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ADVISORY BOARD OF PLUMBERS

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Meeting Minutes January 21, 2025

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Guests

David Ciprut, Kurt Cushman

Approved Minutes

Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2024 are approved

Plumbing Program Activity Overview (Budget, Statistics, Exam)

Budget – Hiring holds do not apply to exempt positions because it is a public safety position. We will still need to go through the process of hiring.

Program Overview – Reviewed the PC and PL plumbers provided at the meeting. – 3,278 jobsites visited by inspectors. Still down a customer service specialist. Currently it's only Whitney doing processing. 1 person from Contractor Registration is assisting with affidavits weekly on every Tuesday. 4 Months out on Affidavits – Affidavits is lowest priority compared to other work items. Will pull the affidavit that is needed to test if it is the last one.

Exam – Further discussions needed regarding out of state candidates – spoke regarding out of state acceptance and L&I considering hours from other states. Working on a new contract specific to plumbing program, new contract was being worked on. We will go out for bid when we can move forward. Updating exam to 2021 UPC.

Staffing Update

Hiring Freeze is still in effect. The program has 2 inspector positions open in region 5 (vacant) someone from Spokane is covering that area currently – Still have a Contractor Registration position open – DTU inspection position open. All considered Public Safety positions.

Open Board Seats

2 open seats, DOH, specialty plumber and public. Currently 2 applications submitted for public seat and will be worked on

IAPMO Update

IAPMO – New young professional committee sent up to target future generations for the trades. – 6 - 9 of May in LA for CODE change process technical meetings. IAPMA, ASSE, American Rain water 14 - 18 in September Palm Springs ---- IAMPO chapters – State of WA have more IAMPO than most states. Trying to work on creating more IAMPO Chapters.

New Business

Open Remote option for plumbing Board Meeting Via TEAMS. NASCLA is starting a discussion to see if they will be creating a National exam for plumbing.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:33 AM