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ADVISORY BOARD OF PLUMBERS

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Meeting Minutes July 16, 2024

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Guests

David Ciprut, Tony Antonelle, Kurt Cushman

Approved Minutes

Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2024 are approved

Plumbing Program Activity Overview (Budget, Statistics, Exam)

Budget - Projected to have over spent on Budget, no court reporter for now. Next couple of months we will be able to get back on track. Agency is in the process of finding out why the projections have changed this year. Next meeting we will readdress budget changes.

Statistics - Charts provided for information. More data to follow for PC chart, email with criteria to accept affidavits by email (Sep – Oct) 1 per email sent in. Potentially launching in October.

Exam – Currently using 2015 codes, need to update to 2021 code. IAPMO could write exam and proctor exam. PSI contract expired so we extended the contract. We need to write amendments for PSI to comply with. We are on bid looking at other options.

Rule Update/July First

Expedited rule filing, estimated to file the week of July 22nd. 1883, allowing individuals to also register with an ITIN number in place of a SSN. 5997 removing infraction for not providing affidavit. Tammy will send rules out. Remote supervision is part of quarterly reporting so it is a separate ruling. (Todd gives a solution: to contact a state that is already UPC). Ratio for RES Specialty was extended from 2025 to 2028

Designated Plumber Add/Removal

Designated forms are being worked on by Forms and Publications, coming soon with the new form. Will update next meeting.

Open Book Exam

Of the 6 states that do not require certifications, with 44 left. We have looked at 29 of the states and 25 are closed book and the rest is open book with 1 State allowing both. Possibly shortening test time. (Need to ask PSI what their failure rate of Plumbers and Electricians) and possibly changing the content of the test.

Open Board Seats (2)

Public Member (1 app received currently) and a Specialty Plumber is open, will put on website for applications and do a recruitment for position
Jed and Todd have letters coming

IAPMO Update

Recruiting for task type committees, water heaters, heat pump water heaters, piping systems, 2027 UPC overview Regular committees – application process closes October 1 22- 26th September meeting

Public Comment

Success story – Discussion followed

Meeting Adjourned at 10:39 AM