



IAPMO Northwest Washington Chapter Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2008

I. **CALL TO ORDER:**

- Pledge of allegiance
- Self-Introductions – 19 members present

II. **READING OF MINUTES:**

Minutes from April 3, 2008 approved.

III. **PROGRAM:**

Guest Speaker:

Brian Murdock of Mechanical Agents

Brian shared some of the newest water conservation products Zurn has introduced.

EcoVantage Ultra Low Consumption Urinal -

- Rated at 1/8 gallon per flush
- High efficiency alternative to waterless urinal
- The urinal consumes one pint of water providing 85% savings with each flush
- Internal flow regulator guarantees consistent water savings with each flush
- Battery Operated Sensor Flush w/ Smart Technology
- China & valve packaged as a pair, no extra parts to buy

EcoVantage Series Flush Operated Toilets -

- Rated at 1.28 gallon per flush
- Outperforms most existing 1.6 gallon per flush closets
- Battery Operated Sensor Flush w/Smart Technology
- Large water spout
- Siphon jet flushing action
- Sleek Euro design Flush Valve
- China & valve packaged as a pair

V. **CODE & PLUMBING QUESTIONS:**

Q. Anyone notice the tables not being correct in the UPC study guide.

A. **The early editions had some errors, errata is available from IAPMO website www.iapmo.org.**

Q. Seeing failures at the compression fitting connecting the Pex-AL-Pex water service to the supply line. Some of which are located under the sidewalk.

A **Not sure what is causing the failure? However, the compression fitting should be accessible UPC 311.6. There should be a yard box/ meter box to allow access for repair.**

Q. Can Pex tubing be used for the T&P discharge line if installed 18-inches.

A. **No, Pex fittings reduce the inside diameter of the pipe and it is not listed as approved material for the T&P drain, UPC 608.5. The 18-inches as noted in 604.13.2 is to provide clearance from the vent of gas water heaters.**

Q. We recently experienced a failure where the push-fit fitting/shark tooth blew off at a water heater connection causing a lot of water damage. What is your opinion?

A. **They are a listed product and allowed by the code. As like any new product, sometimes it takes time for us to get comfortable with it.**

Comments:

CEU courses are offered on, anyone can take the exam, no way to verify if it actually the plumber that is registered.

Fred announced that IAPMO is publishing a supplement to the UPC with provision for water conservation” Plumbing Green”.

Siphonic roof drains, not approved by IAPMO yet. New to the US market. Probably will not work in our region, maybe down south where they get several inches of rainfall at a time to.

Chapter membership dues are \$10.00 per year.

Annual Conference in Atlanta Ga. September 28-October 3rd. Combined with the ISH conference.

Get your revenge with Fred at the chapter picnic, he loves being the recipient at the pie-tossing event.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

None

VIII. GOODWILL:

Drawing went to Robert

IX. NEXT MEETING:

Location - Romeo's Pizza – CEU night.