

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE AMBO BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, August 30, 2011  
(CONFERENCE CALL)  
1:30 p.m.

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### Call to Order

### Roll Call:

#### Board Members and Others:

a . Gary Yoder – not present	j. Craig Hoium - present	s. David Swan – not present
b. Gary Hagedorn –present	k. Don Munson – not present	t. Steve Hernick – not present
c. Kathi Osmonson -present	l. Greg Johnson –present	u. Remi Stone - present
d. Dave Fisher – present	m.Brian Hoffman not present	v. Lisa Vieau – not present
e. Scott Dornfield - present	n. Tim Manz – not present	w. Jim Williamette – not present
f. Randy Kardell – not present	o. Joe Ryan – not present	<b>present</b>
g. Duane Grace – present	p. Larry Huff – present	x. Pat Parsley - present
h. Patrick Higgins – present	q. Tim Saari - present	z.Nick McNeely – not present
i. Roger Axel - present	r. Tom Joachim – not present	

### Agenda: Additions/Approval of Agenda

Motion/Second: Hagedorn / Kardell approve agenda and start meeting

### Special Meeting:

#### Upper Great Plains RIII School update: Roger Axel

Roger and Joe met with the Northland Inn yesterday – per the agreement, remodeling is their issue and they are assisting in finding an alternate location.

Oak Ridge, negatives on location, Chaska – very nice facility, but not convenient. Radisson South Doubletree...494 & 100, Bloomington looks very promising for the location. They will go over new contract arrangement, they should have a definitive answer by Friday 9/1/2011. Mpls North will help look at the contract documents. Northland Inn needs to sharpen their pencils – see what they can do for us...this could be a good \$ making year for us. The new location may help pick up people from the other side of the river.

#### Discussion on the Plumbing Board: Legislative Discussion.

Was there a quorum at the end of last week's meeting for the motion to support Greg Johnson and his efforts to remove the authoritative aspect of the plumbing board and have them return to advisory capacity only?

### Concerns:

Do we have the authority to abolish the board? We are not “abolishing” it we are removing the authority and returning it to an advisory committee. By approving this board back when the ICC was forming, we prevented having more boards...It was always meant to be

advisory, not authoritative.

Political cost to AMBO if we support this action. Will this be breaking relationships that we have built with industry groups. Not sure it's worth the trade off. Will those long term relationships really change anything? Industry looks after itself.

Is this tactically the right way to go legislatively? This is an aggressive position on the plumbing industry.

What is our ultimate goal? To get the IPC in? No – the goal is to get integrity back into the rules process.

Even if we took away the authority, can we still change the outcome of what has been done with the UPC?

**Positives:**

This is a great opportunity, right now. It will take 18 months to get through the legislature, we can turn this around now. ICC should also get involved with the plumbing board.

We need to stand up for the integrity of the code and the rules process.

Part of our problem is that we appear to just come in at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour...not a full presence at the Capitol...we just don't have that available to us. Industry is available and funded, we are not.

We need to educate our City Managers and the League of MN Cities on this issue. Their stance is "why do we care?"

Motion/Second Kardell / Dornfeld to support Greg Johnson in writing a position paper for board review and approve before he moves forward with it.

Greg Johnson requested that if there are threats to AMBO that he be told what they are.

Dave Fischer said that Brian Hoffman was told by a legislator that AMBO would lose face in this endeavor.

**Unassigned action items:**

Education LMC and City Managers

Get ICC involved in the MN Plumbing Board.

**Adjournment** – Motion/Second: Kardel/ Osmonson to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. 15:27

Respectfully Submitted By:



Kathi Osmonson  
Secretary/Treasurer