

American Society of Sanitary Engineering
2009 Manufacturer's Advisory Committee meeting
Hyatt Regency San Antonio • November 19, 2009
8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Meeting began at 8:30 am

1. Introductions

Members Present:

John F. Higdon, Apollo Valves/Conbraco Industries; Steve Hazzard, ASSE; Paul Bladdick, LPB & Associates, LLP; Bill Chapin, Cash Acme; William Ball, Woodford Mfg.; Bill Hall, Leonard Valve; Sid Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh Consulting; John Bertrand, Moen Inc.; Rand Ackroyd; Terry Burger, CSA International; John Watson, Sloan Valve Co.; Joseph Fugelo; Ed Lyczko, ASSE PSC Chair; Lee Clifton, International Code Council; Phil Roach, Solanc Architecture & Engineering; Jim Bickford, Pompano Beach; Sean Cleary, IAPMO

Secretariat: Kim Haffey, Product Listing Coordinator, ASSE

2. Election of Chairperson

(Motion #1)

Motion by Murray to elect Joe Fugelo as chairperson. Second by Chapin. Motion passed unanimously.

(Motion #2)

Motion by Cavanaugh to nominate Bill Chapin as vice chairperson. Second by Watson. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Agenda

(Motion #3)

Motion by Watson to approve the agenda. Second by Bladdick. Motion approved unanimously.

4. ASSE Seal Program – Q & A Session (fill in)

As discussed during the SCB meeting, the following changes to the one year field test program will be brought to the Board of Directors for approval:

Only testers whose certification meets the minimum requirements of ASSE 5110 and 5130 can qualify to perform the ASSE One Year Field Test. (Instructor requirement removed).

As discussed during the SCB meeting, the following program will be presented before the Board for approval:

Create a certification program for lead content and use test report according to California procedure.

Standards Council of Canada Certification Update

Haffey: We submitted our application to SCC and have received the report from them regarding the non-conformities. We're working through the non-conformities and look to having an onsite audit scheduled soon.

5. ASSE Standard Program – Q & A Session

Hazzard: 1066 was in the revision process about a 1 ½ years ago and we are working through the comments to pass around and updating the members of the working group.

Hall: I would like to participate in that Working Group – 1066
Action Item #1: Add Hall to 1066 Working Group

Cleary: I have a question when 1056 is going to go in the revision.

Hazzard: It could go along with 1022 and 1032.

Ball: Why are the ASSE working groups so contentious? I would hope to get more code people involved – inspectors, etc. We at Woodford contribute to pay for code people to attend the meetings such as working group meetings.

Fugelo: You are looking to see more of them on the Working Group?

Ball: It seems that the PSC meeting is kind of a summary so having them involved in there doesn't really help. I would solicit that you don't have a Working Group where the manufacturers dominate the Working Group but have more code officials there than manufacturers.

Murray: What we are doing is trying to make the groups smaller because we don't want to eliminate but to more streamline the process.

Ball: Maybe we need to contact you and say we would like these people to be part of the Working Group and you guys have a pool of people that we can draw from and we'll pay for their travel.

Bladdick: It must be a consensus process. When you pay or treat one entity different than the other, you lose that consensus process. In order to maintain the consensus process, you kind of lose that.

Cavanaugh: What CSA does is that they balance out the working group. They have four or five regulatory agencies, four or five manufacturers. And then they pay for the consumer reps who are normally retired regulatory people. We need to try to balance it out and get a more regulatory group on the Working Group or on the PSC or on the SCB. At least one or two regulatory groups on the Working Group.

Hazzard: When we send out the notice, anyone can fill out the form and be put on the Working Group. If someone can advise me who could be a good member for that Working Group, let me know and we can contact them.

Cavanaugh: It would be logical to find local regulatory people who wouldn't have an expense. Collect a pool and invite them to be part of the Working Group. It's not just ASSE that doesn't have good regulatory input. Start with the local people where it wouldn't cost them a lot to be part of the meeting.

Cleary: There are regulatory people on the PSC and SCB but we need to work on that for the Working Group.

Murray: We are working on reviewing our Working Group policies.

Hazzard: When we send in for ANSI approval we have to list which people voted and who they represented.

(Motion #4)

Motion by Chapin to have the Board of Directors review the policy regarding Working Groups and to encourage participation by other groups such as code officials and regulatory bodies. Second by Hall.

Burger: CSA is having a hard time getting regulatory participation due to cuts in budgets. So we're moving towards more web based, electronic meetings.

Hazzard: We can have electronic meetings – have more in the future where people do not have to travel.

Higdon: I am a little uncomfortable to say we're going to balance the Working Group because I wouldn't want manufacturers to be denied to participate on the Working Group.

Prospal: The procedures are within the Procedures for the Standards and PQ programs. We can't be restrictive. Some can have four or five people others can have 30. Unless we change our procedures, we can't be restrictive but then we might not be meeting ANSI procedures. We do invite regulatory agencies; we can't force them to participate.

Hazzard: I think we can put the notice out there and but we can't force them to participate.

Prospal: We now have more abilities for press releases and we need your help to give us the contacts at the regulatory agencies so we can add them to the list and we can send them out to the regulatory people.

Motion passed. 10 affirmative, 1 abstention (Higdon)

Action Item #2: Recommend to the Board of Directors review the policy regarding Working Groups and to encourage participation by other groups such as code officials and regulatory bodies.

Van Wagnen: Perhaps you already use a form of online collaboration tools. We like it and we're capable of it but obviously it takes some action by the Board to add some more features. We already use WebEx for web conferences. Part of my tasks is to increase the efficiency and this might increase the participation as it will save money to the participants. That will be on my agenda and we'll work to getting them with the Board.

Watson: Most effective are the ones that allow you to do voice and video at the same time. Having the audio portion is very important.

Chapin: On WebEx you can have the option to have four web cameras and voice. What they are also talking about is voting and making comments online.

Action Item #3: Recommend to Board to move forward with electronic meeting and voting with online collaboration tools.

6. Legislative Issues Affecting the Plumbing Industry

Chapin: The reason for this is for manufacturers to get together and discuss what is going on out there and we can talk amongst each other and see if someone has a solution. And then see if ASSE

can help us out. And we can put an article in the magazine. Not much is going on recently. In the last conference call, there was not much to discuss. It is only about legislative issues not the standards developing process. We want to talk about issues in the field and work together to make a solution with ASSE's help. If you have any items, please email it to me so we can add it to the conference call.

Cavanaugh: If there is an issue out there that needs some clarification, maybe we can discuss this and put it in the magazine to clarify it.

Watson: In addition to the lead and low flow devices that we are all aware of, there are two other issues:

1. Water Reuse – there is a lot of activity what is grey water, reclaimed water, recycled water. This is evolving very quickly. If you have an opinion on this, you'll want to contact the appropriate parties. Some of this may be cleared up with the Green Supplement being published by IAPMO.
2. Life Cycle Assessment – weigh products in plumbing systems as a whole. Currently there is no single method or standard to calculate these.

Bertrand: LCA is really fragmented right now. Problem comes in with how you define your boundary for your products. Not all products are all evaluated the same. The numbers for the same product could be drastically different if done by two different systems. It is not standardize.

Watson: Most manufacturers know the boundaries but when you get out of that, you don't really know. Depending on the additives you put into it, it could be damaging.

Bertrand: This could be very expensive.

Cavanaugh: With everything going on with green systems, it seems that ASSE should determine what the fundamental backflow protection should be for these systems (grey water, etc). I don't know if anyone is working on right now.

Motion by Cavanaugh to recommend to Board to review the current activity in the green area to establish a position on the minimal backflow protection necessary when using water reuse systems. Second by Watson. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Item #4: recommend to Board to review the current activity in the green area to establish a position on the minimal backflow protection necessary when using water reuse systems

7. Old Business

Review of action items from 11/21/2008 meeting minutes

Action Item #5: Add Chapin's email address to legislative conference call email list.

Anyone can participate in the legislative conference call. If you are interested in participating, contact ASSE.

Higdon: Isn't PMI pushing for one national lead law? Is that a corresponding issue between ASSE & PMI?

Chapin: That was reviewed during the PSC meeting and it appears that there will be a memorandum of understanding between ASSE & PMI.

Action Item #6: follow up on relationship between ASSE & PMI

8. New Business

Action Item #7: Recommend that ASSE consider have these meetings at hotels that are little less expensive.

Next year's meeting is in Las Vegas and the room rate is about \$106.

Ball: Is there a dollar limit for rooms per night?

Cleary: Being on the Board, ASSE made an enormous mistake signing the contract with the Hyatt. We are really attuned with reasonable room rates and air rates. The Board is very aware of this and we are going to do what we can to make things a little easier for you.

(Motion #5)

Motion by Watson to adjourn. Second by Bladdick. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting ended at 10:30 am.