new test procedures from the 10th edition for the new devices and will allow the small changes in the other testing procedures.

7. **New Business**
   The Instructor’s meetings are:
   - Wednesday November 16, 2011 after the CCAB meeting at 1:00 pm
   - Wednesday February 15, 2012 after the CCAB meeting at 12:30 pm

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

9. **Public Comment**
   There were no public comments

10. **Adjournment**
    The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am. Thanks to Ray for proving a great site for the Board Meeting.

**Future Meeting Dates:**
1. **February 15, 2012 (Wednesday) Portland State Office Building Rm 612 10:00 am**
2. **May 16, 2012 (Wednesday) Portland State Office Building Rm 612 10:00 am**
3. **August 15, 2012 (Wednesday) Portland State Office Building Rm 612 10:00 am**