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September 8, 2015

Backflow Advisory Board Meeting

ATTENDEES

Jack Soma – Plumbing Section
Susan Schell – Ohio EPA
Dave Brown – P & P Local 120
Gary Espenschied – OTCO
Ron Graves – Local 189
Rodger Sweitzer- PHCC
Curtis Truss OTCO
Lona Amorgianos - BCC AP2 - minutes

Jack Soma called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

The minutes from the June 9, 2015 meeting were read and there were no comments.

A copy of the Bodnar suspension letter sent by legal was reviewed.

There is concern for the time it takes to address the revocation process. This process should be discussed with superintendent and legal to see if there is a solution to streamline this process.

In accordance to OAC 1301.3706 states that “Train the Trainer classes must be attended by training agencies yearly or can be suspended for non-compliance”. This year we offered 2 classes to help accommodate the training agencies (June 9th & September 8th).

The agencies that did not show for either session will be notified and in a case to case instance will be dealt with accordingly.

Application for backflow needs to be addressed for more specific plumbing experience (with fire suppression the amount of time has held a sprinkler license with the State Fire Marshal). The board recommends that our Legal Department gives us advise to tighten up the “experience” recommendations.

The Morgan applications needs a follow-up with requesting additional information.

The JShortridge request for a Lawn Irrigation Backflow Irrigation tester will not be acted on.

Because you buy and existing Lawn Irrigation Company and the company has been in business for over 5 years does not give the new owner the 5 years “minimum” experience required.

A company from Indiana is still trying to get a Mobile BF Training Agency approved to come into Ohio and conduct classes.

Changes that have been made to the backflow manual be highlighted or put in bold italics to be noticeable.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Future Advisory Board Meetings

December 8, 2015

In the Year 2016

March 8, 2016

June 14, 2016

September 13, 2016

December 13, 2016