



## ***Ohio Association of Plumbing Inspectors***

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### **MINUTES FROM OAPI BOARD MEETING FOR JANUARY 8, 2013**

President Ron Branson called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. Pledge of Allegiance was not conducted for this meeting, no flag was present.

Board Members Present: Ron Branson, John Baumgartner, Michael Rudey, William Kraft, Robert Pritchard, Steve Parker and Daniel McVey, Charles McNaught, Dennis Gareau, Wyatt Simons, Ralph Reeb and Dean Wells.

Treasurer's report was submitted and approved, with a balance in the account of \$10,868.18

Secretary's report was submitted and approved.

President Report: Ron Branson discussed conference menu selection for lunch and dinner in March located at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Ron and Wyatt will meet at the hotel later this month to complete the menu selection. Joe Schmitt will be the guest speaker for Monday opening ceremonies.

Ralph Reeb discussed the education track. Some minor changes, with an Ethic's class scheduled for Monday. Vendor cost is still \$100 for Monday's event. Mike Rudey will make a few changes to the vendor application and Dennis Gareau will be contacting and soliciting vendors for Monday's event.

Ron Branson discussed shirts for the conference. On Monday the Board will wear the new long sleeve black shirts, Tuesday the blue short sleeve shirts, Wednesday, white short sleeve shirts. We will also have sales of existing shirts in stock and have available new sample shirts that can be ordered for the membership. There will be one wind breaker, one short sleeve and one long sleeve shirt to select from. The minimum order of anyone of these products is 6.

Mike Rudey discussed the Board seats that will be up for election. President, Vice President, Northeast Trustee, (William Kraft), Northwest Trustee, (Wyatt Simons), Southeast Trustee, (Lonnie Taylor), and Southwest, (Steve Parker). It was also discussed to make adjustments for the Northwest seat, Wyatt Simons to offset the years. This may need a vote from the membership at Monday's business meeting.

#### Trustee Reports:

Northeast, Bill Kraft stated 2013 looks to be a good year, positive development for commercial/residential, Dennis Gareau said things are going well in Cuyahoga County.

Northwest, Robert Pritchard said Ohio Sate projects are moving forward, Wyatt Simons said commercial/residential are positive and the department was in the black.

Southeast: Charles McNaught said new homes are up and work at the university is moving forward and he has started a program at Morgan County. Ron Branson said things are good in Muskingum County, 2 new nursing homes and hospital renovations.

Southwest: Daniel McVey, has a casino being built near Cincinnati, things are positive, Steve Parker said Fayette County doing good, commercial permits are up for commercial.

Ralph Reeb discussed with the Board, 3<sup>rd</sup> party inspection agencies moving in and taking over building and plumbing departments. We as a collective group need to make sure they follow the same rules that we are required to follow. State Health Department has been talking about regionalizing with an effort to streamline and reduce overall cost. He also discussed ways to generate revenue for OAPI and the conference. Provide training seminars throughout the state for all certified plumbing inspectors and plumbing contractors. Start back-flow programs, etc...

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 am.**