

MPMIA Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2014

Location: Howard County Offices, 9250 Bendix Rd., Columbia, MD 21045

Attendees:

Darrell Smith – Pres.	Bruce Henkel -Webmaster	Chick Michaels
John Heldmyer – VP	Vic Hines	Tim Myers
Dave Herwig – Treas.	Ed James	Ron Lord
Tom Buckley – Sec.	Ted Podles	Ed Reynolds
Sam Scott – past Pres.	Carson Dennis	
Larry Schuyler – past Pres.	Keith Cross	

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 10, 2014 @ 10:00 A.M.
V.F.W. – Grasonville (410-827-8194)
203 VFW Ave
Grasonville, MD 21638

Agenda Items and Status:

1. Trade Information and Table Top Presentation: Status – Always On-going

6/4/2014: Bob Radford, of Viega, presented the new press fitting, MegaPressG, for steel gas piping systems. Bob let us know that ANSI revised the standard for press fittings LC-4 in 2012 to include the steel press; it previously only included press fittings for copper tube piping systems. Viega has had their product evaluated by several testing organizations including IAPMO & ICC-ES.

9/30/2014: Ed Reynolds, of Field Controls, presented key technical information about make-up/ventilation air solutions. Are you aware of the do's or don't's regarding fresh air requirements? How about make-up air to replace exhausted air (bathrooms & kitchens)? How about how all of these issues compromise combustion air requirements/availability. Ed's presentation was quite engaging and enlightening. The attendees ask some great questions and judging by total interaction, there is still a great deal for us to learn and hopefully consistently enforce. Visit www.fieldcontrols.com or we are certain that Ed would love to talk with you and the inspectors in your jurisdiction, give him a call, 610-220-5079 or email: ereynolds@fieldcontrols.com

12/10/2014: Agenda – Introduction of State Plumbing & HVAC Board Members, Briefing by respective Boards and Q & A.

2. Legislative Matters: Status – Always On-going

6/4/2014: Joe Radtka reported that the State Board of Plumbing is not likely to re-introduce (in 2015), the proposal requiring continuing trade education for licensed Master Plumbers.

9/30/2014: Tom Buckley reported that the Maryland Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Authority (Miss Utility) is planning to sponsor a 2015 proposal to require the installation of tracer wire with new building sewer installs or full replacements. The proposal is meant to provide trenchless utility installation contractors with a means to pre-locate on-property sewers before they engage in trenchless installation of gas, electric or other utility lines and potentially “cross-bore” through a sewer. The negative outcome can be a new gas or high voltage electric line impeding the sewer's flow-way leading to a stoppage; then an unsuspecting plumber will attempt to relief the sewer with mechanized drain cleaning equipment which is capable of cutting into the gas line or through the high voltage casing.

12/10/2014: Agenda – Update & discussion; New Items (if any)

3. Spring Training – Ocean City: Status – In Progress

9/30/2014 new: The association is need of help on two fronts: First, anyone wishing to help organize this special event, please step forward. Annually, this event has netted great results because of great organizers; we do not want to lose that momentum. So, if you can help, and you know you can, please contact a board member. Second, our presenters are what makes-the-day, both interesting and worthwhile. Mike does an excellent job of filling the Bill; but he cannot do it alone and he shouldn't have to! Do you know someone that can present? Do you have an idea or subject that needs covering? Contact a board member.

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4. Change By-Laws to require election of officers at the annual December meeting: Status: In Progress

6/4/2014 new: Discussion was introduced to move the election of officers to the annual December meeting. The reason given was: typically the June meeting is one of the least attended. Case-in-point, this year we barely had the quorum needed to pull off the election.

June 2014 Election Results:

President - Darrell Smith

Vice President - John (JR) Heldmyer

Treasurer – Dave Herwig

Secretary – Tom Buckley

9/30/2014: More discussion with a Motion and a second to introduce this change in the by-laws at our December meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor of. The change is shown in a word document with “track changes” turned-on so the new language will be easily recognizable. The proposed By-Laws will be distributed via email along with these minutes prior to the December meeting.

12/10/2014: Agenda – Discussion & Vote

5. Membership Dues: Status: In Progress

9/30/2014 new: There was discussion about the membership dues. We were reminded that the dues for August 2012 through July 2014 were waived due to the economy and the association’s adequate balance on-hand. Looking forward, Dave reported that the association balance was holding steady and that full membership dues would not be needed through 2016. It was suggested, that we charge a nominal amount for dues in order to facilitate an updating of the association’s membership roster. See next item, # 4. This motion was approved by unanimous vote. The dues for August 2014 through July 2016 will be \$5.00 for all active and associate members. Please remit payment along with a current [application/renewal form](#) to Tom Buckley or Dave Herwig.

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6. Membership Directory: Status – In Progress

6/4/2014 new: A suggestion was made that the membership directory is in need of an update. Darrell followed-up with a general email shortly after the meeting, which included an appeal for updating. This first pass did not net a good response.

9/30/2014: Discussion continued. It was suggested that someone from each jurisdiction take the lead and compile a list of current (interested) members. It was also suggested that we capture the needed information when we renew every member via payment of dues (per item 3 above). Therefore, please remit payment along with a current [application/renewal form](#) to Tom Buckley or Dave Herwig. Be sure to fill out an application/renewal form for each member.

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Housekeeping Notes:

- 1.) New Business will simply appear in the *Agenda Items and Status* section with “new” following the date to indicate the introduction date.
- 1.) Items with a status of “Completed” will be removed after appearing in two consecutive minutes/agendas.
- 2.) Running history of individual items may be presented for only the (5) most recent meetings, see past minutes for complete history as needed.