# MINUTES OF THE PLUMBING, FUEL AND GAS BOARD MEETING LUGM MIDDLE CONFERENCE ROOM \* LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND Wednesday, February 13, 2008

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Gerald Davis at 6:13 p.m. Members present were, Daryl Calvano, Charles Downs, Dwight Mason, David Shapiro and Mike Sullivan. Members absent were Bernie Taylor. LUGM staff present was Adam Knight. Ken Moore of MDIA was also present.

<u>Approval of Minutes</u>: The minutes of the October, November, December, and January meeting were tabled to the next meeting.

#### Old Business

**Update on Ordinance & By-laws:** Mr. Knight stated the ordinance is sitting on the county attorneys desk waiting for signature. Mr. Knight stated as soon as legal signs off on the ordinance I will take it to the BOCC to schedule a date for public hearing.

**Mr. Knights Updates:** Mr. Knight stated we received a letter from DLLR about HVAC and Plumbing Board, they want to know our inspectors names and qualifications. Mr. Knight stated he has started that response. Mr. Knight state also they are recognizing that we have contractors out there doing work and they are not properly licensed and DLLR is taking a closer look at that. Mr. Knight stated they have produced a flyer about HVAC licensing. Mr. Knight stated his letter to DLLR provides all the information they requested.

**Rewriting New Plumbing & Fuel Gas Rules & Regulations:** Mr. Davis stated he has added in the revisions made at the January meeting and recommended everyone review the revisions again. Mr. Davis gave a brief overview of the changes made so far. The board discussed the appeals, homeowners examination, licensing, and definitions portions of the rules and regulations and made changes.

### New Business

**Education Update:** It was stated there is no plumbing instructor, air conditioning instructor at the Votec School and there are no plans to hire at this time. Instructors remaining there are carpentry, masonry, and electrical. These instructors were told they could not travel to other schools to recruit people they are to take the at risk kids only.

**Commission on the Environment:** Mr. Calvano stated he is a member of the COE and the Plumbing Board will be receiving a letter from the COE regarding gray water systems and whether the Plumbing Code supports this or not. Mr. Calvano stated the letter essentially will ask that the current National Code be amended to cover the same language thats in the International Code. Mr. Calvano asked that everyone read up on this issue for a future agenda.

**Teen USA:** Mr. Knight stated he spoke with the Votec School in Calvert County about the teen USA competition. Mr. Knight stated he was asked to put together a judging team. Mr. Knight stated he chose to take Ken Moore, Dwight Mason, Bernie Taylor, and Jim Baycock and himself as judges last Friday. Mr. Knight stated St. Marys, Calvert, Charles were present. Mr. Knight stated they made contacts with the Calvert Plumbing Board and St. Marys County Votec Center. Mr. Knight stated the Votec Center wants to put together a group to help promote the trades, lobby for the plumbing teacher, etc. Mr. Knight stated they may be coming to one of our meetings to ask for help.

## <u>Adjourn</u>

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Jada Stuckert Recording Secretary

Approved in open session: March 12, 2008

Gerald Davis Chairman